



Curtis W Sheets

November 11, 1957 - December 7, 2020

Curtis “Curt” W. Sheets, passed away peacefully in his Ingleside, Illinois home on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the age of 63, after an 11-year-long, courageous battle with prostate cancer. He was born on November 11, 1957 to Walter and Shirley (Keever) Sheets in Danville, Illinois.

Curt is survived by his loving wife and companion of 46 years, Rose; daughters, Melissa (Bo) McCart, Jennifer (Janson) Luedtke; son, Steven (Roxy) Sheets; grandchildren, Madelyn, Declan, Barrett, Elle, Hadley, Irelynn and Quinn; mother, Shirley; sisters, Jill and Syd (Jim); and many beloved extended family. Curt was preceded in death by his father, Walter.

There are not enough words to describe the remarkable man that the world lost. Curt was the most loving, courageous, hardworking, selfless, determined, generous, loyal, witty person you’d ever meet. Most of all, he was a fighter who never gave up in every aspect of his life. He loved his family and friends fiercely and would move mountains for them.

After graduating from Grant Community High School, Curt began his remarkable career as a supervisor for buildings and grounds in several different park and school districts. Eventually he ended up back at his alma mater, where he was the buildings and grounds administrator for the last 13 years of his career before retiring in 2018. While there, he oversaw numerous

large construction projects that helped make Grant's facilities one of the best in Lake County.

Curt loved being involved in his children's lives. In addition to being the president of the Bulldog Boosters, he was always coaching at least one soccer or tennis team at any given time. He led numerous club soccer and high school tennis teams to many victorious seasons and tournaments. But more importantly, Curt treated each and every player as if they were his own kids. The amount of lives he impacted through sports alone is immeasurable.

Curt was an avid Disney lover! He loved taking his grandkids to Disney World and seeing the smiles on their faces! Christmas was his favorite – his collection of 108 animated figures was impressive to anyone who came to the house! His passion for cooking was shared with everyone around him, as he always cooked enough food for an army! Curt also loved his chocolate lab, Minnie, and enjoyed watching and teaching her how to pier jump.

His proudest accomplishments were seeing his children get married, having his son serve in the Army and become a police officer, watching his grandchildren grow up and supporting them in their extra-curricular and school activities and celebrating 39 amazing years in a fun and loving marriage with his best friend.

The family will be receiving visitors at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046. Masks will be required both indoors and outdoors. **ONLY TEN PEOPLE WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE AT A TIME.**

Everyone will be asked to wait outside until there is room available in the building. Please dress for the weather.

The family would like to allow everyone the opportunity to pay their respects, but have requested that visits are kept brief for the sake of everyone's health.

Congregating inside the funeral home and outside in the parking lot will not be allowed. Visitation will be 4 – 7 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020, at the funeral home.

A celebration of life memorial gathering will also take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ZERO – A Non-Profit Organization for Prostate Cancer. Donations can be made at <http://zerocancer.org>.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Curtis W Sheets*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Curtis W Sheets*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Deepest condolences larry and april ogryzek*

Larry ogryzek - December 11, 2020 at 06:50 PM

“ *Expansive joy – that’s what I think about when I think about Curt Sheets and the times I spent with him and the family while playing traveling soccer with Melissa and Beth in high school. Looking back, the simplicity of just loving a game and a team and being part of something bigger was made possible for me and so many others through Curt and Rose’s generosity.*

It’s amazing how time and perspective has expanded my understanding of how much the Sheets’ family gave to me and I feel new waves of gratitude each passing year as I reflect on the foundational mentors that shaped my life. I remember meeting Melissa and Beth through soccer and being star-struck at their abilities and inspired to be better. I learned that their excellence was a product of extra training and playing in competitive leagues every summer and met Coach Curt (Melissa’s Dad) tagging along with them on the traveling team he coached. As a young high schooler, I didn’t really grasp the administrative cost and logistical coordination that goes into traveling sports and knew that it was not an expense that my family could afford. I talked to Coach about playing however I could or modifying my participation just so I could play, even if it just meant local games. I don’t remember a lot of the administrative details about how I ended up playing on the team, but what I do know is that I was invited to join the family those summers and have some of the best memories of road trips to Blaine, MN, hotel pool shenanigans, and playing pretty good soccer. At the time, I was pumped to tag along and just having a blast with friends doing what we loved. In retrospect, I’m floored by the lengths the Sheets’ went to in order to include me...tournament fees, an extra sleeping space, a seat in the car, an extra meal on the road, and another kid to keep track of to name a few.

The space they made for me sparked a lifelong passion for team sports, the pursuit of excellence, competition, and perspective on what really matters – the impact of which is so much more far reaching than the short time that it constituted in my life. But...in those years...when a world view is forming and values take shape, I got to learn from Curt and Rose Sheets first-hand that family is an expansive concept and it’s about sharing love, and fun, and putting

in the time to create lasting memories. It also lives on and never goes away. That love sticks around in those memories...so that each time I think about those trips it's like a getting a big hug. I was able to visit Fox Lake last summer for a brief period and yet again, Curt and Rose made the time and space to come out and we got to share a hug at the same field so many great memories were made. And as always, they just shared their joy, pride and happiness in others' accomplishments ...which in my mind are simply a manifestation of their generosity that rippled forward in time. Coach Curt, my life is so rich and full because you were in it and I know I'm just one of many...thank you so much and Rest in Peace.



