



Robert L. "Bob" Shankland

July 26, 1955 - July 19, 2017

Robert L. "Bob" Shankland of Cadillac passed away suddenly, Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 61.

Bob was born July 26, 1955 in Highland Park, Michigan.

Bob graduated from Cadillac High School in 1973 and later earned his associate's degree from Ohio Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio. Bob starting working for Kroger Grocery in Columbus, Ohio while in college. After college he transferred to the Cadillac Store and worked there until he became employed at Consumers Power in 1982. Bob began at Consumers as a meter reader and retired as a senior lineman from Consumers Energy after over 30 years of employment.

He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Cadillac and served as a Sunday School teacher and a deacon there. Bob was passionate about putting others first and was very humble in every aspect of his life. He was the best husband ever. He was proud of his sons and what they have accomplished in their lives. Bob's greatest joys were his three grandchildren. He loved water sports: waterskiing, boating and canoeing. Bob was also active in the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, biking, riding motorcycles, camping and walking his dog, Henry.

On October 4, 1980 he married the former Rhonda S. Nicholls and she

survives him along with their children: Andrew (Rebecca) Shankland of Harrietta, Tim Shankland of South Lake Tahoe, California and Pete Shankland of Wolverine; grandchildren: Lillian, Noah and Benjamin; parents, George and Barb Shankland and Pat Shankland all of Cadillac; brothers: David (Shonna)Shankland of Cadillac, Ed Shankland of Wellston, Chris Shankland of Cadillac and Dan Shankland of Redlands, California; a step-sister, Pam (Allen) Daghlian of San Francisco, California and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, July 24, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverend Chad Zaucha officiating. Friends may meet the family Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Area Backpack Program. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ I never had the opportunity to meet you,
but I'
m striving for a
safer,
better
Universe...

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erry'
day <3.

Keep safe, Holly.
It'
s a sick world out there.

I'
m safe.
Jenna loves us all.

Jill - August 31, 2021 at 09:43 PM

LD

“ Oh my gosh! Not Bobby! He lent me his pickup truck one time. It
had a hole in the floorboard where you could watch the road go by,
but it worked. Sweet person.

Lucy (Kilgore) Dueck - April 19, 2020 at 02:13 PM

LS

“ I am so saddened to hear about Bob. I will never forget the time I was taking my kids out to Caberfae after a snowstorm and hit a patch of black ice and did a 360, ending up in a ditch on the opposite side of the road. He was also headed out and stayed with me until the tow truck arrived....saying it wasn't safe for us to stay alone, because we were trapped in the car. He was a genuinely caring man and will be dearly missed. Prayers for your whole family during this difficult time.

Lori Schappa - July 27, 2017 at 04:41 PM

JM

“ Pat, George, Barb, Rhonda, and families, so sorry for your loss.

Julie VanNatter Meyka - July 25, 2017 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ Loved Bob! What a great guy! This world and I will miss him. My prayers are with all the Shankland families. I know he's happy in heaven with God. If we remember his happiness in heaven, it will lessen our pain. Blessings to all families.

JoAnn Miltner - July 25, 2017 at 08:10 PM

RH

“ So very sad to hear about Bob's passing. He was always so kind & friendly. Our prayer for peace for your family during this difficult time.

Rick & Lori Heys - July 25, 2017 at 07:57 AM

BM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Bob's death. He was a wonderful man. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you adjust to life without him this side of heaven.

Bobbi Moomey - July 24, 2017 at 10:00 AM

SD

“ Hi All. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was truly a great man.

Scott Dunlop - July 24, 2017 at 09:47 AM

WS

“ We have heavy hearts and are so sorry for your loss. Bob was an awesome person. He was well liked by all and will be missed... Wayne and Valerie Siggins and family.

Wayne Siggins - July 24, 2017 at 08:31 AM

BZ

“ Was shocked and saddened to hear the news of Bob's passing. I'm so very sorry and remember our few times together and how I enjoyed talking with you, Rhonda, and Bob. My heart goes out to all the family and know he'll be missed. Please accept my condolences.

Billie Zetzman - July 23, 2017 at 11:24 PM

SM

“ Rhonda and Family, words are so inadequate at a time like this. Bob was such a special person, I had the pleasure of working with Bob at Consumers Energy for many years. Never met a more honest person and one that never wavered in his faith. Bob will be missed but never forgotten.

