



## Robert C. Shanley

May 31, 1943 - September 17, 2021

Robert C Shanley, 78 of Orange, passed away suddenly on Friday, September 17th. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Donna L. Shanley, and his adoring children, son PJ Shanley (Whitney), and daughter Erin (Nuala).

Bob is also survived by his four adoring grandchildren, Caitlyn, Colleen, Ronan, and Maeve, as well as many loving brothers and sisters in laws, nieces and nephews. Also, survived by brother James (Betty Elizabeth) – predeceased by brother Richard (Beverly).

Born May, 31st 1943, Bob was the son of Dorothy and Patrick J Shanley. He graduated Hamden High and Quinnipiac College with a degree in Business Administration. He was discharged from active duty in the army in 1966

He had a long and successful career in insurance, beginning with the Travelers insurance company and then the Hanover Insurance company. After 10 years for working with both companies, Bob embarked on an independent career and is now affiliated with Nicholson Associates of Milford. Bob joined the Professional Insurance Association (PIA), serving as president from 1995 from 1996 and six years as their national director.

Bob was active in the Orange community, having coached both PJ and Erin. Bob was also an active member of the Orange Democratic Town Committee and served as a town constable. He was also proudly chairman of the Orange Police Commissioners for 10 years. Bob is proud to be involved in the Irish

community, serving as President of the New Haven chapter of the Irish Immigration reform movement, as well as their National Director.

Bob was a communicant and volunteer at Holy Infant Church for over 30 years. Bob is a member of the AOH, the West Haven Irish American Club, as well as the Knights of Saint Patrick, serving as President in 1982. The Knights awarded him the Knight of the Year Award in 1999. Bob was a proud member of the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade committee since the 1970s, serving as Grand Marshall in 1987. He was also the Executive Director for 10 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Thursday at 11 a.m. in Holy Infant Church, Orange. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial in Orange Center Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Masks will be required in the funeral home and church. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Knights of St. Patrick, P.O. Box 185127 Hamden, CT. 06518 or to the Associated Irish Societies, P.O. Box 9078 New Haven, CT. 06532. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Orange Center Cemetery

Orange, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

SEP 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

SEP 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Infant Church  
450 Racebrook Rd.  
Orange, CT

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Erin, Nuala and the Shanley clan -- with all our condolences and love. What a rich life your father clearly had. I look forward to hearing stories about him as you go through the grieving process. Share any time...

*With love from your Valentine Road family,  
Jason, Kendra and Alex*

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**Kendra Marchant** - September 24, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ Dear Donna, Bob and I have known each other for many years thru our PIA activities. Bob followed me as President of the Association. One of my funniest moments with Bob was walking into his room at the PIA National convention in Las Vegas and seeing that they had put him in a suite that had a tub in the middle of the room. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw that the tub had been filled with ice and his favorite Budweiser beer.  
Christmas gatherings of the association just won't be the same without Bob.

*God Bless you all. Jon Black*

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**Jonathan Black** - September 23, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JB

“ Dear Donna,

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Bob's passing. I would see him often at NHCC and he was always telling stories and laughing, he was quite a character! At your wedding he told me that I was in charge of keeping him supplied with beer. I haven't seen you in a long time but my heart goes out to you and your family!*

*Sincerely,*

*Jim Bango*

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**jim bango** - September 22, 2021 at 04:11 PM

CA

“ Mrs Shanley , P.J.and family . Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family !! God Bless Your family !! 🙏🙏🙏

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**Craig Allen** - September 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM

RS

“ Mrs. Shanley, PJ, Erin & Family So sorry for your loss. Bob was a true gentleman & class act. Rest in peace.....Rich & Ann Scheibel

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**Richard Scheibel** - September 22, 2021 at 02:56 PM

PH

“ Peter M. Hoffman purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Robert C. Shanley.



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**Peter M. Hoffman** - September 22, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JP

“ Donna I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's death. He was always joyful - full of the Holy Spirit and a great worker in the field for the good of the community. A true gentlemen in the best sense of the word. My life and the lives of so many were greatly enriched by this man. Much love to you cousin Donna and my condolences. Your cousin Joey Pellegrino

Joe Pellegrino - September 22, 2021 at 08:54 AM

TF

“ The Pellegrino Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Robert C. Shanley.



The Pellegrino Family - September 21, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert C. Shanley.



September 21, 2021 at 11:44 AM

MK

“ Dear Donna and family, please accept our sincere sympathy on Bob's passing. He was "larger than life" and a wonderful man. He was always there for our family when needed and such a loyal friend to my brother David (Lillis). May he have Eternal Peace... (.and maybe the occasional beer with Dave )...in Heaven. Sincerely, Mary Ellen (Lillis) and Richard Koalchic and family.

Mary Ellen Koalchic - September 21, 2021 at 11:01 AM

LV

“ Mrs Shanley, PJ, Erin and family. So sorry for your loss. Great memories from our childhood and Currier Drive, 4th of July parties at the cottage. I loved seeing him at the raffle booth at the carnival when I came home to visit. May your memories bring you comfort.  
Sincerely,  
Lori Vecchiarelli

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**Lori Vecchiarelli** - September 20, 2021 at 09:50 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy, Bob was a super person. Jane and Honoria M  
cGuire.

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**Jane Beirne McGuire** - September 20, 2021 at 02:02 PM

JF

“ RIP Bob, you will truly be missed

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**john flynn** - September 20, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss bob was a great man & will be truly missed,my prayers are with all your family god bless.

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**james buynak** - September 20, 2021 at 11:46 AM

GI

“ Dear Donna, Erin and PJ, so sorry to hear of the passing of Bobby. May he rest in peace!!

Sincerely,  
Ginger McHugh

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**GingerMcHugh** - September 20, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert C. Shanley.*



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September 20, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Bob's passing. I have worked with him for the past 41 years. Thoughts and prayers go out to his families, both personal and work.*

*Denise Borrelli  
Continental Agency of CT, Inc.*

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**Denise Borrelli** - September 20, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Donna, my condolences to you and your family. We had many good times and memories. We are traveling and cannot show my respect and sorrow in person. Again, my heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. Bill Farnen*

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**William Farnen** - September 20, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert C. Shanley.*



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September 20, 2021 at 08:26 AM

AG

“ Donna and Family- we we so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He came to Mom's wake to make sure Jackie and I had her insurance information. I thought that was the kindest gesture as we were now responsible for all our family's affairs. Hugs and Kisses -MaryEllen Elder's girls- Andrea and Jackie

Andrea (Scott) Gallo - September 19, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert C. Shanley.



September 19, 2021 at 05:58 PM

DB

“ I could not see Bob and not smile! He was one of a kind and the best story teller. I was always amazed at his ability to remember and relate a funny anecdote that could go back over 50 years! I'll miss commiserating or celebrating the Yankees losses or victories. I will truly miss him.  
My sincere condolences for your loss. My thoughts are with you.  
Doreen Bennett

Doreen Bennett - September 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM