



# Shaun A. Kennedy

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## Shaun A. Kennedy

DEC 2, 2020

**O**ur man among men, Shaun A. Kennedy, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2020. He would be described by all who had the pleasure of knowing him as loyal, dedicated, kindhearted, selfless, considerate, sincere, calm, patient and last but not least, genuine. He was certainly not your average son, brother, husband, father, cousin, uncle or friend. Even though he had a gentle disposition, he was a fierce protector of those he loved and held himself accountable to living a life with the highest of morals and values each and every day. He was a leader, never a follower. Shaun was born on December 4, 1964, in Manchester, CT, to Terrence and Louise (Hughes) Kennedy, whom he had the utmost love, respect and admiration for. His sisters, Holly Upton and Donna Duncan shared a unique and very special bond with Shaun. The Kennedy family motto was “all for one, and one for all,” which defined their affectionate relationship throughout the years. During his childhood and young adult life, he was a talented and gifted athlete. Any team sport which he participated in, he was either captain or co-captain and was voted 'class athlete' by the Stafford High Class of 1983. He continued his education and was a graduate of the University of Connecticut where he studied diligently to earn his bachelor's degree in Urban and Community Studies. Shaun was married on October 6, 1990, to his best friend and soulmate, Debbie (DePellegrini) Kennedy and several years later became a doting and devoted father to his daughters that he absolutely adored, Jordan and Jenna. There wasn't anything that he wouldn't do to put a smile on their faces and to show them just how special they were to him. His girls learned very early on that they were truly blessed to be so loved and cherished by their father. He had insisted they refer to him as “Papa,” because if ever lost in a crowd they would most likely be yelling for “Papa” in a sea of dads and he would come to their rescue. He retired from the State of Connecticut as a correctional counselor in 2015 after 20 years of service where he was highly regarded as a hardworking and



invaluable employee. He also worked part time for the USPO during his career with the state and continued to work at the Tolland Post Office after retirement. Along the years, Shaun had an extraordinary flair for flipping houses and seeing potential where others did not. Those around him were amazed with his ability to gain new skills to accomplish any task or project that he took on. Shaun will be sorely missed by his in-laws, Dolores and Bobby DePellegrini, Diane Young, Donna and Jack Watkinson, Dino and Chris DePellegrini, Bill Musard, Dave Patelli, his cousin Kim Lewis, his nieces Audra, Megan and Francesca, his nephews Steven, Ryan, Dominic, Vinny and Devon, his daughter Jordan's partner Will Trickett, his daughter Jenna's partner, Elijah Pepin, close family friend Aurora Bidwell, his buddies John, Maurice, Chuck, Mel, Doug and his beloved dog, Juno. He was predeceased by his dear friend and brother-in-law, Thomas "Tiny" Young, who also departed this world way too soon in 2006 due to pancreatic cancer. Shaun's objective during his illness was to protect those around him and never once complained. He was grateful for the care he received and made sure to thank those who took care of him, always with a smile, no matter how much pain or distress he was experiencing. His family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who assisted with his valiant and courageous battle against pancreatic cancer, Dr. Smita Bhagat, Dr. Mary Ellen Goldhamer, Dr. Joseph McLaughlin, Christine Cournoyer and the entire staff at the DeQuattro Cancer Center for treating Shaun as a person and not just the unfortunate disease, his visiting nurses, Cathy, Dorothy and Togor, the ICU nurses at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Melissa and Megan, Reverend Deena Martinelli and Dr. Fatima Akmal. Due to COVID-19, in-person funeral services and burial in St. Edward Cemetery will be for immediate family only. A Mass of Christian Burial will be live-streamed on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 beginning at 11 AM. The link to view the Mass is: <https://fb.me/e/gGvDCMHGV> A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Stafford High School, 145 Orcuttville Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. Please write "Shaun Kennedy Athletic Foundation" in the memo. Donations will be given to student athletes who would like to participate in sports, but do not have the financial ability to buy equipment. Introvigne Funeral



## Obituary


**Shaun A. Kennedy**

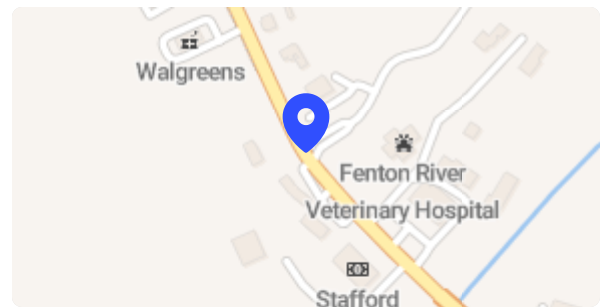
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Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT has care of the arrangements. To leave a message of sympathy for the family, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)



