



## Charles Donald Shinneman

May 30, 1936 - April 19, 2024

Charles Donald Shinneman, 87, of Hobart, Indiana, passed away peacefully on the 19th of April, 2024. Don was the best of us. He was born on May 30, 1936 in Gary, IN to Lester Porter Shinneman and Sally Edna Shinneman. At Hobart High School he participated in various sports and graduated in 1955. After graduation, he entered an apprenticeship into IBEW local 697. Don served as journeyman electrician for over 37 years. At age 14, Don met the love of his life Dolores Jones Armstrong "Dee". He set eyes on "Dee" while participating in Boy Scouts and her in Girl Scouts. They were married on May, 25, 1957. On May 30th 1959 they welcomed their daughter, Jamie Kay Shinneman, on February 3rd 1961 they welcomed their son, Charles Michael Shinneman and on December 14th, 1963 they welcomed their third child, Curtis David Shinneman. In addition to being a loving husband and father, he was an avid hunter and fisher enthusiast. He belonged to Kankakee River Hunting Retriever Club that taught him to retrieve and release. He was known for his friendly personality and contagious jokes which he abundantly shared with his large family and many treasured friends. Don enjoyed spending time at the family Lakehouse with his family and friends. Whether it be out on the boat, tending to the garden or sitting on the front porch with a cold one, he always had the biggest smile being around all of his family at the lake. Don is preceded in death by his sister, Hallie Preniczny and his father, Lester Shinneman and mother Edna Shinneman and grandson, Curtis Zachary Shinneman. He is survived by his wife, Dolores Shinneman, daughter, Jamie

and Michael Maxfield (spouse), son, Charles and Kelly Shinneman (spouse) and son, Curtis and Melissa Shinneman (spouse). His 6 grandchildren, Christopher Shinneman, Andrew Shinneman, Chad Shinneman, Charlie Shinneman, Nathaniel Maxfield and Megan Hernandez. And his 10 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at Burns Funeral Home in Hobart, Indiana. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 11:00 am at Burns Funeral Home in Hobart, Indiana.

The family suggests memorials can be made to VNA Hospice Valparaiso, Indiana and/or to Humane Society of Hobart.

Humane Society of Hobart - <https://www.hshobart.org/how-to-help/donating>

VNA Hospice Valparaiso, IN - <https://www.vnanwi.org/give.php>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JU

“ *Our condolences. Don was always a fun person. He will be missed.  
Judy and Raleigh*

**judy** - April 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM

KC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Don was a great member to the club  
and will truly be missed.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family through this difficult  
time.  
Kankakee River Hunting Retriever Club*

**Kankakee River Hunting Retriever Club** - April 24, 2024 at 08:11 AM

DK

“ *Dee and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Don certainly was a  
great guy...my husband (Ray Killion) thought the world of him. My  
thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time. May your  
treasured memories of 'Whitey' bring you comfort.*

**Deborah L Killion** - April 23, 2024 at 06:58 PM

AM

“ *Alyssa McClure purchased the Beautiful in Blue  
for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



**Alyssa McClure** - April 23, 2024 at 12:53 PM

TW

“ *The McCabe women purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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**The McCabe women** - April 23, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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April 23, 2024 at 09:54 AM

SP

“ *Skip & Deb Post purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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**Skip & Deb Post** - April 22, 2024 at 06:57 PM

GG

“ *Gary Grubbs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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**Gary Grubbs** - April 22, 2024 at 05:51 PM

ME

“ Meschede planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Donald Shinneman.

Meschede - April 22, 2024 at 04:48 PM

ME

“ Meschede purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.



Meschede - April 22, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.



April 22, 2024 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ The Nelson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Donald Shinneman.

The Nelson family - April 22, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



April 22, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Don & Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Donald Shinneman.*

**Don & Pam** - April 22, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Don & Pam purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



**Don & Pam** - April 22, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Gary Mary Karl Sarah Zach Megan E purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



**Gary Mary Karl Sarah Zach Megan E** - April 22, 2024 at 12:26 PM

TF

“ *The Vlasich Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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**The Vlasich Family** - April 22, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JO

“ *Johnstons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Donald Shinneman.*

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**Johnstons** - April 22, 2024 at 06:24 AM

JO

“ *Johnstons purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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**Johnstons** - April 22, 2024 at 06:24 AM

RS

“ *Rich and I are very sorry for your loss prayers to the family . I know he will be missed by many Don was very blessed to have such close family.*

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**Rich & Tammy Sebben** - April 21, 2024 at 11:08 PM

TF

“ *The McGee Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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**The McGee Family** - April 21, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LG

“ *Lynne (Kuntz) GroppeI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Donald Shinneman.*

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**Lynne (Kuntz) GroppeI** - April 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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April 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LG

“ *Dee and family I am so sorry for the loss of Don.*



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**Lynne (Kuntz) GroppeI** - April 21, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.*



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April 21, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ *Dee and family so sorry to hear of Don passing. Growing up in Hobart we were long time friends and I still remember the 1953 Prom when Don was a year behind us and my girl friend was also so you came up with a plan that I would take you to the Prom and after Don would pick you up and take you out and my girl friend being an underclassman worked the Prom and I took her out after.*

*Al Blanchard*

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**Al Blanchard** - April 21, 2024 at 11:59 AM



*Dee and Family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Don gave it a good fight for along time.  
Dee, you were with him thru it all.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Reita Torin*

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**Reita Torin** - April 21, 2024 at 02:03 PM

TT

“ *Mr. Shinneman was a wonderful man.*

*He coached us in Pop Warner football 🏈, he helped raise and mentored us as we went through our school years and he was our dear friend all our adult lives.*

*You will be missed but never forgotten Mr. Shinny.*

*Rest Easy my friend 💕💕💕*

*Tracy & Lisa Tomkiewicz*

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**Tracy Tomkiewicz** - April 21, 2024 at 09:02 AM

SU

“ *Shirley Urbanek lit a candle in memory of Charles Donald Shinneman*



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**shirley Urbanek** - April 20, 2024 at 07:47 PM

SU

*Dee and family,,I am so sorry for the loss of Don,,,,May he Rest in Peace.....Shirley Urbanek*

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**shirley Urbanek** - April 20, 2024 at 07:50 PM

BF

“ *Bob and Terry Ferguson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Shinneman.*

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**Bob and Terry Ferguson** - April 20, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Donald Shinneman.* ”



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April 20, 2024 at 02:02 PM