



## William R. Shrum

May 18, 1947 - January 16, 2013

William “Bill” Ray Shrum, 65, of the Golden Living Center, Clarion, formerly of Helen Furnace, died Wednesday morning, January 16, 2013, at the Golden Living Center following an extended illness.

Born May 18, 1947 in Crown; he was the son of the late Clarence Ray and Ethel Gilmore Shrum.

Bill graduated from Clarion High School in 1964. He then graduated in 1996 from Clarion University.

He worked as a drug and alcohol rehabilitative counselor at Abraxas.

His passions included old trains and fast cars. In the past, nothing gave Bill more pleasure than driving a fast, American made car. He was a real Mopar Man, who loved spending time with his fellow “motor heads” at the track.

In Bill’s later years, his greatest pleasure was spending time with his beautiful granddaughters. They were the loves of his life. Most people did not know that Bill was a gifted poet and even had his poetry published.

Bill was a fine lover of cheeseburger and football, especially the Raiders. Bill coached high school football for many years at Clarion Area.

Surviving are two sons, Derrek Wayne Shrum of Clarion, and Dustin Ray Shrum and his wife, Jessica, of Sligo; and two granddaughters, Karlee Rae Shrum and Makenna Taylor Shrum of Sligo.

Also surviving are three sisters, Cathy Wencil and her husband Steve of Clarion, Norma Hartle and her husband, Joe, of South Carolina, and Joyce Gillette of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, maternal grandparents, Banks and Edna McKinsey Gilmore, paternal grandparents, William Henry and Alice Johnston Shrum, and an infant daughter, Robin Lee Shrum.

Private services for family only will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Interment will be held in the Helen Furnace Cemetery.

Memorials and donations can be made to the funeral home to defer funeral expenses.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers for the entire family.

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**Denise Shufesky** - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear about Bill. I remember him as such a happy-go lucky guy. He was such a good hearted person.  
Sincerely  
John Joy

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**John Joy** - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ SORRY for your LOSS, DEEPEST SYMPATHY. Ill cherish my friendship with Bill and being one of the old five gang. Bill, Lee, Ralph, Larry, Don. May He Rest in Peace

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**Donald E Boyles** - January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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**Donald E Boyles** - January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I can't think of one moment spent with Shrummy that was not filled with uproarious laughter, talk of memories and times gone by. Mom and I ran into Shrummy at Riverside market decades ago, we stopped for a minute or two of chatter and of course we parted company upon a ripple of laughter. It was always that way. Heaven is richer with Shrummy's arrival, this I know. I hope the family takes comfort in the fact that Shrummy will be joining his old friend, my Dad, Joe Best. And, I am sure the walls of Heaven will resound with the uproarious laughter we all remember.  
My condolences to the family.

With Sympathy-  
Stacy L. Best

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**Stacy Best** - January 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Derek, Dustin, Kathy and families, I'm sorry for your loss. I was honored to take care of Shrummy in the home for a couple of years. He will be missed. He always had charm and wit about him. I remember all the years that he and my Dad Tom had at wrestling and football matches and games. Dad will be watching out for him up in heaven.

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**Amy Mahle** - January 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Bill was a great guy I shared a lot of common interests with. There was always a good conversation to be had with him. I thank The Lord he is no longer in pain but thoughts and prayers are still with Bill's family.

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**Jason Hawk** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. DEEPEST SYMPATHY.  
SHRUMMY WAS A PART OF THE OLD GANG.. A GOOD GUY.

Bob Wynkoop & SHERRY - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I knew Bill when he was a student at Clarion University and was in the Student Support Services Program. I have been the Secretary for that program since 1982. He always seemed happy and we joked around every time he came in the office. I always enjoyed when he would come in the office - he was a very pleasant student and I praised him for returning to college later in life. He told me one day that he would never graduate and I told him yes he would that I had faith in him. I'm so glad to have known Bill and again I extend my sympathy.

Susan Stephenson - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My thoughts and prayers for your entire family. Shrummy was a good guy and I will miss seeing him whenever I go to work.

Pam Dolby - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Cathy and Steve and all of Bill's family, you have my sincere condolences for your loss. We will all miss him. Steve

Steve Porter - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ sorry to hear of Bill's passing my thoughts and prays are with you  
god bless your family he will be missed

Karen MacBeth - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ You were a good friend Shrummy. I have never forgot our many talks @ The Gym . You were always good for a laugh. God Speed my Friend.

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**Bruce Mills** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'm glad Bill is out of his pain.

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**Christine Scott** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We were sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Ben has many fond memories of the time he and Bill spent together in their youth. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Ben & Debbie Call** - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ To Bills family sorry for your lost

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**Rose Gould** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Remembering all the good times those many years ago. He has a friend up in heaven.  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Carole

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**Carole Cyphert** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Derek, Dustin and Bill's Family,  
I was fortunate to meet Bill when I moved to Clarion. He was a  
gentle soul and a fine gentleman. A good conversation always took  
place when Bill was present. My thoughts are with you.*

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**Todd MacBeth** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM