



John M. Shahan

July 17, 1938 - July 7, 2015

John M Shahan, age 76 of Centralia, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 8:05 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. John was born on July 17, 1938 in Centralia, the son of John E. Shahan and Geraldine (Littrel) Shahan. He married Peggy Dearborn on July 4, 1977 in Centralia and she survives. John worked for Illinois Central Railroad for 25 years and later worked at Metra for 15 years. He was a member of the Elks, Moose, and Bears. He loved golfing, barbequing, grilling, tending bar, and most of all telling stories with his friends. He was very proud of his Irish heritage. John is survived by his wife, Peggy Shahan of Centralia; one son, Rick Shahan of North Carolina; three daughters Kim Laxton and husband Steve of Centralia, Lisa Jo Holder of Ohio, Michelle Shahan of Radom, IL; one brother Bill Shahan and wife Paula; and three sisters Jackie Gaetti and husband Bill, Carolyn Sue Berndt and husband Bob, and Peggy Cole and husband David. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Visitation will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Cremation rites will be accorded after the visitation, and private entombment will follow at Hillcrest Lakeside Mausoleum at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Centralia Humane Society and will be received at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

GA

“ Peggy, we were so sorry to learn of John's passing. Just know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. He was well liked by all who knew him.

Gary - July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ So sorry for your loss. The memories of Pappa Shahan will always fill my heart. Life is like a garden, the best flowers always get picked first. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Lisa - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. I have many memories of him at the Berg telling his stories and taking part in all the "whatevers" the guys would do. He will be missed.

Gayle Pawlisa - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Worked with John when I was still at the IC Shops. Remember him as a nice and interesting man. I also remember his family's business in Southtown. Condolences to Johns family.

Noland Atchison - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Peggy - we are so sorry for your loss. He was a great friend to us and will be so missed. Heaven is now a more "handsome" place. We love you - Dave and Marilyn

Marilyn Morlan - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Dear Peggy, My heart sank at the news of John's passing. My deepest expression of sympathy to you. I so enjoyed talking about jazz with John every time I was in Centralia. He was a breath of fresh air and I will miss him. My best to you.

Glen Daum - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Peggy...so sad to hear about John. What a dear kind man! He will be missed! My thoughts and Prayers to you at this time. And to all the family, especially his sister Peggy, whom I knew years ago living in southtown.

Peggy Myers - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Peg, we were so sad to hear about John. Thinking of you always.
Love, Dan and Sandy

Dan Knight - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Peg, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Rob, Connie, David, Joshua and Jonathan

Rob Anderson - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ So sorry Peggy for the loss of John. We are so glad we had that visit with him last week. He will be missed by many, but carry him in our hearts and great memories. Gracie and Gary Wood

Grace Wood - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ There is another star in the sky at night, and its name is John. I know how much you loved John and how you will miss him terribly. My thoughts are with you at this tragic time. We all have a hole in our hearts, that John had filled.

Barbara Anderson - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ So sorry for your loss Sis, John was a GREAT guy and will be missed. Rest in peace brother in law. Sad we couldn't see you one more time at the reunion. There will be a void in our hearts left from you.

Bud Anderson - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of John. He was a great brother-in-law. We will all miss you. Love you brother.

Jim Knight - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM