

Ray A. Shaw

July 5, 1940 - June 3, 2020

Ray Allan Shaw, born July 5, 1940, went home to be with the Lord on June 3, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Jerry (Gregg) Shaw, four daughters, Sherry (Tony) Johnson of Bluffton, Judy Shaw of Bluffton, Ann (Michael) Amato of Lafayette and Carol (Brad) Clemons of Peru and six grandchildren Blake (Bailee) Johnson of Bluffton, Lauren (Nathaniel) Altheide of Carmel, Evan and Wesley Ray Clemons of Peru and Ashley and Giovanni Amato of Lafayette, brothers Gary (Connie) Shaw and Steve (Sonia) Shaw both of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by his parents Dell and Lois (Mock) Shaw.

After earning an engineering degree from Purdue University in 1962, Ray served in the Army as a Captain in the Corp of Engineers where he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Shortly after leaving the military, he joined the family real estate business, Shaw Real Estate & Auction. He was a licensed auctioneer, appraiser, realtor and home builder.

He was a long-time member of The First Reformed Church of Bluffton where he taught adult Sunday School classes and served on the Consistory. He was active in the Bluffton Optimist Club, holding local, state and international offices over the years. He was a founding member of the Wells County Sheriff's Reserve, served on the BHMSD School Board, Wells Community Hospital Board, First Bank of Berne Board, Adams Jay Wells Board of Realtors and also a member of the Adams Jay Wells MLS.

Ray taught his family to love God, family and country, to work hard, to do the job right the first time and to leave things better than you found them.

The safety of the family and all visitors are our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing and wear a mask during your visit. We will invite a limited number of guests in the facility at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Visitation will be held from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Friday, June 5, 2020, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A Private Family Funeral Services will be held for Ray at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, June 6, 2020, with Dr. Bryson "Gene" Bell of the First Reformed Church officiating. Friends are invited to view the service live on Zoom Meetings by using the meeting I.D. # 773 520 7951.

Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard and the United States Army Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be given to the First Reformed Church or Bluffton Optimist Club.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Shaw family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE

JUN 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Zoom Meeting ID: 773 520 7951 To View Ray's Service Live

JUN 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

At Your Own Location

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray A. Shaw*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 05, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ *Ray A. Shaw*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Jerry, I am very sorry to learn of Ray's passing. My condolences to your whole family. I mailed a card to you at the address in the older phone book but got it back. Obviously you have moved in from the country. I hope you are well.*
Sincerely, Jo Ann Record

Jo Ann Record - July 10, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Judy and family, My deepest sympathy to you as Ray passed on to heaven. Praying for you all in these days.*
Kat Teeple

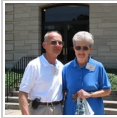
Kat Teeple - June 16, 2020 at 09:45 PM

JE

“ *To: The Shaw family,*

Others have reflected, in these tributes, Ray Shaw was as fine a person as God creates. He was always the respected and bright guy who spoke softly but carried a big heart and purpose. I, and all who knew him, am better for his role in our lives. Sympathy and pray for the loved ones left behind.
Jeff Espich

Jeff Espich - June 11, 2020 at 04:10 AM



Thanks you for your kind words. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 13, 2020 at 09:53 AM

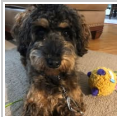
TF

“ *Judy, Jerry & Family:*

I am so sorry for your loss. I hope that your sorrow and grief will be eased by all the wonderful memories of Ray, and that he is resting peacefully with the Lord.

Tina

Tina Frus - June 08, 2020 at 05:09 PM



Thank you Tina

Judy Shaw - June 12, 2020 at 07:26 PM



Thank you Tina, Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 13, 2020 at 09:55 AM

SP

“ I just heard today of Ray’s passing. So sorry for his family loss Ray was such a kind man. My deepest sympathy to his family . Ray was very helpful to me when I was settling up a estate yrs . Shaw’s realtor has always been good to me.

Susie Pinkerton - June 06, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JS

Thank you Susie for your kind words. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:56 PM

TE

“ Jerry and family: I made a mistake on the calendar, so we won't see you at the funeral home. We'll be watching the service this morning on Zoom.

Ray was one of the most clear-thinking and ethical people that I have ever known. Our community is a better place because he walked among us...

-Marge & Ted Ellis

Ted Ellis - June 06, 2020 at 10:18 AM

JS

Thanks Ted, that means a lot.

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:18 PM

DP

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Deepest sympathies to cousin Jerry Lou and the rest of the family.

Paul and Deb (Worman) Perry
Traverse City, MI

Deb Perry - June 05, 2020 at 10:16 PM

JS

Thanks Deb, that means. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:15 PM

DE

“ *Jerry, we are so sorry to hear of Ray’s passing. We have always held Ray and the entire Shaw family in such high esteem. We realize you and Ray have experienced many difficult years recently, but that doesn’t make the loss any less heartbreaking. You and Ray were a good team. We especially appreciated Ray’s help and wealth of knowledge in our real estate transactions.*

We remember our cousin Bob Stout and Ray had planned to room together at college but Bob ended up going to GMI, and Ray to Purdue. Our families have always been connected going way back

We are so sorry to not be comfortable expressing our thoughts and sympathies to you and the Shaw family face to face, but after consideration realize that is not a practical option.

