



Howard Shand

April 18, 1929 - September 6, 2020

Howard William Shand, age 91 of Carbondale, passed away at home on Sunday, September 6, 2020 from congestive heart failure.

He was born to Howard A. and Edith P. Shand in Pittsfield, MA on April 18, 1929.

He was an alumna of Burlington High School and the University of Vermont, 1947-1951, majoring in Business Administration. He was immediately drafted for the army during the Korean War after completing his education.

He was hired by Swift and Company following his army service and spent 11 years in the early development of IBM data processing for that company nationwide.

Howard met his future wife, Regene Elaine Blazine in Chicago and they married on March 27, 1965.

Because of the excessive travel involved with the Swift job, they decided to settle in Carbondale, where they purchased the University Cleaners and Shirt Laundry. Later, he was involved in several small business operations as an owner, landlord and investor.

Regene was employed by Southern Illinois University for some 30 years while Howard was involved in his small business ventures until his retirement in 2011.

Howard served the Carbondale community at various times with voluntary positions as President of United Fund, Lions Club and Carbondale Foundation for Better Environment. He was also a 65 year Shriner member, supporting their many free charitable services.

Howard's early family life included his loving parents, Howard and Edith Shand, as well as four sisters, Dottie, Phyllis, Marion and Shirley. His sisters had nine children, all of whom were a great joy to him.

He is survived by his wife, Regene; his sister, Dorothy M. Ignazewski of Essex Junction, VT; a sister-in-law, Maria Blazine of Austin, TX as well as numerous nieces, nephews, their extended families and host of friends.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials are encouraged and can be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, Attn.: Development Office, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Shand*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Howard had a profound impact on me during my college days. An ever sunny disposition and bright smile. Not to mention his thirty cent price per shirt for medium starch on hangers. For fifty years I've never found a laundry that could compare to Howard's work. Always impeccable! Never a disappointment! I think Howard was my best instructor during my Carbondale days. I wanted to tell him that. But..... rest in piece Howard Shand.*
Spencer Zick

Spencer Zick - March 10, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Mr Shand helped my husband and I start our business many years ago. He was very helpful to new entrepreneurs. I remember his dry cleaning business. May your many memories comfort his family.*

Sharon Martin - September 15, 2020 at 09:10 AM



What a gteat guy. Our deepest sympathy to his devoted wife Reggie.

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Tracie Foster

This is the last time I saw uncle Howie - we were both home visiting the family at the same time and it was a wonderful dinner out with everyone! I remember asking him what his secret was because he never seemed to age. He said Oil of Olay - LOL! So I've been using it ever since. Love you Aunt Reggie! Praying for you during this difficult time.

Tracie Foster - September 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Howard Shand.



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“ Visits with Uncle Howie Aunt Reggie were a highlight, either in Vermont or Carbondale. He was an inspiration to me in life and business and I learned so much from him. His guidance will be missed amongst many other off his feet qualities. May he RIP.

Justin Holden - September 12, 2020 at 02:05 PM