Steven Martinson - July 23, 2017 at 09:22 PM

SB

“ Hugs and prayers to family and friends. Bob was a great guy, one of the finest I've known. From working at Kroger to community involvement, he gave so much of himself

Sheri and Stan Benander - July 23, 2017 at 03:55 PM

VB

“ Rhonda, It is with a heavy heart that I send you this note; may God grant you the peace that passes all understanding, and help carry you through such a devastating time. My heart goes out to you and your family. Love you dear friend.

Valerie Bice - July 23, 2017 at 03:27 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear this. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace in this time of sorrow.

Shannon Bishop Cook - July 23, 2017 at 10:16 AM

B(

“ Met shank in 1970. We were 15. He had a big afro. We smoked, drank, listened to the Who's Quadrophenia and raised hell with our MG's. yellow house on Chapin st. 5-5569. Now I read to his everlasting credit he found Jesus and Rhonda and became a great family man. Never knew Bob long as a Christian (moved away)but so pleased he became one. Another poignant, sad reminder of our mortality. Bob was a great man.

Bud (FL) - July 23, 2017 at 09:25 AM

DL

“ Rhonda and boys: We are deeply saddened by your loss! Bob (and Rhonda) was a good friend, especially close to us and supportive during our dating and early years of marriage. He was a strong man. He was a strong Godly man of faith who lived out his witness and relationship with Jesus with consistently, authenticity, and with integrity his whole life. May God comfort you all and carry you through this very sad time. In Christ, Dave and Linda Embertson

Dave and Linda - July 23, 2017 at 01:22 AM

KS

“ My heart goes out to Bob's family. He will be missed. I remember him as a little boy coming over to visit his grandparents next door to us. You all are in my Prayers.

Kris Sundberg - July 22, 2017 at 10:15 PM

K(

“ *It's been years since I saw my fellow classmate (last class reunion), but I remember Bob as a good guy; and like the rest of his brothers, very civic minded.*
The community has lost a good friend and advocate. My prayers are with all of you.

Karla Stretten (Stephens) - July 22, 2017 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda and Family,*

What a shock! We are very sad with this surprise of Bob's passing. We will miss our many pleasant visits and updates on the kids when he walked the dogs through the neighborhood. You have our sincere sympathy and prayers are sent. Z

Ron & Jan Scott - July 21, 2017 at 11:03 PM

BC

“ *We lost a truly good man! My heart goes out to Bob's family.*

Bob Cole - July 21, 2017 at 10:56 PM

DO

“ *I have such great memories of Bob. He was my friend and I loved him very much. He could make me laugh no matter what was going on. See you in heaven my friend. Love Doe.*

Doe. - July 21, 2017 at 10:13 PM

DF

“ *Such a shock! Bob always had such a ready and warm smile. He' ll be missed at CABP and so many other places. I am holding the whole Shankland family up in prayer.*

Dorothy Frid - July 21, 2017 at 08:56 PM

JL

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of a well known and respected friend. The Shankland family is well known and loved by any one having lived in Cadillac in the last 40 years. He leaves behind a legacy of fine family members and many, many friends. May the peace of our Lord be with those who mourn his loss.*

Jerry and Diane Leavell - July 21, 2017 at 07:59 PM

LZ

“ *Rhonda I' m so sorry for you and your family. I don' t believe I have ever met a more kind and sweet man as Bob. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. His kindness towards my brother Leonard was overwhelming. If you need anything or help Rhonda I will be there.*

Lynn and Jill Zill - July 21, 2017 at 07:55 PM

RB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Will keep you in our prayers.*

Rand & Val Bishop - July 21, 2017 at 06:39 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He lived behind us for many years and remember playing neighborhood games with him and his brothers.

Sue Mattison Peterson - July 21, 2017 at 03:51 PM

TU

“ Living across the street from the Shanklands was a pure blessing. Mr. Bob would do anything for my family without hesitating. He would take us water skiing, tubing, canoeing, and would take us to family night at church. Love and prayers to the entire family!

Todd Urbanavage - July 21, 2017 at 03:47 PM

EW

“ Its true - there are no words to cover a loss like this. Beyond sorry for your loss- just know you are loved. I barely knew Bob but already I knew he was a terrific guy.

Elaine Winkel - July 21, 2017 at 03:35 PM

DA

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Rhonda and the entire Shankland family. Bob was truly a great guy. Though it is difficult to come up with the right words to say, we are so glad that we hold the promise that we will see him again.

