



LeRoy Donald Shaffer

October 19, 1938 - November 21, 2022

LeRoy Donald Shaffer died November 21, 2022, at the age of 84, after spending his last days with his wife Patricia and daughter Staci by his side.

LeRoy was born in Greeley, Colorado on October 19, 1938 to Glenn William (Bud) Shaffer and Louise Elsie Shaffer (née Herman). As a young child he lived in various locations including Walden, Colorado and Culbertson, Nebraska where his family farmed. LeRoy graduated from Ault High School in 1956. He lettered in track, running hurdles for the Ault Bearcats. He had a lifetime love of cars. LeRoy's first car was a 1946 two-door black Ford. He owned a 1938 Ford coupe stock original, a 1940 Ford, and a 1952 black and yellow Mercury.

He was driving a black and white 1957 Ford Fairlane when he started dating the love of his life Patricia (Patty, Pat) Giesick. LeRoy took Patty on many dates to Harry's No Delay Drive-In. To impress Patty he ordered the shrimp because it was the most expensive thing on the menu.

LeRoy proposed to Patty on the day she graduated from Colorado State University in 1959. They married on January 31, 1960, and drove a white 1959 Ford retractable hardtop with blue interior to Phoenix, Arizona where they honeymooned. Everyone in Phoenix stared at the young couple from Colorado because it was far too cold to have the top down on the convertible.

In 1963, LeRoy and Patty bought a brand new split-window Corvette Stingray in Daytona Blue over blue interior with a 4-speed. Being a farmer, LeRoy's dad was not impressed with such an impractical racy car.

LeRoy worked at Woodward Governor from 1956 until 1959 when he left Woodward to help his dad with farming. In 1962, he returned to Woodward Governor where he worked for the next 36 years. In 1999, he bought a black Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck to celebrate his retirement.

LeRoy and Pat added a little girl to their lives in 1972. They were so excited to be new parents that LeRoy ran over the curb at JCPenny's and threw the white Ford completely out of alignment.

In 1997, LeRoy began volunteering with Fort Collins Police Services after attending the Citizen's Police Academy. He enjoyed ride-alongs. He took on a part-time role in the Criminal Investigations Division where he earned the respect of individuals on both sides of the law. He was named employee of the month in July 2013. He worked with Fort Collins Police Services until February 2020 for a total of 23 years.

When LeRoy's grandson Liam came into the world he could not have been more proud. Liam is the smartest grandson in the world. Liam thinks Grandpa LeRoy is a big teddy bear.

LeRoy will be sadly missed by his many friends and relatives in the area. He had resided in a rest home at Ft. Collins for quite some time and had been ill for several months. So when the trail was hard to climb and the road grew long, the good Lord took him to His heavenly home where there is no pain or sorrow. Every sunset brings the promise of a new dawn where no heartache can enter and the pain grows dim. In that beautiful forever, he will walk with

Him. We are able to cope in whatever we do, so please God, love LeRoy as we loved him too.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents Bud and Louise Shaffer. Survivors are Patricia, beloved wife of nearly 63 years, daughter Staci, and grandson Liam, all of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Viewing at Bohlender Funeral Chapel from 10am to 6pm on Wednesday, 11/30/2022. A funeral service will be held 11 am, Thursday, December 1, 2022, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1200 S Taft Hill Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80521.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1200 S Taft Hill Rd
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Graveside Service

DEC **1**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery
8426 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Patricia Shaffer lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer



Patricia Shaffer - December 08, 2022 at 09:44 AM

KK

“ Leroy always had a smile and a friendly greeting for you as long as I knew him. He really enjoyed his family and friends as much as they enjoyed him. We will miss seeing you around.

Ken Kirchhoff - November 30, 2022 at 12:41 AM

WC

“ Woodward 25 Year Club purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of LeRoy Donald Shaffer.



Woodward 25 Year Club - November 29, 2022 at 10:34 PM

RK

“ Rusty and Kristal purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LeRoy Donald Shaffer.



Rusty and Kristal - November 29, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SW

“ Sherrie Wiest lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer



Sherrie Wiest - November 28, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of LeRoy Donald Shaffer.



