



## John F. (Jack) Shantz

July 1, 1929 - August 21, 2017

John (Jack) Shantz

A life well lived...

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Jack Shantz lived a life we should all envy. A devoted husband of 57 years to Mary Ann (who preceded him), Father to Debbie (Tom), Doug, Papa to Jackie, Jamie, Andrew, Connor, Evan, Brendan and Kaitlin, Uncle to Michele (Dan).

He lived his life the right way. Faith, family first with a successful, well respected legal career spanning six decades based on integrity, honesty and doing the right thing by others, without selfish intentions. He was an incredibly loyal friend and a well respected colleague to many.

A few of his many favorite affiliations included Royal Oak Rotary for over 50 years, the University of Michigan Alumni and Michigan Bar Associations, Marian and Brother Rice Dads Clubs, and as an usher at St. Hugo of the Hills.

He lives on in our memory being a role model and mentor we should all aspire to emulate. He leaves behind a legacy his family will look back on years from now with great pride and admiration. He will be forever loved, dearly missed. Our lives are better because of him.

Visitation Sunday 3-7 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067. In state Monday 10:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church – Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Shrine High School Scholarship Fund or Royal Oak Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund are appreciated.

Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**AUG 28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church  
2215 Opdyke Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Mr. Shantz is the main reason I worked as a legal secretary! Because he graduated from Shrine, when they needed a secretary, he contacted the business teacher and asked for a good student who was not going to college. That was me in 1967! I loved working in his office (as Mr. Dell's secretary). Eventually, I took on more duties and so often I turned to Mr. Shantz for advice. Sometimes, I did his work as we shared work when necessary. I learned so much from him. About life and law! As I moved on in life, I occasionally turned to him for advice. He never failed me. When he told me totally outrageous stories from his years as a student at Shrine, I was thrilled to see him author an article about his exploits some 70 years before. At the last Honors Banquet, I was proud to see a picture of Mr. Shantz with my son, James Mio (now principal of Shrine Catholic High School). Mr. Shantz was someone I was proud to know and privileged to work for. His death left me very sad but so happy to have known him. Along with his wife, Mary Ann, they were 2 people I was honored to call friends.*

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**Diana Marie Lowe MIO** - September 04, 2017 at 11:05 AM

TM

“ *Our sincerest sympathy to Jack's family, he was a real gentleman and a very good man.*  
*The Medici Family*

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**Tom Medici** - September 01, 2017 at 02:37 PM

MM

“ My condolences on the passing of Jack Shantz. A true gentlemen and scholar. I had the pleasure of planning many vacation trips for the family. May God welcome into heaven.



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**Michael D McCarthy** - August 28, 2017 at 03:20 PM

TK

“ Jack was a beautiful person who will be dearly missed.

*Tim Keenan  
Past President, Royal Oak Rotary Club.*

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**Tim Keenan** - August 28, 2017 at 02:50 PM

CC

“ As Bill and I celebrate our 40th year in business this year, we look back over the people who helped us not only get started, but those who supported and advised us all along the way. Jack Shantz was not only a fine attorney, but an invaluable adviser, and dear friend to our entire family. None of us pass through this life without the help and support of others and if you are someone who was lucky enough to have Jack there by your side, I needn't say any more.

*Rest in Peace, Jack.  
Many fond memories,  
Bill and Cindy (Bruce) Chiappetta*

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**Cindy Chiappetta** - August 28, 2017 at 08:58 AM

TF

“ We just heard about Jack's death today through the obituary in the Free Press. All four of us Manninos have wonderful memories of Jack and Maryann and of course our Uncle Al and Aunt Francis. So many great Christmas parties in Bloomfield standing singing at the piano with Al or playing shuffleboard or just eating great food! We're glad Jack had such a long and successful life on so many levels. We are currently involved with a medical emergency for my husband's 89 year old relative so we can't be at the funeral mass tomorrow. But our thoughts will be with all of you as you celebrate Jack's life. I know Carol, Linda, Loren and I will keep wonderful family memories of all the Shantz and we wish the whole family peace and healing. Cam Mannino.

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**The Mannino family** - August 27, 2017 at 07:08 PM

BS

“ Dear Debbie and Doug and your families,

*I just heard about your dear father. He was a kind, thoughtful, generous, intelligent and tender gentleman. He was always curious about my life and family and made me feel special whenever I had the blessing of seeing him on my trips back to Detroit and St. Hugo's masses. He(and your mom) were cherished friends of my parents and our entire family. They knew how to live the definition of a true and good friend. We would all live happy and fulfilling lives if we live even just a little bit as Jack Shantz lived - an real example of living out of love.*

*Matt and I and our children send our condolences and know that you have beautiful memories to sustain you as you mourn this loss.*

*He will be deeply missed for sure.*

*Love,*

*Beth (Bowers) Sennett*

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**Beth and Matt Sennett** - August 27, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. (Jack) Shantz.*



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August 26, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Debbie and Doug,  
We have such wonderful memories of your Dad, and we and our children all loved both your Mom and Dad so much. I am so grateful for how wonderful they were to my parents, and they became very close, special friends for many years. I will never forget your Dad walking through the yard with his beloved dog every night to take a little walk with my very elderly Dad. My Dad always looked forward to that time together. He was a lovely man, and we are so lucky he touched our lives. We send you our love.  
Ann and Royce Benjamin*

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**Ann Benjamin** - August 26, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Sahar Abbo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John F. (Jack) Shantz.*



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**Sahar Abbo** - August 24, 2017 at 04:20 PM

GC

“ My condolences to the Shantz family. I can certainly vouch for the "loyal friend and respected colleague" description. May his memory be eternal.

George Calvert - August 24, 2017 at 03:46 PM

JF

“ Shantz family - We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear father. Jack was a great man to work for at his law firm in Royal Oak. He will be missed. Payers for you all. May he rest in peace. Janet Falcon & Fred Klein



janet falcon - August 24, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. (Jack) Shantz.



August 23, 2017 at 02:12 PM

CC

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all your good memories outweigh your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)

chris c - August 23, 2017 at 11:56 AM

KJ

“ Rest in Peace, Jack. Your wit and humor will be missed by all who knew you!

Keith Jablonski - August 23, 2017 at 10:16 AM