



## Michael S. Shea

May 19, 1938 - April 13, 2019

Michael S. "Mike" Shea, 80, of Hamden passed away April 13, 2019. He was born May 19, 1938 in New Haven a son of the late John and Catherine Holohan Shea. He proudly served in the US Army in the early sixties and was stationed in Metz, France. Subsequently he was a tire builder for the Armstrong Tire Co. for many years and retired from it's warehouse when it had become Pirellii-Armstrong Tire Co. Later he worked for SCSU as a security guard for over fifteen years. Mike was a Ford car enthusiast, a lover of animals, movies and dining out. He could fix anything and was dearly loved for his kindness and quick wit. Mike is survived by his beloved wife Helen Strelau Shea, having enjoyed forty six years of marriage. He is also survived by his brother Thomas (Claudia) Shea, his sister in law Joan Shea and many loving nieces and nephews, their children, and longtime treasured friends. He was predeceased by a brother, John F. Shea Jr. Mike was blessed with a supportive health care team of Dr. Edward Rippel, Dr. John Setaro, Dr. Thomas Eisen, speech therapists at SCSU Communications Dept., and Visel pharmacists, Edmund Funaro Sr. and Jr.

Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Wednesday morning at 9:30. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rita Church at 10:00. Burial will follow in Beavertdale Memorial Park. Calling hours will be Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 pm. You can honor Mike with a donation in lieu of flowers to the SCSU Police Dept or SCSU Communications Dept, 501

Crescent St., New Haven, CT 06515 or to Animal Haven, 89 Mill Rd., North Haven, CT 06473. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

APR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

APR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ Mike was a trooper. With all the problems he had over the past years, he always had a smile when any of us Elliott's came by to say hello. He was a kind person and will be greatly missed. My caring thoughts are with you Helen. Know you are loved many people.

*BLESSINGS and my Deepest Sympathy,  
Kate Reeves*

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**Kate Reeves** - April 16, 2019 at 11:18 PM

TR

“ I was just thinking of Mr. Shea a couple of weeks ago... When the SCSU Cheerleaders brought home their first National Championship title in 2009, Mike had a congratulatory cake waiting for us at our next practice at Pelz gym. I will never forget that. He always was the nicest man. Having rougher days and walking into Pelz to see his smile and a "hey coach!" was enough to turn around anyone's hard day. His positive and warm personality was one I will always remember dearly....Sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family,

*Trish Regan  
SCSU Cheer Coach 2001-2013*

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**Trish Regan** - April 16, 2019 at 12:34 PM

TH

“ Dear Helen,  
We are sorry to hear about the passing of Mike. He was always a helpful neighbor to my grandmother. Our thoughts are with you.  
*Travis, Erika, Delaney and Xander Hammel*

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**Travis Hammel** - April 16, 2019 at 09:29 AM

WN

“ *With Love, The Meaney Family Nieces and Nephews. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michael S. Shea.*



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**With Love, The Meaney Family Nieces and Nephews.** - April 15, 2019 at 01:06 PM

FB

“ *From the Elliotts Billie, Kate & Nancy, and Bill purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael S. Shea.*



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**From the Elliotts Billie, Kate & Nancy, and Bill** - April 14, 2019 at 08:01 PM

BM

“ *I always admired Mike for being such a kind and patient person, and a devoted life companion to Helen, and he will be very much missed by all who knew him.*

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**Billie-Jean Mallison** - April 14, 2019 at 06:02 PM