**Cemetery Details**

 **St. Edward Cemetery**  
West Stafford Rd., Stafford Springs CT 06076





## Tribute Wall

Shaun A. Kennedy

DP

**David Perrier Jr** posted:

I met sean in the hallway in school he asked me to join x country. I said what is that . he recruited the most that year i joined and couldnt afford a pair of good sneakers. He bought me a pair it was a gift from the coach to him but he got me them this is the kind of man he was i finished behind him in the first of my races . we became good friends and he will be missed .his parents done well raising him he was a great respectful man i was in class with Deb knowing she was a great person only made sense they would marry . Deb i am sorry for your loss i know he was the best thank you sincerely David Perrier jr

February 1 at 8:35 AM

DB

**Dianne Bilyak** posted:

I don't really have any particular memories of Shaun, I wasn't in his class, but after reading his beautiful obituary, I can see that the "good guy" that we all knew in high school turned into an exceptional man. Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss, and I extend my condolences to your family and Shaun's, especially Donna, who was in my class. He was far too young to leave this Earth and I hope you find strength in your children, friends, and family. My best to you always.

January 29 at 9:12 PM

TK

**Todd & Diane Kology** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Shaun was such a nice guy. Todd always went over to see him when he was checking his place on orcuttville. He will be missed.

December 23 at 4:22 AM

JF

**Jim Furness** posted:

Shaun I will miss you. When I moved to Willington Ave, you were the first kid I met. We went fishing at Dennis' Pond. I always will remember because we ran out of worms and you showed me how to catch nightcrawlers. You always were a good friend growing up and I will never forget all the good times. Miss you. Jim Furness

December 17 at 6:47 PM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

WS

**William Schmidt** posted:

Shaun was such a great person. I am honored to have worked and have had a friendship with such a great guy. So sorry for his loss. Prayers to his entire family.

December 10 at 4:20 PM

BH

**Brian G. Heck** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 10 at 6:27 AM



**Penny Bacchiochi** posted:

So sorry to hear of Shaun's passing and the loss to his family and friends. I remember him as a very kind person with an easy laugh and a great sense of humor. May God Bless him and the Kennedy family.

December 9 at 4:01 PM

TS

**Teresa Semerzaki** posted:

My heart goes out to the Family of Shaun. You're in my thoughts and prayers. May the love you shared help you through this very sorrowful time. Love , Teresa Semerzakis and family

December 9 at 2:22 PM

BW

**Beth Waugh** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

To Debbie and family, I'm so saddened by the passing of Shaun.. I send my thoughts and prayers to you all .He was the nicest person and he will surely be missed by so so many people . He is now in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. With Love and peace to you Debbie and your family and friends



December 8 at 9:17 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

LF

**Lora And Tom Fortuna** posted:

Debbie, Jordan, and Jenna, the Kennedy family and the Depellegrini family we are so sorry for your loss and send you much love. I knew Shaun in high school and went to school with Donna. Shaun was a very nice and kind person. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lora and Tom Fortuna

December 8 at 7:47 AM

KS

**Kelly Soukup** posted:

Sending love and prayers to the Kennedy family. Shaun had such a good heart and was just an amazing person. I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to know him. He will be missed by all. Kelly Soukup

December 8 at 6:43 AM

RP

**Ron Pal** posted:

I/We were saddened when Terry/Louise called to inform that Shaun had passed away. Reading his beautiful obituary was testimony to what a fine man he was. I always said great parents beget great children.

December 8 at 4:18 AM

MS

**Michele Shemo** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

Sending love and prayers to you all ~Michele Rose Shemo

December 7 at 5:47 PM



MB

**Melissa Briggs** posted:

Deb, Jordan, and Jenna-I wish I had the words to comfort you during such heartbreak. Shaun had such a kind, caring, positive, and shining personality. We had great times working together back in the day. Although we didn't see each other often, we would catch up yearly at the moonlight paddle on Staffordville Lake. He would proudly update us on his family. It was always so nice to see his smile. He certainly was one of a kind. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Ken and Melissa Briggs

December 7 at 5:41 PM



## Tribute Wall

Shaun A. Kennedy

JM

**Jill Moulton** posted:

Debbie and family, I am so sorry to hear of Shaun's passing. He was such a great guy. Always kind and smiling. Hold onto the memories as they will give you comfort during these difficult days. My thoughts and condolences are with you all. May he rest in peace.

December 7 at 8:59 AM

JM

**Joan Mitta** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 7 at 7:05 AM

JM

**Joan Mitta** December 7 at 7:07 AM

Debbie and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very sweet person.

LM

**Liz Mazza** posted:

For Debbie, Jordan and Jenna, and Shaun's entire extended family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Shaun's illness and the news of his passing. This man, who touched so many lives, was one of a kind. I am proud to have known him and to have witnessed all of the goodness that he created during his life with you and the girls. A positive light, a calming energy and a warrior who delivered his best strength to every thing he faced, most assuredly in his final battle. His presence will be missed beyond words. May Shaun's beautiful soul continue to shine brightly in all of our lives. God bless, Liz Mazza & Family

December 7 at 4:52 AM

LG

**Lynn Godin** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 7 at 4:49 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

BM

**Bill Murphy** posted:

Shaun was the most up beat guy I worked with in 30 years in corrections. I never saw him upset at anything. Just a wonderful person who will be missed by anyone who had the opportunity to meet or work with him. Bill and Chris Murphy

December 7 at 3:52 AM

MW

**Mary Wytas** posted:

My deepest condolences to Debbie and her family. You're all in my prayers.

December 7 at 2:47 AM

SM

**Sheryl Miller** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to Debbie, Jordan & Jenna. God Bless, Wayne & Sheryl Miller

December 6 at 9:34 AM

JO

**John Oldham** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

So sorry to hear about Shaun's passing. He was always such a decent person. Our deepest sympathies to the Kennedy family. May he rest in peace -John, Sue, Ben and Dan Oldham

December 6 at 9:34 AM



CI

**Cindy** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

My deepest condolences to the Kennedy family. I worked with Shaun at the P.O. He was such a positive, kind, and good person. He seemed to have a light around him and could always manage to get a smile out of everyone...even grumps like me! He always made sure to greet everyone with a smile when he came in. I often wondered "is this guy for real? No one is that positive!" But he was, and his presence has been greatly missed during his illness and I've been waiting (I know everyone has!) to hear that cheerful "good morning" and see that smiling face. Miss You Shaun! Put in a good word for me up there!

December 6 at 6:29 AM





## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

KB

**Karen Burrell** posted:

Holly, Donna, Mr. & Mrs Kennedy and to Shauns family, I send my sincere condolences. Shaun was a wonderful guy, always friendly and kind. I'm so sorry for your loss.

December 6 at 6:16 AM

PR

**Patty Rossi** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 6 at 12:53 AM

MV

**Maurice And Diane Violette** sent a With Distinction to the Kennedy family.



December 5 at 8:43 PM

MV

**Maurice Violette** posted:

Dear Debbie, Jordan and Jenna, we were deeply saddened to hear of Shaun's passing. We're so sorry for your loss. Our deepest heartfelt condolences also go out to the entire Kennedy family, Terry, Louise, Holly and Donna. Shaun was an amazing, one of a kind upbeat person with a caring, gentle, genuine soul and a good friend. God puts certain people in our lives to help show us the way and I feel Shaun was one of them. The world is a much better place, having had Shaun in it. Sending you all, thoughts of love and prayer to let you know we're here for you all. Love Maurice and Diane Violette

December 5 at 8:25 PM

GS

**Gianna Stebbins** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

Sending hugs!! What a terrific guy - God bless him, he is at peace!! Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers...👤❤️Gianna, Olivia, and Philip Stebbins



December 5 at 7:31 PM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

FS

**Faye Spittle** posted:

Hey Debbie! I'm so sorry for your loss. It's not easy losing anyone. Shaun is now pain free. Also for the rest of the Kennedys, DePelligrini and young family. Sorry for your loss. May you have peace and comfort during this difficult time. I love you all!

December 5 at 6:40 PM

JB

**Jo-Ellen Benson** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 5 at 5:57 PM

JB

**Jo-Ellen Benson** December 5 at 6:00 PM

Dear Debbie and Family, I am so sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you at this difficult time.

RH

**Raymond Harrington** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Kennedy family. Will keep you all in our prayers. Went to school with Shawn, and graduated with him in 1983.

