



## Joel Langdon Shank

May 1, 1948 - April 14, 2022

Joel Langdon Shank, age 73, a resident of Manteno, IL since 2006, formerly of Park Forest, IL; Crawford Countryside, IL; Country Club Hills, IL; passed away on April 14, 2022, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, IL.

Joel was born in San Francisco on May 1, 1948, to Joseph and Martha Shank. He graduated from Rich Central High School and attended Franklin College in Franklin, IN, earning National Honors for their wrestling program. Joel graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1972 earning a degree in Computer Engineering and worked as a programmer for People's Energy and United Airlines.

On July 15, 1978, he married Darlene and over the course of seven years welcomed his four children. Joel was a devoted father and husband. He enjoyed spending time with his family, being outdoors, wrestling, and canoeing. He was always there for every moment to make sure his family was supported.

Joel is survived by his wife, Darlene Shank (née Cappetta); his children, Kimberly Acquaviva (Nicholas), Matthew Shank (Nancy), Jillian Kennedy (Robert), and Ashley Shank, adored grandfather (Papa) of Mason Acquaviva, Paul Acquaviva, Carter Acquaviva, Josephine Shank, Rylee Kennedy, Caylee Kennedy, Waylon Kramer, and Shelby Kramer. He is predeceased by his grandson, Zachary Kennedy; his brother, Donald Shank; his mother, Martha Shank; and his father, Joseph Shank.

A memorial service is scheduled from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Wednesday,

April 20th at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home 291 N. Main St., Manteno, IL 60950. Please forward all flowers, donations, and condolences to the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ED

“ Enjoyed visiting with him at Matt and Nancy's Halloween parties.  
Zibby Diver

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**Elizabeth Diver** - April 20, 2022 at 01:01 PM

ML

“ Joel was my neighbor at work for many years. He was a fun person to talk to, to work and hang out with. Thru Joel, I saw a wonderful father, husband, and grandpa to be loved by the family, a cool teammate to have around. The latest profound memory I have with Joel was when we quizzed each other on Harry Potter trivia as if we were in a fan club. That was so much fun. You will be greatly missed Joel.

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**Mandy Li** - April 19, 2022 at 10:51 AM

WJ

“ Joel was a wonderful man. Willing to help and share and share a laugh. It's hard to think that we won't be seeing him around the card table again. He will be missed!!

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**Wendi Jeffers** - April 17, 2022 at 09:50 PM

MC

“ Joel was such a kind, loving, caring individual. He was a real people person. Fun and fun to be around. I would never be able to say enough about him, but my family holds very fond memories. Rest now from your work. Peace be with you.

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**Maria Collier** - April 16, 2022 at 12:35 PM

MW

“ While I don't know Joel's family, I thoroughly enjoyed watching him wrestle at Rich Central. My condolences to his family and friends, rest in peace  
Melody (Letourneau) Wood

Melody Wood - April 16, 2022 at 11:18 AM

SZ

“ Joel was a high school classmate of ours and a neighbor in Manteno. He was a true gentleman and all around wonderful guy. We remember him as a terrific athlete, husband, father and grandfather. We wish to extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Darlene and the family.

Susan Zumbahlen - April 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM

CR

JOEL will be missed. He was such a wonder Dad. Husband and friend.

Cindy and Phil Raddatz - April 16, 2022 at 12:24 PM

NS

“ Joel was a wonderful man! He loved playing cards! Joel, Ron (next door neighbor) and myself played hand knee and foot with Darlene, Linda (next door neighbor) and Paulette (next door neighbor) Joel and Ron and I were partners and we beat the ladies! We gave each other high 5 . Laughed and said we were unbeatable! We had a great time playing cards and visiting! Joel will be missed by all! Love you Joel! 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Norma Semashko - April 15, 2022 at 03:56 PM