



## Lawrence "Randy" Shoup

December 5, 1953 - September 11, 2017

Lawrence "Randy" Shoup was called to his eternal Home on September 11, 2017 following a brief but hard-fought battle with cancer. His final days were spent receiving wonderful care at the VNA Hospice Center on Benbrook Road. Left to forever carry his legacy and memory are his beloved wife of 40 years Suzi (Schmidt) Shoup, and 3 daughters: Sarah (Jeff) Baucom of Charlotte, NC, Megan (Dennis Jr) Miller of Butler, PA, and Melanie (Evan) Shoup-Knox of Staunton, VA. He was the beloved grandfather of Grady and Landry Baucom, Brayden and Blake Miller, and Sullivan Knox. He is also survived by his father, Harold Shoup of Parker, PA, a sister Kathy (Tom) McKenna of Montana, a sister Trish Cotton of California, a brother Jerry (Terry) Shoup of Gibsonia, PA, his siblings-in-law whom he dearly loved, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Beverly (Bates) Shoup and numerous aunts and uncles. Randy graduated from Mercyhurst College (where he met the love of his life) in 1975 with a degree in criminology. He went on to serve his country while stationed in Vicenza, Italy as a member of the US Army for 3 years with his new bride by his side. Upon returning home he worked as a military police officer and went on to join the Attorney General's office as a narcotics agent. He built a career he was proud of doing a job he loved for 28 years. He always said that "when you have a job you enjoy it never feels like work". Upon retiring in 2004 he joined the Butler County Sheriff's department as a deputy and proudly served his community until his illness struck in 2016. Randy was a longtime member

of Trinity Lutheran Church in Butler and a lifetime member of the Pine Hollow Rod and Gun Club. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and spending time on his boat. He firmly believed that the way to start every morning was a good cup of coffee. Believing in a God that has the power to heal every person foreseeably keeping them on earth forever, and chooses instead to walk with us on a journey to goodbye, causes one to look more closely at what God is trying to teach us through the people that pass through our lives and the legacy they leave behind. One of the blessings that a terminal diagnosis affords people is an awareness of how precious time is and the opportunity to be intentional about reflecting on lessons learned. Our family has spent a lot of time along this journey thinking about what is important to be shared and remembered about Dad and landed on these things: 1. He was a man who loved through his actions. He was not one for many words, he left that to mom. But there was never a question that we were loved because he was unfailingly present for every event in our lives and anything we needed. He would drive long distances to and from court cases or meetings in a single day to avoid spending nights away from his family. There were "full cans" of "pop" given as treats after bike crashes or bad days. He volunteered at Girl Scout outings, campouts, and taught archery at sleep away camp. He attended nearly every sporting event, concert, play and parade, and was a regular at his grandsons' sporting events as well. He moved us countless times over the course of our lives and was at the ready for any project identified. Oil levels and registration stickers were routinely checked on vehicles well into adulthood. As his battle with cancer limited his ability to "act" there were no doubts to be reconciled, we were all well-loved and had been shown this time and time again all our lives. 2. It is easy to move through life knowing the right way to live when you have seen morals and integrity demonstrated by your parent s' actions. There was no grey area in this sector of Dad's life. He demonstrated himself and encouraged in us to always seek ways to be helpful. To work hard and be accountable. He had little time or patience for self-indulgence or ego. He admired hard work and

respectable actions. For a man so anchored in concrete, indisputable facts, his faith in the unseen was something difficult for him to articulate save for one thing... he knew that adhering to Christian values was the right way to live. So again, while he was not one for philosophical conversations about a higher being he demonstrated his faith by being present and participating in church with his family, and incorporating prayer into daily routines thereby showing us it was an expectation he had of himself and of us. This was enough of a foundation for each of us to develop a strong faith of our own which has in turn become the gift of peace and comfort as our time with him on earth came to a close and we each had to wrestle with the idea of a life without him in it. So he leaves us to remember these lessons for a short while: to show love, to show up, to work hard, to do right, and to have faith. And with this last one comes comfort in knowing we will see him again. See you in the woods Dad.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I served with Randy in the 293rd MP Company at Ft. Meade, MD. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. He looks to have lived a full life!

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**Brian Nixon - US Army 1975 - 1980** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

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“ To my Godmother, Suzie, and my Godsisters, Sarah, Megan, and Melanie-I am so sorry for your loss. He made such a positive impact on so many people, including me. As the first person to give me a bible (which I still keep in my nightstand), I can attest that his actions were like a ripple affect...still holding sentiment to me to this day. I love you all.