December 5 at 5:18 PM



KR

**Kim Voket And Mark Rieder** posted:

Shawn was like family to us! His bright smile and cheerfulness whenever he visited was contagious. Shawn was our house and dog sitter for our beloved Golden Retrievers Danica and Strega who would run to Shawn with a warm tail wagging hello! Shawn and Mark often worked together on fixer upper homes. We are so pleased to have Jenna and Elijah as our current dog sitters for the girls! Shawn was a truly kind and loving individual and we will miss him. Kim Voket and Mark Rieder

December 5 at 4:48 PM

DB

**Dianna Blanchard** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Shaun's family and friends.

December 5 at 4:36 PM



## Tribute Wall

Shaun A. Kennedy



**Dean Parracino** posted:

I worked with him at Bergin CI, what a great guy!! I used to kid him that he wore a light blue long shirt and navy blue Dockers in the winter and light blue shirt sleeve shirt and Dockers in the winter. He always said, "I don't have to figure out what to wear." What a great loss. My thoughts are with the family.

December 5 at 4:26 PM



**Scott Vibberts** posted:

To the Kennedy Family, I'm so very sorry for your loss!! I knew Shaun from growing up in Stafford. Our childhood days included playing midget football and pickup basketball games at Olympic Park. Ironically, our children both attended E.O. Smith High School and became friends. I last saw Shaun at one of our children's Senior year celebrations. We spoke about our childhood memories. I will always remember Shaun as a kind, thoughtful, and genuine person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! God Bless, Scott Vibberts

December 5 at 1:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Reunion Memorial Framed Art to the Kennedy family.

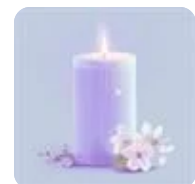


December 5 at 12:29 PM



**Liz Francini** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

I met Shaun when I worked at Bergen. He always had a smile & so polite. I would tease him that he would never be able to discipline his children because he never raised his voice. He truly was a wonderful man. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.



December 5 at 11:55 AM



## Tribute Wall

Shaun A. Kennedy



**Gordie "Jae" Frassinelli** sent a virtual gift in honor of Shaun.



We lost one of the "good guys" this week. Life can be cruel and unfair sometimes. I can honestly say I never saw Shaun not smiling. You always wanted him on your team. It's no surprise he was a great son, brother uncle, nephew and especially father. Words cannot express my sadness, and my heartfelt expressions of sympathy that go out to the entire Depellegrini, Young, and Kennedy families, and the many other friends and relatives who were lucky enough to have known Shaun. Special thoughts and prayers go out to Jordan and Jenna, who were obviously the light of "Papas" life. Farewell friend, the world is a better place because you were in it.

December 5 at 11:42 AM



**Gordie "Jae" Frassinelli** December 5 at 12:01 PM

Dearest Debbie, My special thoughts and prayers go out to you on this, surely the saddest time of your life, at the loss of your husband and best friend, Shaun. May the expressions of sympathy and support from your friends, relatives and neighbors be of some comfort to you in your time of need and grief. Gordie "Jae" Frassinelli



**Anonymous** sent an A Full Life to the Kennedy family.



December 5 at 10:27 AM



**Ayla Saros** posted:

Dear Debbie, Jordan and Jena, I am so very sorry for all of you about your father and husband. I know it is a hard thing that the 3 of you had to go through. All those times I came over your house, I had a great time with all of you eating mozzarella sticks, black olives, rice, and all the other things. Debbie I want to thank you so much for all that time when you made me pink cupcakes for all my birthdays. I appreciate that very much. You all were the best people I ever met and I am so grateful for that. Mr. Kennedy will be with all of you forever. Sending lots of love ❤️ to all of you. Take care. With love from Ayla Saros

December 5 at 10:09 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

WA

**Wendy Andreoli** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

Debbie, Jordan and Jenna, there are no words that can express the deep loss that we are feeling. Shaunie was the kindest, most patient and generous man we had ever known. Knowing that he is no longer in pain has been some comfort. Our little corner of the world was a much better place with him in it and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. We love you. - The Andreoli Family



December 5 at 10:03 AM

SF

**Saros Family** posted:

Dear Debbie, Jordan and Jenna, we are so saddened by this news. Our family sends you love and may you have wonderful memories of Shaun and peace in your hearts. With love, Carole-Lynn, Greg, Ayla and Jasmine Saros

December 5 at 9:51 AM

WA

**Wendy Andreoli** posted:

Shaun kept the clocks in the house set for 20 to 30 minutes ahead of time. I would "fix" a couple of them to the correct time.

December 5 at 9:45 AM

LE

**Lisa Greene Everett** posted:

Debbie and Family, We are very sorry for your loss. Shaun was such a great guy. My husband, Michael was fortunate to work with him at DOC. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. God bless.

December 5 at 9:21 AM

DW

**David F. Walsh** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

To all his family, especially Terry and Louise, we pray that God's love will give you strength in the coming days. Your grief will never end, but Shaun's love and memories will always be in your hearts. Dave and Kathy Walsh



December 5 at 9:05 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

EB

**Elizabeth Berrios** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

It was such a joy working with him at Bergin Cl. Sending my condolences to the Kennedy family.

