



Robert J. Shaw

November 20, 1937 - February 6, 2025

Robert Shaw, 87, of Hampton, passed away Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Scenic Manor in Iowa Falls. Funeral services will be held at noon on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Bob will be laid to rest in the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Bob and his family.

Robert Joseph Shaw was born November 20, 1937, in Clarion, son of Joseph Matthew and Sadie Marietta (Hefte) Shaw. On November 25, 1961, he was united in marriage to Pamela Paullus in Albert Lea, Minnesota. To this union, three children were born.

Bob was honorably discharged from the Army National Guard Reserve. He owned and operated Shaw Construction, Inc. for 40 years, where he built homes, commercial buildings, and numerous Kum & Go convenience stores. Known for his meticulous craftsmanship and strong work ethic, he took great pride in "doing it right the first time," and was respected by everyone in the trades. If you have visited Hampton, chances are that he either built or remodeled the building you were standing in. And if you ever needed your garage overhead door fixed, Bob was the man to call, any day of the week.

After retiring from construction, Bob embraced his love for travel and spent 12 years delivering Winnebago motorhomes across the United States. True to his nature, he was an early riser who could rack up many miles in a single day, finding joy in the open road.

Bob was a man of quiet strength, integrity, and unwavering generosity. He treated everyone with kindness and will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor. His one-liners, often delivered with a subtle hand or finger gesture, or a tug at his toothpick, were classic and unforgettable.

Bob had a deep love for his family and cherished every moment spent with them. Family vacations were among his greatest joys, creating countless treasured memories with Pam and his children as they grew up. He found happiness in the simple pleasures of life:

reading, playing cribbage, experimenting with soup recipes, and traveling -- particularly to Arizona. Some of his most cherished adventures were fishing trips to Canada with friends, where he enjoyed both the camaraderie and the serenity of the great outdoors.

Bob never wanted to impose, never wanted to be a bother, and never spoke ill of anyone. He was always approachable, always welcomed, and always willing to lend a helping hand. His legacy of kindness, hard work, and quiet devotion will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Bob is survived by his wife Pamela Shaw of Hampton; children: Melanie Rice of Iowa Falls, Tim (Stephanie) Shaw of Casa Grande, Arizona, and Christy (John) Wearda of Hampton; grandchildren: Melissa Schnurr, Ashley Edmund, Savannah Shaw, Paris Shaw, Mackenzie Serbus, Saylor Elphic, Claire Phillips and Ben Wearda; nine great-grandchildren; sisters: Caroline Neve of Austin, Minnesota, Evelyn Engelman of Austin, Minnesota and Eldoris Seidel of Waterloo; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Don, Wayne, James and Orlan; and sisters: Hazel and Bernice.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
1701 Central Ave E.
Hampton, IA 50441

Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *My sincere sympathy to Pam and family in your loss. Jeanne Meyer Bella Vista, AR*

Jeanne Meyer - February 13, 2025 at 02:05 PM

PP

“ *To Pam and family,*

We're sorry to hear of Bob's passing. As a member of the old fishing group, I have fond memories of our trips to Canada. Bob was our guide and his talent and skills as a builder were evident as a angler, a family man and as a human being. Our condolences to you all.

Pat and Mary Phelan

Pat Phelan - February 13, 2025 at 12:01 PM

RC

“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of one of the best bosses I ever had! I learned a lot when I ran the backhoe & bulldozer for him years ago. I know he will be greatly missed by many! Our prayers are with the family! Roger Crawford*



Roger Crawford - February 13, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert J. Shaw.*



February 10, 2025 at 04:02 PM

WF

“ *With love, the Prudhomme Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert J. Shaw.*



With love, the Prudhomme Family - February 10, 2025 at 02:53 PM

WF

“ With love, the Prudhomme Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert J. Shaw.

With love, the Prudhomme Family - February 10, 2025 at 02:53 PM

DF

“ While I believe I never met Bob I know him by his great reputation. His quality craftsmanship was well known across the state.

Diane Foss - February 10, 2025 at 10:23 AM

TK

“ Bob was a great guy, always enjoyed his dry sense of humor ! He was kind enough to include me in several trips to Canada fishing with him and Bob Giddinds and Lee Hinrichs.
Those memories will stay with me forever ! So sorry to hear of his passing.

Tom Kleckner - February 09, 2025 at 02:07 PM

YB

“ 1 file added to the album Siblings



Yvonne Brimmer - February 09, 2025 at 01:05 PM

KW

“ Our sympathy to the Shaw family on their dear loss. Terry has many fond memories of fishing and hunting with Bob. Lots of stories like driving around a Minnesota lake in a white out and later learned there was open water somewhere on that lake. Bob helped build the house we live in as a young man. In later years he would often come to visit and he was our go to man for house repairs. Only person I know who could fix a garage door. Bob was a Master carpenter and now he is with the greatest carpenter of all.

karen wheeler - February 09, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RW

“ Bob was my father’s best friend and a friend of mine also. I knew him well as our families were close growing up. I even worked for him on some projects. I had great respect for him. I want to convey my sincere condolences to the family. May the Lord Jesus Christ face shine upon him and bring him peace. Sincerely Roddy Wheeler

Roddy Wheeler - February 08, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TH

“ Bob was a good friend of my Father... It doesn’t seem possible that my Dad has been gone for 19 years already.... Many good times were had at my parent's resort in Canada.... The Shaw’s are a great family!!!

Terry Hinrichs - February 08, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BE

“ Sorry to hear of Bobs passing, you're in our prayers.
Ed & Betty Etnier

Betty & Ed Etnier - February 07, 2025 at 09:33 PM