



## Rusty Josef Shook

April 9, 1978 - December 31, 2024

Rusty Josef Shook, a devoted family man, amazing friend, selfless employee of Stellantis Auto Company, passed away unexpectedly on 12/31/24 at his home in Saint Clair, Shores Michigan. Rusty was 46 years old.

Born on April 9th, 1978, in Amherst, Ohio, Rusty is survived by his beloved wife of 18 years Mona Jean Shook, adoring son Colin Josef Shook, beautiful daughter Grace Emma Shook, Mother Cheryl M. Schaffer, nephew Tyler J. Shook, Mother-in-Law Sharon Chambers and many aunts, uncles, cousins, niece's and nephew's. Rusty was preceded in death by his father Kelly J. Shook and his brother James L. Shook.

Rusty was a terrific athlete, a mathematical wiz, and the ultimate gamesman. From a very young age Rusty developed a love of sport and competition, living in Mitiwanga on the lake Rusty was surrounded by his cousins and friends. This environment provided Rusty with a plethora of opportunities to swim, boat, play baseball, basketball, football, ride bikes, and compete in every game / sport that someone was willing to "lose" at. This served him well in fatherhood as well "where he thrived", Rusty was the perfect father to Colin and Grace, he was patient, kind, and supportive of their dreams and goals. Rusty loved being with his family, and most would say that he was the "glue" that kept everyone together. His passion for family is something we should all strive to live by.

Rusty will be honored and laid to rest at Mandziuk Funeral Home in Sterling Heights, Michigan, with visitation from 1-5 pm with memorial readings from 4-5 pm with a celebratory dinner to follow at Sahara Restaurant & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights. This Spring the family is planning a celebration of his life with details to be announced at a later date. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Memory Sharing

JAN 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Years ago, I worked with Rusty and Jim at Prestige Delivery Systems. Such a great guy... My condolences to the family.

Jacqueline Hoover - January 07, 2025 at 08:53 PM

SR

“ 🕊️🕊️☐☐ A great loss. Rusty will truly be missed. I worked with Rusty for a few years at Stellantis. He was always so pleasant, respectful and always smiling. He was always such a Stand up guy. He will definitely be missed by many at Stellantis/Mack plant. My prayers & condolences to his entire family, especially his wife & children. God Bless you & keep you all in his comfort & care. 🙏

Sharon Ratliff - January 07, 2025 at 10:55 AM

WB

“ Wendy & Bill Brenner purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



Wendy & Bill Brenner - January 03, 2025 at 05:34 PM

WB

“ Wendy & Bill Brenner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

Wendy & Bill Brenner - January 03, 2025 at 05:34 PM

AR

“ Aunt Candy and Rick purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



Aunt Candy and Rick - January 03, 2025 at 04:50 PM

SH

“ Shelby purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



Shelby - January 03, 2025 at 03:27 PM

WA

“ Wendy, John, Richie, Rysn, & Andrew purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



Wendy, John, Richie, Rysn, & Andrew - January 03, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



January 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

January 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



January 03, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



January 03, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

January 03, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DO

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



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**Don** - January 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Don** - January 03, 2025 at 12:50 PM

JO

“ *It is with great shock and sorrow that I learned of Rusty’s passing. I have had the great fortune to meet Rusty some 5 years ago and have come to know him as a loyal, generous and humorous friend. He was a central part our team and he brought an uplifting attitude that has built many fond memories for me. He was a proud father who lived for the achievements of his kids, talking frequently about their accomplishments. The loss of Rusty will be felt keenly by all of our friend group - we will always remember and miss you.*

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**Jon** - January 03, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JT

“ John and Shawn Tretchler purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



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**John and Shawn Tretchler** - January 03, 2025 at 08:21 AM

LG

“ Love John and Kathy Gould planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

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**Love John and Kathy Gould** - January 03, 2025 at 07:22 AM

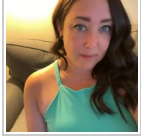
LG

“ Love John and Kathy Gould purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



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**Love John and Kathy Gould** - January 03, 2025 at 07:22 AM



