



Steven L. Shimp

September 29, 1954 - January 27, 2020

Steven L. Shimp, 65, of Roscoe went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 27, 2020, after a recent esophageal cancer diagnosis. Born September 29, 1954, son of Norman and Joyce (Rose) Shimp. United in marriage to Barbara Bush on August 22, 1975 in Muskegon, MI. Obtained his master's degree from Cardinal Stritch University. Steven was a Regional Vice President of Human Resources of Bon Ton Holdings. Attended Heartland Community Church. He was a wonderful, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Survived by his wife of 44 years, Barbara; sons, Rick (Kari) Shimp of Machesney Park, Brian (Kelly) Shimp of Rockton; grandchildren, Courtney, Samantha, Dylan and Emersyn Shimp; mother, Joyce Campsmith of Largo, FL; brothers, John (Debbie) Campsmith, Tedd (Morgan) Shimp, all of TX; father and mother-in-law, Ben and Bettie Bush of Muskegon, MI; brothers-in-law, Chuck (Linda) Bush of Marlette, MI David (Becky) Bush of Muskegon, MI, Roy Smith of UT, Joe Olson of IL; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by his father, Norman Shimp; step-father, John Campsmith; sisters-in-law, Brenda Olson, Beverly Bush; sister, Debra Smith. Memorial visitation Friday, January 31, 2020 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford; followed by a Celebration of Life at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Gordy Smith will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Steven's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital; <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory

or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **31**. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 S. Alpine Rd.
Rockford, IL 61108

Memorial Service

JAN **31**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LI

“ Steve- thank you for all your help and support over the years.

Liz - January 30, 2020 at 05:44 PM

CB

“ Steve was a good man and a fair man. He was always busy yet always ready and willing to stop and listen.

Crystal Bizzell - January 30, 2020 at 02:54 PM

ML

“ Margie & Gary Lindom purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Steven L. Shimp.



Margie & Gary Lindom - January 30, 2020 at 10:59 AM

WL

“ With love, Debi & Joe Lenczyk purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven L. Shimp.



With love, Debi & Joe Lenczyk - January 30, 2020 at 10:03 AM

KF

“ *Kim Cantrell and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven L. Shimp.*



Kim Cantrell and Family - January 30, 2020 at 09:13 AM

RC

“ *Barb and family.
I worked with Steve at the BonTon Stores. He often talked about his family and we loved hearing about his vacations. The pictures you've shared, show us exactly what he was referring to. His family time was so important to him and now I can see it. I am sorry for your loss, I know it's hard. But he was there with you every moment away from work and you gave him great joy. I'm sure he was a great husband, father, grandfather and more. You will miss him, but will always have the precious memories.
Sincerely,
Rita Christensen
formerly Administrative Assistant to Keith Trillet, West Des Moines, IA*



Rita Christensen - January 29, 2020 at 07:42 PM

JR

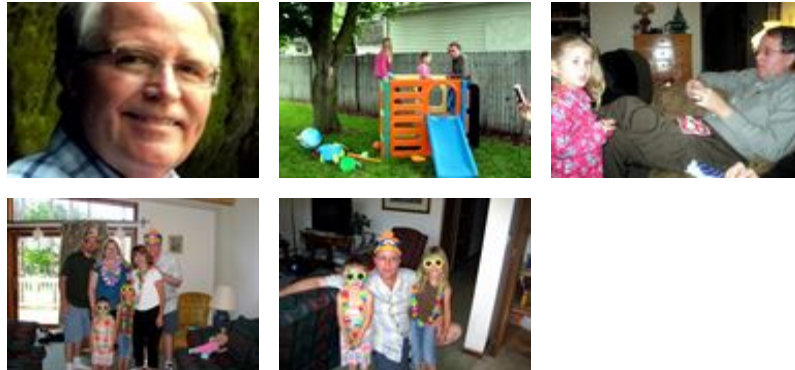
“ Steve was possessed of a quick wit and quicker laugh if he found the topic funny to him. Intensely proud of his grandchildren, followed by his pride for his children. He was a great neighbor for 25 years up here in Stagecoach Hills, and will be deeply missed by many of us who have lived beside Barb and him all these seasons. I will not miss trying to keep up with Steve on lawn mowing. This guy was a mowin' fool and there was no beating him for a groomed property. Heartfelt condolences to the whole Shimp family.
Jim Roberts and family.



James B Roberts - January 29, 2020 at 06:00 PM

GRACE

“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 29, 2020 at 03:37 PM

LG

“ *Joyce, Barb, and Shimp Family*

Our deepest sympathy to you and the family with the passing of Steve.

I will always remember as kids the times we spent together at the resort on Crystal Lake, just being kids. I know words are inadequate to express your loss but memories will always bring you comfort and peace.

" the snow falls, each flake in its appropriate place "

May you know.....Sprit will always be beside you.

*Lawrence & Susie Gilroy
DeWitt, Michigan*

Lawrence Gilroy - January 29, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven L. Shimp.*



January 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven L. Shimp.*



January 29, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ *This is a huge loss! Steve and I had kept in touch after the closing of Bonton. He was so encouraging, he pushed for me to find the right job, he made me feel I could do it, when I struggled in my new position he was always helpful. He checked in on me many times to see how things were going. Steve was an awesome mentor and I am a better HR Manager for having known him. Prayers to his family! I am so deeply sorry for your loss and I pray that you find peace and comfort in knowing he touched so many lives.*

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mellott

Former HR Manager and Regional Advisor of Bonton in Forsyth, IL

Jennifer Mellott - January 28, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Steven L. Shimp.*



January 28, 2020 at 07:11 PM

MN

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Steve as a HR Manager and then later as a Store Manager for many years at Carson’s. He was always so kind. I admired his wisdom and wit. I took something away from each and every interaction we had. We were so fortunate to have him. My deepest sympathies to his family at this sad and difficult time. Molly Nelson

Molly Nelson - January 28, 2020 at 07:02 PM

MW

“ I will forever be grateful to him for giving me a chance in HR and believing in me. When you get funeral information would you please send it to me. You and his family are in my prayers. Kelly Taylor - Assistant Store Manager

I just heard last week that he was ill. I hate cancer. It has taken far too many of my friends and family! Steve was always so kind and helpful. I admired his wisdom and wit. I learned so much from him and always took something valuable away from our talk. I miss him already!

*Thank you so much for letting me know. I so appreciate it!
Molly Nelson - Store Manager*

So very sorry to hear, but I appreciate you reaching out to let me know.

I'm so grateful to Steve, he interviewed me for the HR position in Okemos. He gave me the chance to continue in HR and work with, as well as build, a great team.

While Steve was amazing at maintaining a balance of what was fair and/ or right in situations, what I remember most about Steve was his very dry sense of humor and how it much it helped us!

Please know you're in my thoughts on this very sad day as is Steve. My condolences to his family.

Take care, Sally Seling - Assistant Store Manager

Please pass along my condolences to his family for me. They will be in my heart and prayers. If you find out anything else as far as arrangements can you please let me know.

Rene Fritz - Store Manager

He was a good guy to work for. Sherry Galas - Assistant Store Manager

Mary Wagner - January 28, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Steven L. Shimp.



January 28, 2020 at 04:30 PM