



## Bob Sheldon

April 7, 1948 - January 19, 2021

Robert “Bob” Leonard Sheldon, age 72, passed away suddenly late on January 19, 2021, while in his home.

Bob was born on April 7, 1948, to Dorothy and Fred Sheldon, in Detroit, Michigan. Bob was the oldest of three - the older brother of Jean Ivory and Carol Sheldon. Growing up in Royal Oak, Bob graduated from Dondero High School and later Michigan State University, where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree and a Master’s Degree.

While in East Lansing, Bob met Jackie to whom he married in 1978. Together, they had two sons: Greg and Mike. Bob passed his love of sports down to his sons, never missing any of their games. Bob even became the leader of the Parent’s Organization at Albion College where both Greg and Mike played football.

Later, Bob married Sharon and became the father of Juli. Bob and Juli were always off on grand adventures together. Bob embraced going outside of his comfort zone and trying new things whether it was doing a yoga class, sampling vegan cuisine or touring the Chicago skyline in a propeller plane.

For the last several years, Bob also enjoyed the company of his dear friend, Diann, and her family.

Between Bob’s three children, he had six grandchildren (Isaac, Whitney, Jackson, Samantha, Lanie, and Benny) who he loved to spoil. Bob was known to travel to Chicago, Denver, and Austin at a moment’s notice to spend time with them...and sneak them popsicles. During each visit, Bob would also knock out a long “To-Do List” of home improvement projects...whether he was asked to or not.

No stranger to hard work, Bob was known to put in 10-12 hour work days throughout his career and more recently, during his “retirement”. Bob worked in residential and commercial real estate in the Oakland County area for over 40 years where he impacted

countless families and businesses. Succeeding his dad, Fred Sheldon, as the steward of Berridge & Morrison, Bob guided the company into the new millennium and past the century mark. Bob was blessed to have a vast network of co-workers, contacts and friends to help him along the way, most notably, Rex Smith, his friend and business partner of over 40 years. Despite his success, Bob had a hard time spending money on himself but was extremely generous with friends, charities and loved ones. When Bob wasn't working, on nice days, you could usually find him on the golf course.

Alcoholics Anonymous also had an enormous impact on Bob's life as he found joy and freedom in sponsorship and fellowship with members for over 46 years.

Bob will be remembered as a kind and fair man who would do anything for his family and friends without ever asking for anything in return. His legacy will be as a hardworking man who was truthful, loyal, and a caretaker to all.

In-person visitation and services are private. However, Bob's funeral service will be livestreamed on Monday, January 25, at 11:30 a.m. at <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/Robert-Sheldon-7/#!/PhotosVideos>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the following are appreciated: Metro Detroit Youth Clubs: <https://www.miclubs.org> or Tri Community Coalition: [www.tricommunitycoalition.org](http://www.tricommunitycoalition.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue  
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Private Visitation

**JAN 24** (ET)

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

## Livestream of Funeral Service

**JAN 25**. 11:30 AM (ET)

via Internet

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Bob Sheldon*



**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - January 24, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DK

*So sorry for the loss all the people in Bob's life are feeling. He was the kind of man any male should want to be. He will be deeply missed. May Perpetual Light shine upon you my friend. ----Dev Kennedy, Northbrook, IL*

**Dev Kennedy** - January 25, 2021 at 11:41 AM

SW

*Hello. I am one of those many men that knew Bob from AA. I want to say that Bob literally saved my life. I was dying from alcohol and drug addiction in 1979 when I came to AA and met Bob. Bob spent a lot of time counselling me and telling me what to do at a time in my life when I really needed someone to tell me what to do. Today I am listening to men who are dying of alcohol and drug addiction and telling them what to do to live. Bob taught me that. I live in Austin, TX and got to go to BBQ lunch with Bob when he came to TX to visit his grandkids.*

*I am so grateful that he was in my life.*

*I am very sad.*

*Sheldon Weinstein*

*843-224-2726*

**Sheldon and Weinstein** - January 25, 2021 at 12:33 PM

MS

*This service was a great tribute to a fine man. All men loved him, and he loved all men. RIP*

**Mike and Rose Simons** - January 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

BK

*Our prayers are with you and your family 🙏 What a beautiful life! Rest In Peace, Bob*

**Brenda kirk** - January 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

KJ

*To Bob's family, thank you for sharing the service for him with this video. He was truly a wonderful person and he will be missed in Royal Oak. May peace be with you all.*

**Karen Jones** - January 25, 2021 at 12:53 PM

AJ

*Bod Sheldon was a good, kind-hearted man that told you like it was, and always led by example. Having met a bunch of the men that claim they owe a big portion of their sobriety to him, and being one of those myself through our amazing fellowship, I can certainly believe that throughout his life he had an influence upon thousands of lives in and out of AA . While I am sad that he is gone, I am truly blessed that I met him, that we had a chance to have our own relationship, and that without a doubt I am better off than I would have been because he took some time to share himself with me.*

*God bless, and God speed!*

*Andrew Jaloza*

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**Andrew Jaloza** - January 25, 2021 at 12:59 PM

MR

*Bob was a very fine gentleman and I am so glad that we had a few moments to share in our busy passing lives. Rest In Peace Bob Sheldon❤️*

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**Martha Ryan** - January 25, 2021 at 03:11 PM

GR

*We are saddened by the news of Bob's passing. It has been our privilege to have known Bob through our business relationship over the past 30 years. He was truly an honorable gentlemen who always went out of his way to answer questions or help out in any way he could in his area of expertise. I was always struck by how giving he was of his time, kind of rare these days.*

*Condolences to his family.*

*Glen Renaud  
Royal Oak Heating & Cooling*

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**Glen Renaud** - January 25, 2021 at 04:14 PM

WY

*I want to thank the Sheldon family for allowing so many of Bob's friends to share in his service.It was just last summer that Bob and I on the golf course discussed how we have been friends for 56 years.I cherish the phone call I received from him the first of the year wishing for a good year for my family...the year will not be as good without him. Wes Youngblood*

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**wes Youngblood** - January 26, 2021 at 08:59 AM



*I had just recently met Bob as he was highly recommended to help our family with an estate of properties to manage or sell after my Dad died. He was giving us his time even though he didn't need to. I was learning so much from him, our family was so thankful to have his deep expertise. I was amazed at his concern for detail and his reliable and honest presence. I felt like Bob and our family were just beginning a wonderful friendship and we are deeply saddened to lose him so early into knowing him. Rest in peace Bob you were a generous and brilliant man.*

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**Julie St John** - January 27, 2021 at 12:03 PM

MM

*I have known Bob for over 50 years. He was always available to help those that needed it.*

*No finer man have I ever known.*

*God bless you Bob. We will all miss you for the rest of our lives.*

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**Mike McKenna** - February 28, 2021 at 09:32 AM

ES

“ *Elizabeth Scholten sent a virtual gift in memory of Bob Sheldon*



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**elizabeth scholten** - May 09, 2021 at 01:26 AM

ES

“ *he was a great character in the book the outsider's and also the movie he was so heroic we will dearly miss him:(*



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**elizabeth scholten** - May 09, 2021 at 01:23 AM

JG

“ *My condolences on Bob's passing as I just found out today. I was fortunate to make Bob's acquaintance 20 years ago and it was easy to be his friend. I respected him greatly as he was always honest, knowledgeable and straight forward. He was a great resource for property information and we bounced info back and forth frequently. I will miss my friend very much. I feel like i know his family as he shared tales on occasion. Deepest sympathies to his family. Bob was the best and I'm forever grateful that our paths crossed.*

*Jim Geiermann, Royal Oak City Assessor*

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**James Geiermann** - March 09, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MI

“ *It is with the deepest sympathy upon learning of Bob's passing. He was a great guy and very caring. Our heart and prayers go out to the entire Sheldon family. May God watch over him and bless him.*

*Mark & Janet Irwin*

*Louisville, Ky.*

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**Mark Irwin** - February 01, 2021 at 10:51 AM

JS

“ *Julie Spenceley lit a candle in memory of Bob Sheldon*



Julie Spenceley - January 27, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JS

*My deepest sympathy to the Sheldon family. Bob was a coworker I've only known a few years and his kindnesses will always be remembered. Rest in Peace, Bob.*

Julie Spenceley - January 27, 2021 at 05:41 PM

AG

“ *Angela S Granata lit a candle in memory of Bob Sheldon*



Angela S Granata - January 26, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DD

“ *My deepest condolences, just recently been working with Bob with the sale of our building and talking retirement with him. God bless. The Dimitrie family*

Dennis Dimitrie - January 26, 2021 at 09:17 AM

PJ

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all. Remembering fondly the period of time when the family was my neighbor in HW. Especially Loved hearing the rest of the beautiful story of Juli & her father Bob.  
Blessings on your head.  
Peggy Jo*



Peggy Jo - January 25, 2021 at 11:43 PM

JB

“ Jean, Dorothy and Carol,

*The online service today was beautiful. I did not know Bob, but now I wish I had. He led a life of service. My deepest sympathy to you all and your children and grandchildren. It is clear he will be deeply missed.*

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**Jane Baniewicz** - January 25, 2021 at 06:33 PM

