



## Robert Joseph Shepard

February 7, 1934 - June 16, 2015

Robert J. Shepard

81, of Fishers, passed away June 16, 2015. He was born February 7, 1934 in Vincennes, IN to the late Ralph C. and Catherine Wathen Shepard.

Bob graduated from Vincennes Central Catholic High School, Class of 1952 and married Joyce Ellen Steele, November 28, 1953.

He worked as a Pressman for 40 years at the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, retiring in 1996. Bob was a member of St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers and a 62 years member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vincennes. He volunteered for many years at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Rd., Fishers, IN.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of over 61 years, Joyce E. Shepard; sons, Anthony R. (Marcy) and Joseph S. (Jean) Shepard; daughter, Susan J. (Larry) Naab; sister, Barbara (Rex) Early; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 3001 E. 30th St. Indianapolis, IN 46218.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
[info@shirleybrothers.com](mailto:info@shirleybrothers.com)  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church  
11441 Hague Road  
Fishers, IN 46038

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Joyce and family,  
Bob and I did a lot of camping, hunting, swimming and bike riding in  
our early teen years.  
You have our sympathy in the loss of your loved one.*

*Ralph and Bobbi Jacqmain*

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**Ralph & Bobbi Jacqmain** - June 20, 2015 at 09:18 AM

MH

“ *Dearest Joyce & family, It is with great sorrow that we received the  
news of Bobs passing. We were planning to come today for the  
funeral, but could not make it happen. We are so sorry we cannot  
be there with you, but know that we have been praying for all of you,  
& will continue to pray for you. Joyce, you & Bob were pillars of the  
faith, & your love & service to the Sacred Heart of Jesus family can  
never be replaced We have missed your presence & your smiles &  
laughter. You were both great examples of the Love of Jesus &  
Mary. Praying that the peace & love of God fill your hearts to  
overflowing, especially in the days ahead.*

*With Deepest Sympathy & Love, Mike & Phyllis*

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**mike & phyllis haag** - June 19, 2015 at 01:17 PM

EP

“ Joyce, you and your family are in our thoughts. Earl was surprised to hear about Bob. Bob called Earl a week ago Monday to see if Earl was taking Larry Kiefer to coffee at Hardee's. Bob stopped by and visited with them. They both miss him since leaving Vincennes but was happy that he stayed in touch. Earl called Don Hendrixson to let him know and he too was surprised. You and your family are in our thoughts. God Speed, Bob.

Earl and Kaye Peters - June 19, 2015 at 10:57 AM

DK

“ I worked with Bob at the paper for many years. I admired him for his bicycling all over Vincennes and to Oaktown like it was nothing. He was always so fit - even though I was not, I always told him how much I admired that quality in him. He was a great family man, smart, and always had a great attitude. I really can't remember him ever "mad or angry". He was funny and always made us laugh. He loved his family and talked about the kids growing up and in college. He was so proud. It was an honor to have known him and I am sorry for your loss. They just don't make guys like Bob much anymore. He was a great person inside and out. I can't come up there today, but I sure am thinking of all of you today. Sincerely Debbie Jackson Keene, started out as a printer in the paper for many years so got to work fairly close to the pressmen there.

Debbie Jackson Keene - June 19, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Shepard.



June 19, 2015 at 03:30 AM

KP

“ Praying for all of you. My dad, Bill Smith, continues to talk about the Shepard boys to this day. God Bless! Kathy Smith Pivonka, Carmel

Kathy Pivonka - June 18, 2015 at 09:04 PM

TS

Kathy,  
that's so nice of you to say.  
I know your dad can't imagine how many times I use him as an example of the perfect coach, teacher and parent. I am helping coach track now at the high school which our third son attends and use Coach Smith as THE example of how to coach. His caring is genuine. I know you know that. I could tell you do when I saw you both together at the state championship game a few years ago.  
And I will tell you all of the young men and women I have coached over the last couple of years know who coach Smith is. Pushing his Corvaire out south river road, running in the water at lake sun and sand, and all of the creative ways to keep the runners of all speeds together...unbelievable.  
Coach was actually a 15 minute conversation yesterday with mom and all of us about what a great teacher he was to us.. And he supported me like I still have trouble believing. Mom and Dad both really appreciated Mr. Smith as a strong man and teacher. I said many times that I thought of Mr. Smith as my second dad for a long time.  
I remember you, your sister and your mom as such sweet girls. It was so nice to also see a couple years back how proud he is of you.  
Thank you again,  
Tony Shepard

Tony Shepard - June 20, 2015 at 07:43 AM

KM

*I have many memories of Uncle Bob.*

*I visited Vincennes years ago. Joyce was gone, and Bob hosted me at their home. He was so anxious to make me feel welcome. He served me "Fricassee". One of his favorites.*

*I remember spilling a DQ milk shake in his 48' Chevy; he was not happy.*

*But, the thing I remember most is a man of faith. A man who lives in the joy of Christ. Say hi to dad.*

*Ken Melvin*

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**Ken Melvin** - June 26, 2015 at 10:23 PM

DK

“ *Joyce and Family,*

*Sending my deepest sympathy to you. Bob is your personal angel in heaven now.*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers. We miss you at quilting and at Sacred Heart Church.*

*Dorothy Kocher*

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**Dorothy Kocher** - June 18, 2015 at 07:04 PM

TO

“ *Joe, sorry to hear of your dads death. I got to know him when I worked at the Sun-Commercial. What a great guy. It's never easy saying good-bye. You and your family are in are thoughts and prayers. Tom and Janice Klueh*

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**tom** - June 18, 2015 at 06:40 PM

SU

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's death -- he was always a good guy . Joyce and family you have my deepest sympathy.

*Suzanne (Smith) Willis -- (SRA 1953) Petersburg IN*

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**Suzanne** - June 18, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Shepard.



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June 18, 2015 at 11:23 AM

DD

“ Doug, Jeff, Kristin, Brea, Laura, Chase, Erin, Deana purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Joseph Shepard.



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**Doug, Jeff, Kristin, Brea, Laura, Chase, Erin, Deana** - June 18, 2015 at 10:42 AM

SP

“ Prayers to you Joyce and your entire family. We sure miss you at Sacred Heart. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sandra Potter** - June 18, 2015 at 09:58 AM

BA

“ When I look at old pictures of kindergarten, First Communion, grade school activities and grade school graduation at Old Cathedral Bob was always there. He was a good story-teller and a fun guy. I'm so sorry that I can't be there, but we have a wedding in Lafayette--Theresa's daughter. More later.  
*Barbara Ruppel*

Barbara - June 18, 2015 at 09:35 AM

MS

“ *My sincere sympathy to Joyce and family.*

Mary Lou Sievers - June 18, 2015 at 06:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Shepard.*



June 17, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Shepard.*



June 17, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - June 17, 2015 at 07:19 AM