Shaina Turley - December 11, 2020 at 05:30 PM

LK

Shaina this is beyond amazing! What a witness to his character and sacrifices he made for all the kids he coached.

Liz Kopterski - February 18, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



December 10, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 10, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 10, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 10, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Curtis W Sheets*



sandra - December 10, 2020 at 08:11 AM

FC

“ We cannot express how deeply sorry we are to hear of Curt's passing. Rose, Melissa, Jenny and Steven, our hearts and prayers are with you and your families.

Curt was a great friend and a man who could never do enough to help everyone he knew. Beyond how committed he was to making Grant the best it could be, the memory I will always have of Curt is the way his face lit up whenever we talked about his family and how his grin grew even bigger when talking about his grandchildren. Fox Lake has lost one of its biggest fans, Grant has lost one of its finest and I have lost a great friend. In our prayers always, Frank Cittadino and family

Frank Cittadino - December 09, 2020 at 09:35 PM

RK

“ Ron, Mary Jo and Kids purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



Ron, Mary Jo and Kids - December 09, 2020 at 09:07 PM

RB

“ I had the pleasure to become a good friend through our many Sundays playing tennis in our Coaches Sunday tennis gang.....as well as coaching high school tennis matches while he was at Grant.



Curt was one of the kindest, most helpful, giving person I have had the chance to cross paths with during my tennis coaching career.....as well as a Sunday regular. I enjoyed his sincerity..... if you were lucky enough to become a friend... you were a friend always. No one cared more or worked harder to help his players improve and compete to win but always honestly.

I will miss him a great deal.

Sincerely....

Rick Bailey

Rick Bailey - December 09, 2020 at 06:29 PM

SA

“ My Memories of Curt:

I called him a pain in the Butt and he did the same to me.He talked about his family often, especially when they got married and started having children.It bought him such joy.His daughters would sometimes bring him lunch and their children along.The Grandkids would run around yelling.”It’s lunch for Papa”.His face would light up at that.His family was the most important thing to him.We would talk about his illness and I would say to him God didn’t want him yet.I guess God needed him now.When you see a shinny penny, or a cardinal in your yard,it’s Dad or Papa coming for a visit.Hold your memories of him in your heart.Believe he is always with you in spirt, because he is.I will miss you Curt.Your kindness has touched my life and so many others as well.No more pain.May God bless you my friend.

Sandra - December 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



December 09, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Praying for peace for the entire family of such a great and respected man.*

The Herman family

Jeff Herman - December 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *All of your friends at Powers & Moon, LLC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



All of your friends at Powers & Moon, LLC - December 09, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Dan and Karen Halvosen sends their sympathy. Curt and Dan worked together at the Northbrook Park District, where they became friends. REST IN PEACE*

Daniel Halvorsen - December 09, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 09, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 09, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 09, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.



December 08, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



December 08, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



December 08, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



December 08, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Curt was always a great Neighbor and Outstanding Citizen. Always willing to lend a hand. We were so sadden to hear of his passing. Rose and the Family are in our Prayers. Love you all Marty and Cindy Hjortland*



Marty and Cindy Hjortland - December 08, 2020 at 05:15 PM

TF

“ *The Sullivan Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Curtis W Sheets.*



The Sullivan Family - December 08, 2020 at 05:14 PM

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“ *As the kind words in his obituary stated, he treated every player he coached as a loved member of his family. That is why I inducted myself into the Sheets family spending as much time as possible with Uncle Curt, Aunt Rosie and the entire Sheets family. Uncle Curt spent endless hours dedicating time to our soccer skills, but also played the essential roles of counselor, peace negotiator, friend, and caretaker. He truly had a heart of gold as he navigated the ups and downs of teenage girls and the drama we brought with us! I remember traveling with Uncle Curt to many Schwan's World Cup soccer tournaments. We all thought Minnesota was known as the land of 10,000 lakes, but he called it the land of 10,000 boys! How did he ever put up with all of us? We packed into his van, survived flat tires, keys locked in the car, tone deaf singing, and making some of the best memories of our lives! Thank you. Love you, Holly*

Holly Smith (Liska) - December 08, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JB

*It's 3am. I literally just woke from a dream with Curt in it. There was a party in his honor and he called me and told me he wasn't going to be there. I was disappointed he wasn't coming. I woke up and did a Google search. I worked with Curt at Northbrook Park District and was his friend. He was my boss. The best boss I've ever had. Todd worked with us and the 3 of us worked together and got along like we were family. That was 25 plus years ago. Saw him 7 years ago when Todd passed away. So sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. So many good times. Worked hard but had a good time doing it. Love that guy!
John Berg*

John Berg - December 24, 2020 at 04:31 AM