 Dan Halvorsen

“ Bob was a wonderful guy and a great friend. Will miss him so much. Dan Halvorsen, Chicago

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**Dan Halvorsen** - January 25, 2021 at 06:14 PM

MR

“ To Bob's family and Dorothy-

*Beautiful celebration of Bob's life. I learned many things about your Dad today that I did not know about him on his personal side, so very heartwarming to hear. Over the years and numerous phone calls, he would share stories on visiting with children and grandchildren; he was so proud of all of you and his love for you showed through. I have known Bob for decades from old Rotary days with his Dad (and Dorothy too!) and so many real estate dealings over the years. Always the goto man that shared his great knowledge and insite with me. I am very blessed to have known him. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Mark Ryan** - January 25, 2021 at 05:07 PM

RO

“ Bob and I met 19 years ago when I rented a building from him for my salon in Berkley. He was a wonderful landlord, friend, and even became one of my clients. I will miss him very much. Condolences to his family.

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**Roxanne** - January 25, 2021 at 03:46 PM

BH

“ What a beautiful celebration of Bob’s life. As I have been listening especially when Mark spoke of the softball team and what a great 1st baseman he was reminded me of what a powerful batter he was. Once while pitching softball practice Bob hit a line drive right back at me. I could not react fast enough and the ball hit me in the right thigh. I thought it was broken. When I finally got up I realized I was ok, but I could not walk right for at least a week. Oh and by the way Bob was the first person to run out and see if I was alright. That is the kind of guy he was. RIP my friend, Love 2B.

Bob Huston - January 25, 2021 at 12:52 PM

BD

“ I will use Bob's life as a standard for me to help me be a better man.

Bob & Tammy Deacy - January 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JM

“ I am James Mantz from Bloomington IN Bob was a great friend. Sorry for your loss

James Mantz - January 25, 2021 at 11:46 AM

FJ

“ Frank And Renee Jensen lit a candle in memory of Bob Sheldon



Frank and Renee Jensen - January 25, 2021 at 11:34 AM

AS

“ Bob's passing was such a shock. I have worked for Bob the past 6 years. We didn't always agree but that was ok. He taught me so much over the years. Our favorite conversations were always about our grandchildren. He absolutely loved being a grandpa! I will miss you Bob - may you rest in peace.

Amy Spurlin - January 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

NM

“ *Nancy Maslanik lit a candle in memory of Bob Sheldon*



**Nancy Maslanik** - January 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

RG

“ *My deepest condolences. Bob was a friend and a mentor when I was a young man starting in home inspections, and beyond. I have many fond memories of working with him.*



**Ron Gay** - January 25, 2021 at 07:50 AM

NM

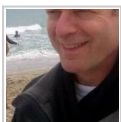
*My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones . He was my landlord over a decade . RIP Bob*

**Nancy Maslanik** - January 25, 2021 at 11:13 AM

MS

*I only had a few opportunities to be with Bob which were both very positive. However, my admiration for his mother, Dorothy, has now increased a hundred-fold because of all that I just heard about the man that Bob was. God Bless you, Dorothy, and Carol and Jean. Take care and God Bless you all. Love and prayers, Maureen Sullivan*

**Maureen Sullivan** - January 25, 2021 at 12:55 PM



*I did not know Bob well. Met him at the Dignitaries Sympathy Group dinner in Lansing a few years ago.*

*I know Doug Lasky, one of his friends and people who were closer to him. The good works of Bob and other men have made their westward and eastward to places like New York City through men like Tim Kelly and others.*

*My prayers are with you and your family.*

*Thank you and I'm sure you're on to your next adventure!*

*Jason Fischer NYC*

**Jason Fischer** - January 25, 2021 at 07:45 PM

PE

“ I am heartbroken.

*Bob was such a wonderful friend but above all, truly a wonderful person, ALWAYS going above and beyond. Completely dedicated to his entire family which was always his focus. I will miss him terribly. My thoughts, prayers and love to all his family and friends. Sincerely Paul Ehrmann*

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**PAUL ROBERT EHRMANN** - January 25, 2021 at 05:09 AM

KA

“ *Karla lit a candle in memory of Bob Sheldon*



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**Karla** - January 24, 2021 at 05:09 PM

SS

“ *Dear Dorothy,*

*Bill Sullivan called us to tell us about Bob's passing. We were not only shocked but saddened by the news. Bob was a friend, a coworker, and I know he loved you all very much.*

*Over the years when I've been asked who I would recommend as a real estate broker, I would answer without hesitation, "Bob Sheldon." In my opinion he was the most honest and knowledgeable in this area. As you know I had the opportunity to work for Bob and and saw his ability over and over again.*

