



## Maurice James Shankey

January 29, 1935 - July 26, 2020

Shankey, Maurice “Maury”

Our beloved husband, father, and grandfather gave his last wink to the nurse early in the morning of Sunday, July 26, 2020, then passed away peacefully with the love of his life, Jean Ann, and his children by his side and in his thoughts.

Maury left his wife, Jean Ann; sons James (Joan), Robert (Anne), Joseph (Karen), Jeffrey; and daughter Debra Gran (Joel). Grandpa Maury also left nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren that will be forever impacted by his humor, integrity, kindness, and unshakeable conviction of love and justice toward everyone.

His stories of being the youngest of 13 children of a farm family in depression-era southern Minnesota enchanted his children, then his grandchildren. He told how he walked barefoot, Huckleberry Finn-style, throughout the countryside while plotting his next adventure with his closest brother, how they trapped skunks, and rode plow horses when mom and dad went to town, and how not a scrap was wasted when it came to life on the farm. Although times were hard, he spun magical accounts of a life of freedom and of hard work made easier by clever thinking and making one’s fun without toys, computers, or money, and of living off the land in a manner not known to us today. He was a gifted raconteur, and we begged to hear his tales over and over.

If you asked Maury what his greatest accomplishment was, it was not his long career or even his hole-in-one at Green Haven Golf Course so many years ago. It was being a husband, father, and grandfather. Maury was a remarkable man and deeply loved. Someday soon the family will gather on the patio and shoot the breeze as we did with Dad in the old days. Then we will look to the sky and say, “Here’s to the finest man we knew!” And an afternoon of Grandpa Maury Stories will begin.

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“ DiaSorin Molecular-SMT purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maurice James Shankey.



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“ Maury, my dear father-in-law, had a way about him of always spreading good cheer. I imagine he had times he wasn't the easiest to be around, but I'm pretty sure he still cracked a joke in the middle of it all, because he was just that kind of a person. He always did his best to make everyone feel comfortable when they were in his presence, whether it was telling one of his stories at a family gathering or the bloke he just met in pub across the pond, while on vacation in Prague, Switzerland, Austria, among other locations. I'm pretty sure a tear would be shed and a mug would be raised in his honor in at all of these locations, if they new he was no longer here with us. Yep, he had a way about him that will be sorrowfully missed by this grateful soul. Thank you for all the good times you brought to our family gatherings and one on one conversations. My glass is raised and I look forward to reliving the memories whenever the family gathers together. He will no doubt bring a smile and a tear to each and every one of us... Love and hugs go out to one and all of you. - Karen

KAREN MARCOTTE - August 01 at 11:56 PM

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“ From Martha's Families and Lillian's Families: we send our deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Uncle Maurice was a great person, a fun human being and always a happy go lucky guy. We all remember him very fondly and of the family gatherings and outings when we would get together and remember old times.

He will be greatly missed.

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