



John Joseph Shay

September 28, 1945 - March 5, 2024

BLUEFIELD – John Joseph Shay, 78, of Bluefield, died Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Born September 28, 1945 in Hartford, Connecticut, he was the son of the late Joseph Shatinsky and Anna Victor Shatinsky

John graduated from high school in Connecticut and then joined the United States Coast Guard serving in NY, NJ, and Japan. After moving to Princeton in 1994, he worked in plant operation at St. Luke's Hospital and retired from Princeton Community Hospital. He was an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Princeton. He enjoyed boating and bowling. He enjoyed working outdoors and was a beloved handy man to many of his family and friends. John was a lover of animals, especially his fur babies

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Mary Ann Bailey Shay; two children, Karen Lee and Todd Joseph, both of the home; and two grandchildren, Aiden and Nikara

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Princeton with Fr. Sebastian Devasya, officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until service hour at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Princeton. Online

condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
507 Harrison Street
Princeton, WV 24740

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Princeton, WV 24740

Tribute Wall

MN

“ I remember when I was a kid, he showed me a lot of cool martial arts moves that he learned in the service. He was always the life of the family gatherings. He will be greatly missed. Michael Nash.
Loveland Colorado

Michael Nash - December 05, 2024 at 03:57 PM

KW

“ Mr. Shay was a wonderful person I am so sorry for his family I have known his son for a long time he will be sadly missed by all that knew him prayers 🙏

Kathy Wimmer - March 11, 2024 at 03:04 PM

LC

“ Larry and Cecile purchased the Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift for the family of John Joseph Shay.



Larry and Cecile - March 08, 2024 at 06:15 PM

BT

“ Prayers for family . Sorry for your loss. He was a great person.

Bernice Tibbs - March 08, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of John Joseph Shay, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Coast Guard Veteran, John Joseph Shay, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

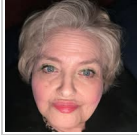
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 08, 2024 at 05:15 AM

JB

“ *Our Dear Cousin Johnny. I've been thinking of you often and so sorry I didn't reach out. We had some wonderful fun times as kids. You, Honnon and I were the three musketeers, going to Pleasure Beach every weekend with our parents, going to Scoville's beach. May your wonderful family find peace. Love, Joanie*

Joan Buffa - March 07, 2024 at 08:21 AM



“ *Bonnie Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph Shay*



Bonnie Coleman - March 07, 2024 at 08:16 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Joseph Shay.*



March 07, 2024 at 01:01 AM