November 28, 2022 at 09:58 PM

JG

“ Joyce Giesick lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer



Joyce Giesick - November 28, 2022 at 09:28 PM

KH

“ Kenneth Horton lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer



Kenneth Horton - November 28, 2022 at 02:37 PM

KH

“ *Our times at JMK restaurant, Mr. Johnson from COORS calling Frank, too many laughs and great times to list.*

Kenneth Horton - November 28, 2022 at 02:27 PM

KH

“ *Ken Horton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of LeRoy Donald Shaffer.*



Ken Horton - November 28, 2022 at 02:19 PM

RD

“ *Rita Davis lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer*



Rita Davis - November 28, 2022 at 10:57 AM

TM

“ *Traci McKenzie lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer*



Traci McKenzie - November 28, 2022 at 09:39 AM

SP

“ I met Leroy at CAHR where I worked with him in his final months, we grew close over that time. I got to know Pat and Stacy, they always made me feel like family. I remember sharing with Leroy some personal aspects of my life because he had become somewhat of a father figure; Every time he saw me he'd ask how my mom was doing, if my boyfriend was treating me well, or if my cat was still acting out. Though I didn't get to meet him at his prime, even near the end of his life he was looking out for me. I could tell he was a loving father and husband. He will be missed dearly. -Sarah Parry (CNA)



Sarah Parry - November 27, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SS

Sarah,

Thank you for the loving tribute to "our" dad because I know he "adopted" you in his heart. You took the time to make sure that dad was cared for in a respectful manner. He always looked forward to seeing you. You are a champion for kindness and compassionate care of all the residents that you serve.

Staci

Staci Shaffer - November 27, 2022 at 08:59 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Staci Shaffer - November 25, 2022 at 03:57 PM

SS

“ 2 files added to the album Dad



Staci Shaffer - November 25, 2022 at 03:46 PM

PS

“ Patricia Shaffer lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer



Patricia Shaffer - November 25, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LeRoy Donald Shaffer.



November 24, 2022 at 01:56 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album Car



Staci Shaffer - November 23, 2022 at 05:31 PM

NH

To my friend,

In June of 1982, I had just graduated high school and entered college. I was blessed to begin my education and working career at the Woodward Governor Company. On my very first day, I was introduced to my very first supervisor, Leroy Shaffer!

Leroy was easily the heart and soul of Woodward! He supervised the Mechanical Inspection Department for many years. No matter the day of the week, or time of day you could always find a bright and smiling Leroy. He would offer kind words, be telling a story, or a joke, and his laughter could be heard across the department. He knew more about the internal dimensions of a governor than most engineers. He definitely became a mentor for my career at Woodward's.

Our paths would cross again at Fort Collins Police, when Leroy started to volunteer after retirement. Leroy loved hearing stories about our call outs, and his laughter was the bright spot for us on many dark days. I will never forget the day we were out working on a case, when we saw Leroy pulling into the King Soopers parking lot at Taft and Elizabeth. We decided to perform a high risk car stop on Leroy in the parking lot and ordered him out of the vehicle. The look on his face was priceless! He said it gained him notoriety with other shoppers, because they would not go near him after that. Needless to say, we couldn't pull something like that today, but Leroy often talked fondly about that.

Eventually, Leroy took over the registration process for sex offenders in our community. He was always kind and respectful to everyone he had dealings with, and he became more of a father figure to numerous members of our community. Some of the toughest individuals we had, would not cross Leroy. In his office they would treat him with the same respect and kindness that Leroy had offered to them.

Leroy was not only a mentor to me professionally but he also showed me what respect and love for family should look like. Leroy's devotion to his wife Pat was evident in so many small ways, whether it was driving her to all the shops, or sitting patiently and holding the bags. My girls still remember the time that while shopping in Denver, we happened to run into Leroy and Pat. After that, there was no question about us all going out to dinner together. With Leroy, you always knew that you would have a good time.

Now, getting to spend time with Leroy's daughter as she teaches future generations in Criminal Justice at CSU, its amazing to witness all of Leroy's qualities in her.

Leroy was larger than life for both my family, and our police family. He

was the kindest, most generous, and most loving man I have ever known. Little did I know on that day in June of 1982, what my first supervisor would end up meaning for my life.

I loved you like a Brother!!

Neal Hisam

Neal Hisam - November 24, 2022 at 11:29 PM

SS

Thank you Neal for the lovely tribute to my dad.

Staci Shaffer - November 25, 2022 at 02:40 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Staci Shaffer - November 23, 2022 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ *Staci Shaffer lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Donald Shaffer*



Staci Shaffer - November 23, 2022 at 05:12 PM