



Richard "Pete" R. Shaw

February 17, 1936 - February 18, 2020

Richard "Pete" R. Shaw, 84, of Clinton passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Commons of Marice in Eagan, Minnesota.

Memorial services will be 11:30 am, Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Zion Lutheran Church – Clinton. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Saturday at the church. Burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery at a later date. The Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is honored to assist the Shaw family and online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Richard Royce Shaw was born February 17, 1936 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Harold and Hazel (Lockett) Shaw. He married Janet Boulton on December 27, 1963 in Clinton, Iowa. He served in the United States Army.

Pete worked for Clinton School District for 34 years and was the Director of Special Education when he retired in 2002. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton Masonic Lodge, and a volunteer for Clinton's Habitat for Humanity. Pete was an avid Iowa Hawkeye Fan and cherished time spent with his family.

He is survived by his wife Janet of Clinton; two sons: Scott (Mary) Shaw of LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Bradley Shaw of Eagan, Minnesota; five grandchildren: Adam (Becky) Shaw of Madison, Wisconsin, Jackson Shaw of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Hannah Shaw of Madison, Wisconsin, Harper and Hayden Shaw both of Eagan, Minnesota; one sister: Carol Lawson of Clinton; and many nieces and nephews.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers: Harold, Jr., Robert, Jack, Gale, Gary and Paul and three sisters: Frances, Mary and Margaret.

Memorial may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, the Parkinson's Local Support Group or Clinton's Habitat for Humanity.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:30AM

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Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton, IA, US, 52732

FEB **Service** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Sorry to see that Pete passed. He was so kind to both staff and students. When I came to Clinton in 1981, right out of college, I was assigned to Harding. I could not have asked for a more supporting principal, as I made it through my first year. RIP Pete!

Karen Riffey

Karen Riffey - March 24, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Mr. Shaw was a great 5th grade teacher. I remember one day when he read a paper of mine to the whole class as an example of good writing skills. He probably didn't know it, but it was that day that I decided I could do just about anything I put my mind to.

My sincere sympathy goes out to Scott and the whole family.

Tim L. Clark

Tim L. Clark - February 26, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ Scott,

Sorry to read of your dad's passing. A lot of nice comments from others about his influence in their lives. Can recall he and your mother being with you at the various school events we shared, especially at Buell.

Here's to better days ahead for you and your family.

Mike Moran

Mike Moran - February 26, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Pete was such a quiet, kind man and was always so kind and encouraging with the students. I remember he once told me how many positive words were needed to cancel out one negative with a child. I really believe he lived by this and tried to instill the positive in each and every child's life. It was a pleasure working for him for many years and has left me with soooo many great memories of him and the students at Harding. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Janet, Scott, Brad and their families at this difficult time.

Larry & Nancy Mattusch

Nancy Mattusch - February 25, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ I remember when our daughter was in Kindergarten and school was let out early because of a blizzard. I left work to pick up Sam and when I pulled up to the school, out came Mr. Shaw - his coat blowing in the wind - holding Sam's hand and helping her get to the car. He was a wonderful principal and it was obvious he cared about the children. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

Jennifer Young - February 24, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Mr. Shaw was the best teacher anyone could ask for. I had him at Irving school in south Clinton. He will be sadly missed. RIP MR. SHAW

Charleen Rohde Parker - February 24, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ Pete was such a dear kind hearted man! He took the time to support and paid for the resources I needed to teach students who learned differently! Of course we immediately connected w our love for the black and gold- GHAWKS!

Mary Beth Kokjohn - February 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ The epitome of a great educator. Mr. Shaw was my 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade teacher at Irving School. Taught me a couple of the most important lessons I ever learned about life. A truly great man. RIP Mr. Shaw.

Brian Smith - February 24, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ Pete took a chance in 1989 and hired me as a brand new teacher to the district! Pete was such a kind man and respected leader. He lead by example and encouraged me to put my young family first. I appreciated his continuous bantering over the years. I will miss seeing him walk on the dike. Rest In Peace to my dear friend, Mr. Shaw! My deepest condolences to Janet and the boys.



June Cruthis - February 24, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Pete was one of the kindest, most dedicated members of our school system I was honored to work with. Kids loved him and adults admired him. No better legacy than that. Rest in Peace, dear Pete. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Jennifer Graf - February 24, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Dennis Duerling lit a candle in memory of Richard "Pete" R. Shaw



Dennis Duerling - February 24, 2020 at 05:57 PM