We certainly appreciated Blake calling to inform us of your loss.

We hope you and your family will find peace and understanding in your loss, Ray was a wonderful man and certainly left a wonderful legacy to family, friends and community.

Dick & Suzy Ebnit

Dick & Suzy Ebnit - June 05, 2020 at 01:42 PM

JS

Thanks Dick & Suzy, your thoughts and sympathies mean a lot. I often think about the last time our paths crossed at the Treasurer's Office. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SJ

“ Ray was always one of the "Good Guys". Sincere sympathies to the Shaw family.

Sara Johnson - June 05, 2020 at 01:35 PM

JS

Thanks Sara, Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ Jerry and family, we are so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. We will miss him as we are sure you all will.
We miss Ray's friendly greetings on Sunday at Church. Ray gave our little bunch in the corner at Church a name, It was the "Amen Corner". We have and will continue to wear it proudly.

Jerry & Margaret Crandall

Jerry & Margaret Crandall - June 05, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JS

Thanks, Jerry and Margaret. I think of you guys often. Jerry Shaw

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:29 PM

JA

“ Jerry—our deepest sympathies to you and your daughters and their families. Ray was always so friendly and an all-around good guy. He will be missed. Sending you a big hug. Ron and Jean Anderson

Jean Anderson - June 05, 2020 at 09:46 AM

JS

Thanks, Ron and Jean. I hope you are well. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray A. Shaw.*



June 04, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Dear Jerry and family. I share your grief. I am shocked that Ray is gone. He will be missed. The one memory I can share is the many times we would be on the hay wagon stacking bails. He was all business. No slackers were allowed on the trailer. Yet he was always quick to praise you for a job well done when we quit for the day. Love y'all, Frank (and Joann) Grepke*

Frank Grepke - June 04, 2020 at 08:34 PM



Thanks Frank, We appreciate your thoughts. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray A. Shaw.*



June 04, 2020 at 05:25 PM

LS

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the Shaw family. We didn't know Ray well, but it certainly sounds like he was a blessing to the community as well as his family. Our thoughts are with you all.
Gary and Linda Sykes

Linda Sykes - June 04, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JS

Thanks Linda, we appreciate your thoughts. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 06, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 04, 2020 at 04:13 PM

DJ

“ Dave and I are sorry for your loss, Jerry. We know the last few years have been difficult. You and your family are in our prayers.
Dave and Deb Johnson

Deb Johnson - June 04, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JS

Thanks Deb and Dave, your kind words are helpful. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray A. Shaw.*



June 04, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Carol, Brad, and boys, may our Lord surround you with his infinite love.*

Bill & Nancy McGuire - June 04, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Valerie Wilson Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ray A. Shaw*



Valerie Wilson Jackson - June 04, 2020 at 11:01 AM



Thanks Valerie, Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Prayers for the Shaw family! Ray will be missed by so many!*

Scott Gilliam - June 04, 2020 at 03:49 AM



Thanks Scott, Your prayers are appreciated. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:44 PM

JJ

“ Jerry, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will put His arms around you and comfort you. Blessings on you my friend.

Janet Jones - June 03, 2020 at 11:56 PM

JS

Thanks Janet for your thoughtful words. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ray A. Shaw.



June 03, 2020 at 10:18 PM

SC

“ Jerry and family - We were sad to hear about Ray's passing. He was such a good-hearted fellow who was so encouraging to everyone. He always had a smile on his face and something good to say in any situation. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our love and hugs, Bob and Sue Coolman

Sue Coolman - June 03, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JS

Thanks you Sue, You and your family hold a special place in my heart.

Jerry Shaw - June 04, 2020 at 08:41 AM

AS

“ Ray had the sweetest smile and would always recognize one. My sympathy's to you Jerry and the girls. We lost a great guy.

Arleen Smith - June 03, 2020 at 07:06 PM

JS

Thanks Arleen, we appreciate your kind words.

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:49 PM

BN

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ray. My heart is with the Shaw family during this time of mourning.

Bailey Nodine - June 03, 2020 at 03:18 PM

JS

Thanks Bailey for your kind words. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:50 PM

TC

“ I am so sad to learn of Ray's passing. Ray brought us to Bluffton to head up Wells Community Hospital and helped lead the transition to Bluffton Regional. He was always supportive and encouraging. He was a great asset to the community and will leave a huge void. Rest In Peace, Ray.

Tom and Betty Clark

Tom Clark - June 03, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JS

Thank you Tom for your kind words. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:51 PM

DG

“ Sorry to learn of Ray’s passing. He was a hard worker. Ray belonged to the Bluffton Optimist Club. He was truly an Optimist. He helped spearhead several new events for the youth in the community. Ray was a strong community leader. God Bless Ray and the Shaw family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - June 03, 2020 at 12:01 PM

HM

Our deepest condolences to you Jerry and family. Kathi and I deeply enjoyed being with you and Ray. He helped me understand what it would take to be a VP in Optimist International and I know he was very proud of his work with Optimist. We send our prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. RIP my friend.

Harry Margo - June 05, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JS

Thanks Harry for your kind words. Jerry

Jerry Shaw - June 07, 2020 at 07:54 PM