*Serena and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

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**Serena Sherman** - January 24, 2021 at 04:57 PM

TA

“ *Tom Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Bob Sheldon*



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**Tom Armstrong** - January 24, 2021 at 01:46 PM

KJ

“ My heartfelt sympathy is with Bob’s family and friends. He was wonderful at solving problems! When my brother-in-law and I wanted to sell the two buildings we owned in Royal Oak, he went out of his way to help figure essential repairs, get someone to make the repairs, check to see if they did the job, AND find a good buyer! He took care of so many details. I will always remember his cheerful attitude and kindness. Karen Jones

KAREN JONES - January 24, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JM

“ I have known Bob for a very long time . He to me is Uncle Bob and will always be uncle bob . I don’t know of anyone that is more kinder genuine person then Bob . He has helped me in more ways then you will know. Thank you for all you that you have done for me. They will never be forgotten. Your memories that we have shared will always be with me . Love always Jen

jennifer mindell - January 23, 2021 at 12:32 PM



Richard Ax

“ I knew Bob for 20 years. I worked for him as a sales agent in his brokerage for 16 years. He remained my mentor and close friend. Before Covid 19, we would meet for breakfast bi-monthly to discuss the local community and the impact on commercial real estate. Since Covid 19, we spoke on the phone on a regular basis. I shared with Bob, back in July, the news about my wife and I are expecting a child February 1, 2021. His advice to me was, agree with your wife on almost anything, she is going thru a lot. I laughed, I thought, voice of learned experience. I will miss you greatly Bob.  
Love You, Rick Ax

Richard Ax - January 23, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ I got to know Bob playing ball on a team that centered around him. He was always upbeat giving and wanting the best for the people around him. What a beautiful soul.

Rick Brown - January 23, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ When it comes to quality people, Bob Sheldon is at the top of the list. I have known Bob for nearly 30 years. He was a tremendous supporter of MDYC's - Jack & Patti Salter Club.

For years, he supported another one of those incredible people, Jess Perreca, and our Holiday Basket Program. Bob would always find a way to secure a commercial property to serve as “Santa’s Headquarters” and often covered the expenses out of his own pocket. Every year, Bob would make sure that the Club would be able to help those families in greatest need.

In my role, I’m often connected with someone who is lost in the world of addiction but is ready to make a change. Bob was my sole go to guy. He provided a lifeline to so many - truly he saved so many lives.

Bob did all of this, and so much more for so many, in such a humble way. His answer was always yes. He cared and he acted. He leaned in and offered a gentle touch. His success in life lifted all those around him.

When I learned of Bob’s passing this week, my thoughts were clear. Bob is irreplaceable. For all those who had the honor of knowing Bob - we understand just how true that is today.

Tonight, I think of his mom Dorothy, another incredibly caring leader, Bob’s sisters, children, grandchildren and all of Bob’s family.

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**Brett Tillander** - January 22, 2021 at 11:22 PM



Beautiful, Brett. I knew Bob well, like so many others. He was happy to lend a hand to anyone who crossed his path. Humble, witty, insightful, grateful, loving..the list goes on. He touched so many of us in recovery and we will carry on his ideals as he would hope.

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**Aj Oneil** - January 23, 2021 at 08:01 AM

MI

“ Bob Thank You for being a kind and genuine soul in this world. There must have been a higher calling for you to exit this world so soon and I know you are carrying on there as you did here. ❤️ Mike B.

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**Mike** - January 22, 2021 at 10:03 PM

TS

*Bob Thank you for all you have done for me and my family. Our fathers were bowling buddies (Al Snow & Fred Sheldon) so I guess it was meant to be that we were friends. Your impact on my life and my children's lives by being a trusted real estate advisor and friend was priceless. My heart goes out to Dorothy your children and grand children who I know you loved dearly and spoke of often. God bless you my friend and your family. Heaven is a kinder warmer place now.....Love.....Tony S.*

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**Tony Snow** - January 23, 2021 at 07:44 AM

DM

*Bob Thank you for being you. Thank you for believing in Allen and I at Mid City Technology. We will continue to cherish the times you visited with us and worked with us. We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to your family and loved ones. May God keep you well in his paradise and strengthen you family.*

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**Dwight & Allen @ MCT** - January 25, 2021 at 04:47 PM

TR

*We would just like of offer our heartfelt condolences to Bob's family and friends. Every encounter we had with him was always friendly and respectful. We could tell he was one of the good people God placed on earth. We're next door neighbors who always tried to get him to come to our yearly karaoke party that he allowed us to have on his lot, but he always declined and said make sure you all have a good time though. A special light!*

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**The Richards** - January 29, 2021 at 03:34 PM