Amber

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**Amber Powers (Trott)** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ A SENTIMENTAL THOUGHTS was ordered on September 22, 2017

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ A SENTIMENTAL THOUGHTS was sent on September 22, 2017  
Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
The Kinder Family (Dick's Sporting Goods, Richmond VA)

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ A SENTIMENTAL THOUGHTS was ordered on September 21, 2017

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

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“ *A THE COLOR OF MEMORIESÂ TABLE ARRANGEMENT was ordered on September 18, 2017*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

JB

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss and have been thinking of you all. You have our sympathy .*

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**James, Bonnie, Denise Bartley** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

HS

“ *A candle was lit by Harry & Julie Schmeider  
on September 15, 2017 8:11 AM*

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**Harry & Julie Schmeider** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

HS

“ *We were so very sorry to read of Randy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Shoup famiyl. God grant you peace and comfort at this sad time.*

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**Harry & Julie Schmeider** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

SB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. Please except our sympathy, love, and prayers. The memorial in the Butler Eagle is just beautiful, written with much love. May God be your strength at this very difficult time. Sam and Debbie Broad*

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**Sam and Debbie Broad** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

SH

“ A candle was lit by SUE HAGGERTY

on September 14, 2017 5:18 PM

Suzi and family,

*I was so sad to hear of Randy's passing. I had no idea he was ill. It was always such a good memory to see him at the courthouse and his smiling face. He was always such a upbeat and all around great guy. You and your daughters have my deepest deepest sympathy.....Sue*

*Post a reply*

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**SUE HAGGERTY** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

OF

“ Randy was an excellent agent during his many years at the Pa. Attorney General office. He was dedicated, resourceful, and a major asset to our operations. Randy was respected throughout all those in law enforcement. He was known for his "family first" attitude and his famous dry wit and easy smile. He will truly be missed by his co-workers and supervisors alike. Our condolences to Suzi and family.

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**O'Neill family** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.

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**Gardner family** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was ordered on September 14, 2017

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Randy's passing. He is truly a beautiful soul who loved his family beyond measure. While he is no longer in pain, i know he leaves behind a deep felt feeling of loss by the family. I pray for comfort and peace for you all. May God bless you and keep you in comfort and love. Love you all!

-Aaron, Shea, Nathan & Nicholas.

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**The Nygaard family** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

DW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Randy's passing..Our prayers are with you all...We are so thankful that we got to know him and you all.

May God bless you  
Debi & John Wilson

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**Debi and John Wilson** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was ordered on September 13, 2017

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

KG

“ My sincere and deepest sympathy Susie, Sarah, Meghan and Melanie, Kathy, Patty, Jerry and Harold and all the husbands and children of everyone in the loss of your loved one. I know how much he will be missed. May God be with you all in this difficult time and keep you strong in the future. He was truly a wonderful man.

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**Kay Goetz** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

CP

“ My heart is truly breaking for all of you. Your dad (husband) was the sweetest man, always there to offer a hug and ask how everything was going, and then respond with profound fatherly advise. He always reminded me a lot of my dad and in reading this I can see the similarities. He is your hero and will continue to live through you and your kids. My thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time. Love and hugs from all of us!

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**Chrissy Pollock** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Randy. I enjoyed working with him while he was at the AG's office and at the Sheriff's office. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Sue. Tim and Jo Wiles

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**Timothy Wiles** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ Our sympathies to the entire family. We are thinking of you at this sad time. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers & hope you find comfort in the many memories you have to share.  
Mark, Sue, Josh & family

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**The Kristophel Family** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

CS

“ With the deepest heartfelt sympathy to Randy's beautiful wife, daughters and families, father, siblings and extended family and friends. Words cannot describe the sadness I feel for your loss. He was a very special human being. My condolences.

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**Carolyn Solomon** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

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“ *A TRADITIONAL FUNERAL BASKET was ordered on September 13, 2017*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

TL

“ *To the entire Shoup family, we send our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of Randy. He was an integral part of the pack that ran through West Monterey every weekend, and was someone that I looked up to as a child. From the entire Leah clan, Connie, Jay & Karen, Marce & Len, Geoff & Tracy, please accept our condolences.*

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**The Leah's** - January 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM