



Richard "Rick" Shepsko

October 14, 1949 - August 4, 2011

Richard J. "Rick" Shepsko, 61, husband of Barbara Ann (Wolfe) Shepsko, of Phoenixville, passed away on Thursday, August 4, 2011, in the Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia. Born in Phoenixville, he was a son of the late Joseph A. and Mary (Fuga) Shepsko. Mr. Shepsko was a 1967 graduate of St. Pius X High School and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. After Vietnam he returned to school on the GI Bill and received his associate's degree in Information Sciences from Montgomery County Community College. He was employed as a project manager at Shared Medical Systems in Malvern. Mr. Shepsko was a former board member at the Phoenixville County Club where he served as the Greens Chairman and was a past member of the Phoenixville Jaycees. Mr. Shepsko was an avid golfer, fisherman, hunter, and woodworker, having built many pieces of furniture for his sons' homes. He will be remembered for his love of music, the outdoors, and family. In addition to his loving wife of 37 years, Mr. Shepsko is survived by two sons: Jonathan A. Shepsko of Phoenixville and Christopher R. husband of Daelyn Shepsko of Phoenixville; two sisters: Elaine Menkins of Phoenixville and Jean Marie Stephenson of Phoenixville. He was preceded in death by one sister: Theresa "Ginger" English and one brother: Joseph Shepsko. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who loved their uncle Rick. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral mass at the Sacred Heart Church, 148 Church Street, Phoenixville, on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Michael W. Rzonca officiating.

Interment will follow in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends will be received from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday evening and from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville. In lieu of flowers, memorials contributions may be made in Rick's name to the PHA/Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, MD 20910, www.phassociation.org. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Richard's passing. He and I were shipmates aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31) during the Vietnam conflict. We spent a lot of time together playing cards, going on liberty together in Southeast Asian ports and counting the days until our enlistments were up and we could return to the "world." My deepest condolences to his family.

Thomas Lind - thomasrlind@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

FF

“ I wanted to extend my heart-felt condolences to Mr. Shepsko's family. May the good Lord give you peace during this time of distress.

Faith (Nurse from PPMC) - faithmathew83@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

NG

“ Dear Mrs. Shepsko and family, I would like to send my deepest condolences to the whole family. It was such a blessing able to take care of him. My prayers to all of you...God Bless.. Gem

Nurse Gem - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

NM

“ Dear Mrs Shepsko and the family, I would like to send my deepest condolences to you and your family. It was a great pleasure taking care of Richard. I will never forget his great smile and loving kindness that he shared with us. We will all miss him. Milena.

Nurse Milena - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DH

“ Dear Barbara and family, We are sad that Richard is no longer with us but are so happy to have gotten to know him. We will never forget the cruise with you and his wonderful family - what a fun vacation and he was the bright light around all of us. Our deepest sympathy to all of you and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Danny & Marian Higgins - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

AA

“ Mrs. Shepsko, My deepest condolences to you and your family. My prayers are with you, may Gods love surround you at this time. Psalm 34:18 “The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.” The Skomsky Family

April Skomsky - askomsky@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

KL

“ Dear Barbara, Jeannie, and Elaine, and family, Our family is so sad to know of Rich's passing. I will always remember his handsome face , his gentle nature and smile. Mother and I will keep all of you in our daily prayers , We are so fond of you all. With deepest sympathy and Love, Kathy & Eleanore.

Kathy Tarlecki, Eleanore Labik - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

SA

“ Jeannie, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Rick from when we were in nursing school. That beautiful baby face! The memorial video is wonderful. Thinking of you and your family. Love, Suzi

Susan Allison - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

SO

“ Jeannie, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Rick from when we were in nursing school. That beautiful baby face! The memorial video is wonderful. Thinking of you and your family. Luv ya Suzi

Susan Allison - osteorn@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

NE

“ I had the privilege of taking care of Mr. Shepsko over the past month. He was an amazing man who touched the hearts of every one of us at Presbyterian. His warmth, heart and love of life was inspirational and infectious. It was an honor to have known him and a privilege to take care of him. His laughter, jokes and beautiful voice will stay with me. To his family, I offer my deepest condolences. Your strength and love kept him going. It was moving to watch him talk about each one of you. I hope you can all find comfort in the unbelievable love and pride he had in his family. To his son Chris, who never left his side, your unwavering strength and support was amazing. I know it meant the world to him. Mr. Shepsko was an inspiration and he will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Keep Smiling. Erin