Dean and Susann Alger - July 21, 2017 at 03:18 PM

TR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, Rhonda. Trev and I both had the privilege of working with Bob at Consumers Energy. He was an excellent worker and made our jobs as dispatchers easy as he would always go above and beyond what was expected of him. He was always polite and a gentleman. May he Rest In Peace.

Trevor & Julia Reyher - July 21, 2017 at 03:09 PM

DN

“ My very deepest sympathies to the entire Shankland family. Bob was a kind, outgoing, sincere guy with an enormous smile. Especially I offer my condolences to the wonderful Shankland brothers, who I know will feel this loss so deeply. Thinking about you all.

Doug Nelson - July 21, 2017 at 01:58 PM

FS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm shocked and reminded how short life is. We were born 26 days apart, grew up almost next door, and went to the same church until I moved to Florida after graduation. Bob would always ask my dad how I was doing when he saw him. I see Bob still went to the Baptist church after all these years. We had a lot of good times there when we were kids. Some of that was mischief of course. I pray that Jesus will bring you comfort.

Frank Swartwood - July 21, 2017 at 11:48 AM

TB

“ Wow- This comes as quite a surprise. Time marches on as it waits for no one. Even tho' I haven't seen Bob in many moons, the Shankland family have been in my mirror since the early days of High School. Be well brother-see you on the other side.

Tom Ball - July 21, 2017 at 11:47 AM

MC

“ What a special man. What a loss for your family and the community. The Lord feels your pain. He is sustaining you.

Marcia Collins - July 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM

DA

“ May God cradle you in His arms and comfort you in the loss of Bob. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May knowing that others in the community who know your family and share in your grief make it a bit easier to bear.

Don and Patty Anderson - July 21, 2017 at 10:59 AM

BH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family! I had the pleasure of working with Bob at Consumers Energy... usually during stressful storm time but he was always easy to get along with even after extended hours.

Brooke Haase - July 21, 2017 at 09:43 AM

JL

“ My prayers are with your whole family. My God give you all the strength to get through this. I'm very sorry for your loos.

Jeri LaRocque - July 21, 2017 at 09:10 AM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers our with you.

Jeff Linda Douglas - July 21, 2017 at 08:51 AM

DD

“ Our sincere sympathies to the whole Shankland family on the loss of your wonderful son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. He was a terrific guy whose kindness toward others will never be forgotten. May God encircle you with His love during this difficult time. Prayers and hugs to you all.

Dave and Paula Dunbar - July 21, 2017 at 08:46 AM

ST

“ I'm going to miss seeing him walking the dog through the neighborhood...we'd share an occasional wave as we pulled our dogs off in different directions...

Scott Torkko - July 21, 2017 at 08:10 AM

PH

“ I am so very sorry. What a shock. Rhonda, I hope you and your family gain some peace and solace as heaven must be so amazing. But that glory hardly mutes the great pain and loss you are feeling missing him so here on earth. Prayers always. PK

PK Harrison - July 21, 2017 at 08:01 AM

KK

“ We’
re stunned by the loss of this wonderful man. Our prayers are with
you all

Ken and Becky Kleyn - July 21, 2017 at 07:52 AM

GF

“ Rhonda so sorry for your loss. Bob was a special person.

Gloria Frost - July 21, 2017 at 07:34 AM

J(

“ Rhonda, my heart is broken for you and your family. Bob was a
wonderful, kind man. It was very obvious you loved each other so.
May God comfort you and your family with the love and peace as
you navigate all of this. With deep sympathy and with His Heart,
Julie

Julie Dyer (NC) - July 21, 2017 at 12:56 AM

LM

“ Our hearts go out to you and the entire Shankland family. You are in
our thoughts and prayers.

Laurie and John McKay - July 21, 2017 at 12:47 AM

KN

“ My heart goes out to you all, our family is lifting you up. I know the
angels are rejoicing along with all of heaven but its hard to put it all
together down here. God bless you.

Kelly Nolf-Childers - July 20, 2017 at 11:50 PM

JH

“ Growing up our family saw a lot of each other. Bob ,Chris. Always so nice to me. Sorry For your loss

Jack Hogberg - July 20, 2017 at 11:30 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss Rhonda and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers tonight. God Bless you all!

Steve Hobbins - July 20, 2017 at 11:13 PM

MS

“ Bob was a fellow classmate of mine. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Just know that he is now flying up in Heaven with all the other Angels. May he rest in peace.

Myrtle Soles - July 20, 2017 at 11:03 PM

JS

“ So many great memories of Bob at church and outside of church. He always made the time to talk to you whether at church or out and about in town. Our love and prayers to Rhonda and the entire Shankland Family!

John Sandlin - July 20, 2017 at 10:58 PM

JM

“ Our hearts go out to the Shankland family. We had the pleasure of working with Bob for a few years and he was a great person with a big heart. He went for a mountain bike ride with us once and we snowshoed with him. All around a good guy that many will miss.

Jen & Jason Middlebrook - July 20, 2017 at 10:51 PM

AG

“ I am so sad to hear of Bob's passing. I remember him as one of my best Sunday school teachers as he truly showed God's love through his teaching. Even years later, whenever I visit my parents and attend church, he always came over to say hello to me. He will be greatly missed. My thought and prayers are with the whole Shankland family.

Amy Gadea - July 20, 2017 at 09:59 PM

SB

“ Rhonda, sending to you and your family my deepest sympathy. Bob was a great guy. I remember back in school his great smile and his kindness. I will always remember him. You are in my thoughts and prayers Rhonda. God Bless you. ✠

Sandy Toepp Bengelink - July 20, 2017 at 09:58 PM

DD

“ Our hearts are hurting with you Rhonda and your family. Heartfelt prayers for peace in this time if need.

Debbie Dean - July 20, 2017 at 09:57 PM

MB

“ Condolences to his family. Bob was my neighbor walking his dog many times past my house. My father was also employed at Consumers Power Company. Hugs and prayers to his wife, kids, grandkids and entire family.

Mitzie Boyer - July 20, 2017 at 09:51 PM

JS

“ Our sincerest condolences to Rhonda and family. Loved always waving at Bob as he walked the dog around the neighborhood. He will be greatly missed. All our love and prayers.

Jay and Deb Simon - July 20, 2017 at 09:47 PM

WT

“ The family is in our prayers this is so hard to believe. We grive with you!

Wayne and Judy Townsend - July 20, 2017 at 09:37 PM

SN

“ My sympathy to Rhonda and the Shankland family. Bob made a big impact on many people he worked with and knew. Only God knows why he left so early. Prayers for strength and healing. Gone but never forgotten. Let your light shine on. RIP Bob.

Steve Nicholas - July 20, 2017 at 09:36 PM

RH

“ Desperately praying that God's peace, comfort, and love overwhelm you and your extended family.

Rick and Denise Hudson - July 20, 2017 at 09:36 PM

LB

“ I spent my childhood playing with the Shankland boys. I have wonderful memories. I am so sorry for the family's loss.

Linda Carrie Borish - July 20, 2017 at 09:28 PM

CD

“ Rhonda, Barb and George, So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.

Chris (Riplow) Doran - July 20, 2017 at 09:09 PM

RC

“ Rhonda and Family, words are so inadequate at a time like this. Know that your friends are grieving with you and holding you up in prayer. I remember Bob's sweet, kind and gentle spirit when we did Stephen Ministry together. He was loved and respected by so many and will be greatly missed. Bob loved Jesus, clearly demonstrated by the way he lived and I've no doubt he is singing right now " Still my soul will sing Your praise forever; ten thousand years and then for ever more!" We love you, Rhonda!

Roy and Diane Coon - July 20, 2017 at 08:55 PM

CC

“ Always like Bob... HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY..... CARL

Carl Carlson - July 20, 2017 at 08:32 PM

MJ

“ So sorry for your family's loss sending you all our prayers and love.

Mike and Jennifer Johnson - July 20, 2017 at 08:24 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry Rhonda. What a treasure and Godly man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Charmaine LaLone - July 20, 2017 at 07:49 PM

KW

“ Our hearts grieve deeply with you at this time of great loss. Bob was such a special man, and wonderful, dear friend. May God's peace and comfort be ever near you, as you remember this sweet, gentle man of God. With all our love...

Kathy Wheeler - July 20, 2017 at 07:43 PM

JC

“ Rhonda and family, George and Barb, sending love and prayers to you in this time of loss. May the peace of Christ surround you all.

Judy Coffey - July 20, 2017 at 06:44 PM