



## Lester G. Shaffer

August 1, 1929 - May 5, 2016

Lester "Lucky" G. Shaffer, 86 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, May 5, 2016 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Lester G. Shaffer was born on August 1, 1929 in Richville, Minnesota to the late Elmer and Jane Shaffer. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. Les enjoyed fishing and riding motorcycles. Les is survived by children, Randy (Dee) Shaffer, Vicki (Mike) Protelsch, Sherrie Waara and Mike Shaffer; 9 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Les was preceded in death by his first wife, Bev Potvin, and second wife, Elaine Allord; parents, Elmer and Jane Shaffer; son-in-law, Jim Waara; and great-grandson, Quentin Pauly. Les loved God, family and country - and freely expressed his thoughts on all; his humor was obvious in all situations...even in his last days. He was a man of integrity and courage and will be missed by all who loved him.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lester G. Shaffer*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

MS

“ dad.....from me to you.....!

*I have struggled for the past few months, on whether or not I should write this!*

*You and I had wrestled for most of our adult lives with our relationship, or lack of*

*Then your granddaughter (my daughter, RaeAnna) wants to get to know her grandpa*

*Rae travels to Minnesota on numerous occasions to visit you, she loves you so much*

*Soon she has you and I agreeing to put aside old battles, and see one another, in June*

*It was fitting, that Rae was the one to speak, the saddest seven words, I've ever heard*

*..." grandpa died last night....dad I'm sorry"*

*I have never seen my daughter in such sadness, her face filled with tears*

*It was at that moment, the guilt, the sadness the total feeling of loss came upon me*

*For there is one thing that goes with out saying....I loved you dad, and always will*

*During my child rearing years, I could not have had a better Father,always supportive*

*Believe me, I know I wasn't an easy kid to love, shit was I a screw up or what?*

*I started really, good fires, skipped school constantly and lied always, but no matter*

*What I had done (and got caught for) you handed out my punishment, to be sure*

*But you also stood by my side, always loving me and doing your*

*best to guide me*

*An old man myself now, Gosh dad....you were right, most of the time, funny how that is*

*There is no "do overs" .. in this world for any of us, but if "do overs" were ever granted*

*I would certainly not be estranged from you, for many, many years, no matter the issue*

*For there is one thing that goes with out saying....I loved you dad, and always will*

*I will always be remorseful, for letting you down, as a person and as...your son*

*dad...although my memories have deteriorated, from illness, and the passing of time*

*Some things still come back to me, so I had planted a few "Marigolds" in your memory*

*However, two days later, I trampled them down to nothing, forgetting they were there*

*I laughed and laughed, remembering all the times you told me, son don't ruin your*

*mothers "Marigolds" ...you know how your mom loves those ugly things.....*

*gosh we all had some really good times growing up... and you were always there*

*Lester ..... or.... Les.....husband... and.... son ! Many knew you through one of these*

*But only (4) very lucky people, Randy, Vickie, Sherrie and me.... Knew you....as dad !*

*Punk.....Creep....Knucklehead....these goofy words, make me Smile and think of you*

*Well I write a bit much sometimes, so I'll end for now, and I'm sorry I wont be seeing*

*you, or talking to you.. not for a while anyway..Say hello to mom for*

*me..if you would*

*Heck dad, at least you can't ever say, I didn't fill the "black-sheep" role, I did good, right*

*Funny, I just had a thought.and realized that for the very first time, in my life*

*I am no longer a "son"....just michael ...I'll miss you dad*

*and I want to use it one last time in my life.....*

*I love you ..... dad...!*

*Your..... Son..... .michael !*

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**michael shaffer / son** - October 09, 2016 at 01:45 PM

AS

“ *I remember being introduced to grandpa for the first time whe bill and i started dating...he was like I always wanted to have another granddaughter! He and bill are so much alike. I cherish all the times we were able to visit him and when he would come to walmart to get help with his phone. He will be truly missed but he's not in pain anymore. Love you grandpa make sure to keep watching over us and guide us in the right direction.*

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**April Shaffer** - May 10, 2016 at 09:24 PM

VP

“ Our home was the one that all the kids wanted to come to-- because Dad was a fun guy...he built go-carts, big wood forts, custom painted bikes, rubber-band guns, wooden whistles...and much, much more ! He and Mom took their parenting responsibilities VERY seriously and always let us know when we did well and, especially, when we didn't... Dad was, let's say opinionated, and you always knew where he stood on issues --he was an avid Debater--even if you didn't want to be one ;). Sometimes too tough, sometimes too mellow, but always with a sense of humor...he will be greatly missed, but we know he is with the Lord--young and healthy again. May we remember the man he showed himself to be...thanks to friends and family who've expressed your care for him.

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Vicki Protelsch - May 10, 2016 at 08:48 PM

LG

“ I know les from Elaine. My dad John Gallagher and him had alot in common untill my dad passed away 2 years today. At his funeral I promised Les and Elaine I would take over my dads job of checking in on them and helping them out. So I did. I shoveled their car out so they could get to their important appointments the next day. What a kind heart he had! So very sorry for your loss of a great soul!



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Lynn gallagher - May 07, 2016 at 07:03 PM

LV

“ To my dear cousins Randy Shaffer, Sherri Waara and Vicki Protelsch and all of his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Sending you all my Deepest condolences from my family to yours on the passing of your father. But may it somehow help to know that though my words are few ,We're thinking of you warmly now and share this loss with you .

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Lisa Vongvanith - May 07, 2016 at 09:21 AM

LV

“ Lisa Vongvanith lit a candle in memory of Lester G. Shaffer



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Lisa Vongvanith - May 07, 2016 at 09:05 AM

LV

“ I have Known my uncle Lucky since I was Little and I can tell you he is the kindest ,person ever caring ,funny all at the same time. . I'm truly going to miss our little conversations ,he is the greatest uncle a neice could ever have ,i'm truly Honored to have known him for all these years . He holds a special place next to heart ,now and forever. He will be missed terribly, gone to soon ,never forgotten. I Love you more than words can say Uncle Lucky . RIP!

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Lisa Vongvanith - May 07, 2016 at 09:04 AM