Nurse Erin - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

TF

“ Mrs. Shepsko, We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your memories and the thought that he is at peace comfort you. Alex asked that I specifically convey how sorry she was to hear of your loss as well. May God grant you strength and courage, The Poloways

The Poloway Family - flora.poloway@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DL

“ Mrs. Shepsko and Family So sorry to hear of your loss. May God heal you and may you find peace. Diane Loughrey

Diane (Woloszyn) Loughrey - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

YJ

“ My Dear Gundy, Oh, how I miss you... So happy we had our time in Rehoboth and that you could see the ocean one last time. My heart is broken with losing you but I know that you are having a Polka party with everyone in Heaven. Give everyone a hug and rest in peace my little bro.. you fought the valiant fight... My love forever.
Jean

Your loving Sister Jean - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

LK

“ Rick you were a wonderful husband father and friend. I will never forget the way you took my son Kurt under your wing. We will miss you so much at Bulkey's Buckoos in the coming seasons, but like Steve said it will be very comforting knowing You and Kurt will be looking down on us and keeping us safe. rest in peace good friend we will miss you forever

Larry and Pat Kress - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

NM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Shepsko, and am so glad I was able to spend time with him and his family. Even during times he felt desperately sick he kept his sense of humor, and when he felt good enough he'd sing us a tune, or tell us a joke. We at Presby wish every patient was as lucky as Mr. Shepsko to have such loving family members. We were all touched at the dedication of Chris, who had to be forced to leave his bedside to rest. We are so sorry for the loss of Mr. Shepsko, he was a wonderful man, and we will have many fond memories of the privilege of caring for him. I hope all of your fond memories will cheer you in the sad days to come. I think he would want you to smile when you think of him, and not be too sad. You are in our thoughts.

Nurse Jen - marcellj@uphs.upenn.edu - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JJ

“ Barbara and Family: Jack and I are very sorry to hear about Rick. I don't think he stopped smiling the last time we saw him at Kyle's wedding. I am sure he is smiling on his family and friends from a better place now. Janet

Jack and Janet Buckler - jbucklerny@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

LL

“ Rick was loved, respected and admired by so many people. He touched the lives of everyone who knew him with his warm caring heart. I will truly miss one of my best friends for many years. He was loved and will be missed by many. I will keep his family in my prayers. Linda

Linda Shaffer - LindaShaffer@ameritech.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BD

“ To Barbara and Family, Elaine and Jean Marie, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Rick. He was a great man with a great character and a great personality. I know it will be hard to get through this, but think of the great memories you have and make them last. Heaven is shining a little brighter today now that Rick has made it to his eternal home. I will keep your family in my daily prayers. May God grant Rick Eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Bob Domarasky - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BD

“ A good man, father, friend and "Uncle" that holds a special place in so many hearts. You will be greatly missed. I will remember you in my prayers always. Love, Brian

Brian Dries - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BL

“ Rick, You raised the bar to meaning of Son, Brother, Brother-in-Law, Husband, Father, Uncle, Nephew, Best Man, and most of all FRIEND.

Bob & Lisa - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

KP

“ Barb, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Karen Pfromm - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JM

“ *Needless to say I was shocked to read of Rick's passing. I was Rick's HS football coach and teacher. I remember him as a hard working young man with strong values as a person. Rick is one of those that made teaching and coaching a rewarding career. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this most difficult time. Jim Mich*

JMichSPX@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

TK

“ *Uncle Rick, We will miss you so much. I will never forget your love of music and the great faces you would make. You will leave a void in our lives. Say hello to Nana, Pop-Pop, Uncle Joe and my Aunt Ginger. Love you.*

Tully, Beth & Katie - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

SK

“ *Rick, good buddy, I will miss you greatly. The cabin will not be the same without your hearty laugh and musical renditions. I will cherish and carry the memories of all the good time we have shared for all time. It is comforting to know that you and Kurt are looking out for us from above. May you rest easy. Love Steven*

Steven Kress - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

RM

“ *Dear Barbara and Family: Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Rick. We both admired and enjoyed his warm and friendly smile and personality. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Sincerely Ray & Barbara Mock*

Ray and Barbara Mock - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM