



## George Loren Shetler

May 17, 1951 - January 14, 2019

George Loren Shetler, of Shetler Family Dairy, passed away unexpectedly on January 14th, 2019. He was born on May 17th, 1951 in Connellsville, PA to the late Rollin and Sarah Shetler. They lived in Scottdale, PA until 1959 when they moved to the Clare County Mennonite Community where George attended Clare Schools for his junior high years. He then went to Beaverton High School his freshman and junior years. George was active in farming and 4-H during this time, the family then moved to Elk Rapids where he graduated high school in 1969. After graduating, he attended NMC for auto mechanics where he met his best friend Stanley Groner. George then chose Boys Village in Wooster, OH for his voluntary service during the Vietnam War. He then met the love of his life, Sally Ann Zook, who he married on March 31st, 1973. They lived in Ohio for their first year of marriage then moved to Kalkaska where they eventually bought the farm on Tyler Rd in 1979. He and Sally worked alongside each other turning a simple dairy farm into the bottling business that it is today. He was active on the Kalkaska County Conservation Board for years and served a term as chairman for the Kalkaska Board of Commissioners. George is survived by his two daughters: Stacia (Jason) Davis and Annie (Justin )Olds; three sons: G. Kaleb (Traci) Shetler, J. Jacob (Priscilla) Shetler, and Peter (Darcy) Shetler; twenty grandchildren: G. Gregory(Rachel) Shetler, Ivy Hart, Tyrone Shetler, Elizabeth Shetler, Gabriel Shetler, Bodee Hart, Mariah Shetler, Alexis Shetler, Jadon Shetler, Jenna (Jacob) Verstraete, Kadence Davis, JaeAnn Davis, Luke Olds, Evelyn Olds,

Sidney Shetler, Andrew Shetler, Jackson Shetler, and Owen Shetler; Four great-grandchildren: G. Frederico Shetler, Ronald Shetler, Greyson Verstraete and Sadie Verstraete; and two sisters: Ruth (Claude) Green and Bernice Gerber. George is preceded in death by his father Rollin Shetler, Mother Sarah Shetler, sister Rebecca Shetler, grandson Jonathan Shetler and wife Sally Ann Shetler. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to WLJN Christian Radio, Traverse City. Visitation for George will be held on Friday January 18, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 PM at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday January 19, 2019 at the Kalkaska Church of Christ with final visitation from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Excelsior Township Cemetery

1225 CR 571  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Final Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ  
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
<http://www.kccwired.com>

## Service

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JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ  
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Kalkaska, MI 49646  
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# Tribute Wall

MI

“ George and his father were one of the finest examples of a man that I ever encountered. Our prayers go out to his family.  
*Mike and Sue Irish*

Micheal Irish - January 19, 2019 at 10:27 AM

KD

“ We would like to send our sincere sympathy to the Shetler Family. It was a joy to know George and we do pray that God will grant you all His Peace and comfort at this time of grief.. Sincerely Karl and Angie DeVries

Karl DeVries - January 18, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Loren Shetler.



January 18, 2019 at 07:06 AM

MS

“ I first met George & Sally and their large wonderful family when I attended the Shetler Reunion a couple years ago. We immediately had a friendship that didn't last long enough. I hope George & Sally's family stay in touch. Our hearts go out to the family.  
*Mike & Mary Schuttler (Shetler)*

Michael Schuttler - January 17, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ (Meant to say, “NW Michigan “!) Pepper

Pepper Bromelmeier - January 16, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ George was on the Kalkaska Conservation District board when I was first transferred here in 1988 with the Soil Conservation Service. His passion for regenerative agriculture was (and is) an inspiration to me. I used his farm as an example of what true conservation looks like. He and Sally were the basis for the incredible local foods movement we have here in NE Michigan. I will truly miss him! Pepper Bromelmeier

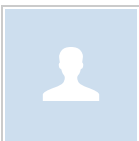
Pepper Bromelmeier - January 16, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of George Loren Shetler.



January 16, 2019 at 03:57 PM



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January 16, 2019 at 02:01 PM

FC

“ We are saddened for the loss to his family and this community.  
Thinking of all of you. Bob and Fran Carey

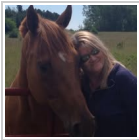
Frances E Carey - January 16, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of George Loren Shetler.



January 16, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I only met Mr.  
Shetler once. I brought my Nieces and  
Nephews to your dairy store for ice cream for  
them and buttermilk for me. (best buttermilk  
ever) We walked behind the store just as the  
cows were being brought into the barn. Your dad invited us into the  
barn to watch the milking process. He spent a lot of time telling us  
the names of the cows, how much milk each cow produced, the  
different breeds. It was clear he loved his cows and his farm. It was  
a great time and memory for us that they still talk about. He was a  
very kind man.



Lisa Johnson - January 16, 2019 at 07:04 AM

BC

“ To the family of George,  
You have my most deepfelt sympathy on the passing of George. I  
so enjoyed talking to him at the Shettler Reunion th.is summer..  
May God wrap his lovng arms around you and give you peace.God  
be with all of you in your time of sorrow  
Betty Stoneking

Betty Stoneking/ cousin - January 15, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of George Loren Shetler.



January 15, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ Diane Robinson Gadigian lit a candle in  
memory of George Loren Shetler



Diane Robinson Gadigian - January 15, 2019 at 09:43 PM

GK

“ Gloria Knowles lit a candle in memory of  
George Loren Shetler



gloria knowles - January 15, 2019 at 03:04 PM