



Raymond Paul Shoviak

August 4, 1918 - December 17, 2009

Raymond Paul Shoviak, 91, passed away peacefully on December 17, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was born on August 4, 1918 in Toledo, Ohio, the youngest son of Paul Szczechowiak and Mary Ann Bykowski. Raymond graduated from Vocational High School and worked for Toledo Community Traction and Tarta first as a trolley driver, an electric street car driver and later as a bus driver, retiring in 1985 after 46 years of service.

He married Rita Buell on Nov. 8, 1941; Rita preceded him in death in June of 2001. Ray served in WWII in the 62nd Navy Construction Battalion or "Seabee's" from November 1942 to November 1945 in the South Pacific. This service included landing on Iwo Jima on February 19th, 1945 and leaving in October of 1945. Ray enjoyed stamp collecting, growing roses, bowling at Imperial Lanes in the "Latest Addition" league, loved Tiger baseball, football and attending car shows with his son, Tony Shoviak. Ray was a member of the Lake Erie British Car Club (where he was the 2009 "Goodfellow Award" recipient) sharing his son's interest in MG's and enjoying the camaraderie of the club members who were like a second family to him.

A recent highlight of his life was being able to take part in the September 16th Honor Flight trip to Washington DC along with his son, Tony. Ray was an active member of St. Pius X parish.

Ray is survived by his two children: Mary Lou (Bud) Hart and Tony (Janet)

Shoviak; three granddaughters: Tami (Steve) Gilmore, Lian Shoviak, and Maya Grace Shoviak; five great-grandchildren: Aaron Lindhorst, Ariel Gilmore, Autumn Gilmore, Deacon Gilmore and Dylan Gilmore. All were special to him and dearly loved.

Special thanks to the staff at Heartland of Waterville, Mercy St.Vincent Hospital, Respiratory Specialists Inc, St. Luke's Hospital, and St. Luke's Pulmonary Rehab for all their care and concern. A million thanks to the Lake Erie British Car Club members and many friends who showered Ray with cards, visits and phone calls during his illness.

Visitation will be held at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. in Toledo on Sunday December 20th from 6-8 p.m. and on Monday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. A Scripture Service will be held on Monday at 7:00 p.m. The funeral will begin at 9:15 am Tuesday December 22, 2009 with a Mass of Christian Burial to be held at St. Pius X Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Donations in Ray's memory can be made to the St. Pius X building fund or to Honor Flight of NW Ohio.

Tribute Wall



“ WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF YOUR DAD. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. JEAN MCKEE, CHRISS HARRIGAN, KATHY SCHULTZ, DOROTHY LUETZOW AND JOAN ENGLISH.##imported-begin##ENGLISH FAMILY RLMCKEE@BEX.NET##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Ray for several years as he participated at St. Vincent's Pulmonary Rehab. I can honestly say we looked forward to the days Ray came in, just to spend an hour or so with him. He made us all laugh and smile and is one of those patients who we still talk about to this day. My deepest condolences to your family.##imported-begin##Thomas Dilkens##imported-end##

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“ Hi Tony, I am so sorry about your dad. May the Lord comfort you as you draw upon His strength now and in the days ahead. How neat it was to see how he would come to Pickett and help you out. God bless you, Janet and the girls. Judi & Junior Thomas##imported-begin##Judi Thomas judi100646@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Tony,

Sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Ray and listening to his Polish. I enjoyed bowling with him for many years and will miss him.

Alan L. Bonczek

Ex-Tel Communications###imported-begin##Alan L. Bonczek alb300@sbcglobal.net###imported-end##

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“ *We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Ray's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##Kim Stelmaszak & Eric Wiatr kilyst5@hotmail.com###imported-end##*

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“ *To the Shoviak Family. My grandparents Wade & Rita Miller were friends with your parents. I will always remember how nice your mom & dad were. My grandma loved her monthly lunches with her girlfriends. Please accept our sympathies. They may be gone but never forgotten.###imported-begin##Jill Procaccini vjindy@bex.net###imported-end##*

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“ Tony and family,
We are, along with you, sadden by the loss of your father. He was a wonderful story teller and one of the reasons we enjoyed him and the LEBCC so much. He will be missed, and also remembered with fondness of his warm smile. We also take comfort in knowing there's an MG out there with his handy work in it that will continue on. We both wish you and your family our condolences and prayers. Bless you all.
Kate and Steve Quilty##imported-begin##Kate & Steve O'Lenic-Quilty squilty@wcnet.org##imported-end##

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“ Knowing Ray Shoviak was a great pleasure for us and our family. We will remember him always for his enthusiasm and happiness. Tony our prayers are with you and your Family.
Sincerely.
Angelica and Constanzo##imported-begin##Angelica & Constanzo##imported-end##

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“ We enjoyed knowing Ray at the British Car Club activities. We were pleased that he and Tony were able to go on the Honor Flight because we know it meant so much to both of them. We're sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Bart and Gay Blossom##imported-end##

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“ I was very sorry to see that he passed away. I always tried to converse with him when he was in my store. My last conversation with Ray was about the Honor Flight trip. He was very proud and happy to have taken the trip. He will be missed by myself and staff.##imported-begin##Ken Moszkowicz RPh##imported-end##

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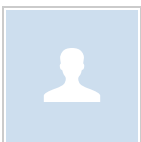


“ Tony, I was speaking with my Mom this morning and she said she saw that your Dad died. I am sorry for your loss and know it is not easy going through this time. Your Dad and Mom were really special people. You and he had some great trips together, they must have been special times.
My best to you and your sister during this time.

Regards,

Phil Sido##imported-begin##Phil Sido
seadough@optonline.net##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Ray Shoviak's passing. Please know that he touched many lives. He was always a welcomed face at Pickett. We remember him fondly.

Sincerely,

Debbie & Ron Schmidt##imported-begin##Debbie
Schmidt##imported-end##

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