



Mr. Robert R. Shaver

June 25, 1955 - October 11, 2023

Mr. Robert R. Shaver, 68, of Pittsfield, passed away at home on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 following a brief battle with an aggressive cancer. Born in Pittsfield, MA on June 25, 1955 the son of the late Robert P. Shaver and Dorothy H. Pularo, he graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1973 and received a Bachelors of Arts in English Communication in 1990, and a Bachelors of Arts in Education in 1994 from North Adams State College.

An accomplished, and nationally ranked athlete, he was the National 1-Meter Springboard Diving Champion during his senior year in high school. Additionally, he coached track and football for local youth programs.

Robert was a United States Army Veteran from 1981-1984 where he was assigned to the Special Forces Unit at Fort Bragg as a SPEC/4 Team leader.

After his military service, Rob was employed as a substitute teacher at Hug High School in Reno, Nv as well as at Wahconah Regional High School, and Pittsfield High School. It was through these endeavors that he then found his passion in helping the emotionally & developmentally challenged population where he spent the last 25 years employed for Guidewire, Inc. as a teacher, guide, counselor, and role model.

Among his many interests, his passions were studying and collecting artifacts

in American & Military History, collecting sports memorabilia, spending time with close friends, and playing with his loyal Boston Terrier, Bigsby.

Robert is survived by his sister, Deborah Shaver-Bates (Dennis), as well as his nephews, Todd Fuhrmann and David Izzo, and nieces Lindsey Fuhrmann and Darleen Izzo-Trujillo.

Besides his parents, Robert and Dorothy, he was predeceased by his sister, Darleen Shaver in 2010.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Robert R. Shaver will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society through the funeral home .

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

CO

“ I know this is way late but I just learned of Bobby's passing. I was co-captain to his captaincy on the PHS swim team 1972-73. He was a great teammate and a fun-loving guy. I have thought of him periodically and fondly since graduation. I am very sad that the book is closed on eventually catching up with him. I hope his family has been able to put his passing in perspective as it seems like he made great contributions to humanity in his life.

Chuck Ortenberg

Chuck Ortenberg - August 19, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ I was a teammate of Bob's on the PHS Swim Team in 1972 and 1973, Bob's junior and senior years. I knew he won the Massachusetts state championship his senior year but never knew about the triumph at nationals. When I lifeguarded at Ponterrill in the summer, Bob was always happy to perform on the 3 meter board for everyone. Everyone stopped and watched. When I was a struggling breaststroker my sophomore year I still remember being amazed when this champion was the first one to explain to me after a lost race how to not get down and move on. An absolutely class A athlete and even a better man. RIP Bob.

Ed Corbett, PHS '74 - October 19, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ Robby and I were classmates but we were also the Diving Duo of PHS our senior year. Robby's coaching, encouragement and friendship made competing along side him one of the most memorable times of my life. Peace be with you!

Lynne Bishop - October 18, 2023 at 03:49 PM

LF

“ *Debbie, I am saddened to read about Robby! Sending our love and condolences!*

Lori Flynn

Lori Flynn - October 17, 2023 at 04:48 PM

RM

“ *So very sorry to hear that Rob has passed away. He worked for several years with my son in a group home and was wonderful. Also saw him many times when he would come in with his pets to our office. My condolences to his family. May he RIP.*

Robin Monterosso - October 17, 2023 at 03:11 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie B. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert R. Shaver.*

Stephanie B. - October 16, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Robert R. Shaver.*

October 16, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert R. Shaver.*



October 16, 2023 at 10:48 AM

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“ Dear Shaver family, I had the privilege of knowing and working with Rob for more than 20 years. He was a good hearted, kind man who had a wonderful way of interacting with our supported individuals. He was well liked and respected by all. We will miss him. On behalf of everyone at Guidewire, our heartfelt condolences to each of you. Rest in peace Rob. Stephanie

Stephanie Brown - October 16, 2023 at 10:36 AM