“ *In loving memory of Rusty and with deepest sympathies.*



*I will forever miss spending time chatting and playing games with Rusty. He was the best teammate and the glue that held our group together, as our friend Jon said. He made us laugh \*all the time\* with his plethora of movie quotes. He was generous and thoughtful. Rusty kept it real with us.. always using self deprecating humor...yet never missed a chance to see the positive possibilities when it came to other people. I am forever grateful for all of the memories, Rusty. Thank you for having been such a fun, loyal friend. I will remember you always.*

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**Shayla Eve** - January 02, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MK

“ *Maggie, Brandon, & Kea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.*

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**Maggie, Brandon, & Kea** - January 02, 2025 at 08:40 PM

MK

“ *Maggie, Brandon, & Kea purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.*



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**Maggie, Brandon, & Kea** - January 02, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LJ

“ My condolences to Mona and my friend Sharon. I remember attending the wedding and wishing them well. I pray you both find peace and comfort during this time of loss.

Loretta Jones - January 02, 2025 at 07:28 PM

BJ

“ I have been friends with Rusty's mom for decades and I was privileged to know him from birth. He was a beautiful boy and I loved him. Although I moved to New Zealand, on my trips home we would catch up. Cherryle kept me posted on Rusty and his beautiful family. I can't express how painful his passing is for them and me being so far away and not being able to hold them in my arms! RIP beautiful boy! 💔🙏

Bonnie Johnson - January 02, 2025 at 06:56 PM

LJ

My condolences to Mona and my friend Sharon on the loss of Rusty. I pray you find peace and comfort.

Loretta Jones - January 02, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



January 02, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

January 02, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.*



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January 02, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Rusty played on my dad's baseball team with Niel and Bronson, Don, the gang. He was a big part of my brother's life until my brother died in the house fire on Frailey Rd. Can't even begin to tell you what an honor and privilege it was to have known him.*



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**Brian Bunt** - January 02, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.*



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January 02, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.*

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January 02, 2025 at 05:41 PM

JJ

“ I have had the privilege of working with Rusty for the past 18 months at FCA Transport we started at 5 am and he was always a joy to be around you could not ask for a better co-worker, he always had a smile and good words to say. There are about 10 of us starting at 5 and if Rusty was not around we all started to wonder where he was that day. He always talked about how well his kids were doing in school and how he was dealing with having teenagers which made us laugh a lot. He kept us up to date on the Kitchen remodel he did last summer and the problems he had to deal with along the way. He will be missed by all who knew him here at Transport especially me.

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**Jerry L Jones** - January 02, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



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January 02, 2025 at 05:07 PM



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January 02, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JJ

“ Jerry J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

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**Jerry J.** - January 02, 2025 at 04:59 PM

HZ

“ Heidi Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Josef Shook.

Heidi Z. - January 02, 2025 at 04:15 PM

RF

“ My condolences to family and friends...



Rhonda Futo - January 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM

RB

*On behalf of the members of UAW Local 212 at FCA Transport in Detroit, our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with the family of our Brother Rusty at this difficult time. May God Bless.*

Rob Barrett - January 02, 2025 at 04:42 PM

HZ

“ I had the blessing and honor of working with Rusty years ago at Prestige Delivery. Rusty and I sat next to each other, and became great friends and colleagues. Rusty was a hard worker, a genuine human that truly cared about the people around him. Rusty would make me laugh and had LOTS of patience sharing office space with me 😂. We both moved on from Prestige and in life but I always considered him a friend. I am blessed to have seen my friend last summer at his brother's memorial; I am so grateful I had the chance to hug him and talk a little..My heart and prayers go out to his wife and children, his mother, and his family and all those that loved and knew Rusty. If you knew Rusty, then you were truly blessed. I will treasure the memories and friendship of Rusty always! R.I.P. my dear, sweet friend. 🙏🕊️

Heidi Zornes-Soria - January 02, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rusty Josef Shook.



January 02, 2025 at 03:22 PM

OP

“ Olivia Pena lit a candle in memory of Rusty Josef Shook



Olivia Pena - January 02, 2025 at 03:18 PM