December 5 at 9:03 AM



KS

**Kelly Smayda** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 5 at 8:57 AM



EN

**Ellen Nosel** posted:

Debbie, Diane, and family, please accept my condolences. I know how much you all loved Shaun and what a wonderful father he was. I will be praying for you all. Ellen Nosel

December 5 at 8:03 AM

MD

**Mark Dobson** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 5 at 7:57 AM



LL

**Loree Lohr** posted:

I knew Sean from both the post office and D o c. I felt he was such a mild mannered, nice person. I never saw him angry or ever say anything negative EVER. I always walked away from our conversations wishing i could be more like him. Prayers to the family Loree Lohr..

December 5 at 7:44 AM

DT

**Dorothy Triska** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

Such an unbelievably sad day here on George Street. Such a wonderful man and beautiful family. I'm so very sorry. Love Frankie & Dorothy

December 5 at 6:26 AM





## Tribute Wall

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RB

**Rob Bergeron** posted:

My sincere condolences to the entire Kennedy family. Shawn was a very good friend of mine during those sometimes difficult high school years. I am so fortunate to have been not only his classmate, but a friend in our adult years. Rest In Peace, Shawn. -Rob Bergeron

December 5 at 6:12 AM

DF

**Donna Ference** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 5 at 5:01 AM

MH

**Michele Herring** posted:

Deb and family, I am so sorry to hear of Shaun's passing. What a wonderful man. He always had a smile for everyone. But I am sure him and Tom are together ! Bless you all.

December 5 at 4:55 AM

PS

**Patte & Dick Schlamel** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 5 at 4:33 AM

HV

**Holly Vaughn** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

Deb, my heart hearts for you and your girls. I am so very sorry. Shaun was such a kind, caring genuine person. May you find peace and comfort in all your memories in the coming days.



December 5 at 3:08 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

BM

**Bryan And Leigh (Mandak) Maxa** posted:

Terry, Louise and family, Bryan and I are so very sorry for your loss. Shaun was an amazing man who will be missed by all. May knowing he is now resting in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior bring some comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bryan and Leigh (Mandak) Maxa

December 4 at 9:49 PM

AR

**Anne Rabideau** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

Shaun always had a smile and a kind word no matter where he was, either the grocery store or delivering our mail on a Saturday in willington. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My deepest sympathy to all of his beloved family 💔💔💔💔



December 4 at 7:24 PM

SM

**Shelley Michaud** posted:

Louise and Terry, Ken and I send our condolences. We are so very sorry to hear about Shaun. May your memories of him bring you some peace. Our prayers are with you.

December 4 at 5:08 PM

DF

**Dino Frassinelli** posted:

We had a kinds of fun weather it was playing hoops at uconn games or the gym back when we were both single! love you my brother in Christ I know your in a better place!!

December 4 at 4:42 PM

TW

**Tammy Waddock** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.



December 4 at 4:37 PM



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kennedy family.

December 4 at 4:13 PM



**Denise Laskow** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 4:09 PM



**Idette Thompson** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 4:00 PM



**Audra Upton** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

"Shaun Kennedy Athletic Foundation" Me and Joseph loved you Uncle Shaun, one of the best things of being part of this family. I love you and will cherish your spirit.

December 4 at 3:51 PM



**Calma Frett** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 3:25 PM



**Fern Greene** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 3:03 PM





# Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

**ME**

**Michael Everett** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 3:00 PM



**JO**

**Janet Oloff** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 2:21 PM



**MO**

**Mark Ostrowski** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 2:00 PM



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**Mark Ostrowski** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 2:00 PM



**DM**

**D. Morgan** shared an album called **Memories Album**.

December 4 at 1:23 PM



**DG** **Dennis Gallagher** December 4 at 1:27 PM  
I mourn with Shaun's family he left way to soon but you realize how blessed we were to know him he was and will always be an inspiration of what kind of person to be



## Tribute Wall

**Shaun A. Kennedy**

SG

**Stephen & Lori Gianantoni** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 1:00 PM



PF

**Peter Ference** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 12:13 PM



MB

**Marcia Banach** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 12:06 PM



CH

**Colleen Heuitson** lit a candle in honor of Shaun.

December 4 at 10:07 AM





D. Morgan shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

December 4 at 1:23 PM



To A Great Co-worker, Friend, and all around Great Person Rest in Peace.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Shaun by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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