



Harold "Hal" L. Shipley, Jr.

January 26, 1941 - January 19, 2014

Harold Hal Lowell Shipley, Jr. of Anderson, Indiana, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on January 19, 2014 at the age of 72 following a brief battle with cancer. He was born on January 26, 1941 in Indianapolis. In 1959 he graduated from Broad Ripple High School, where he won a state wrestling championship. He was inducted to the Indiana Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1996.

He spent more than 40 years in data processing as a programmer and system analyst, mostly in the health insurance field. He retired from OneAmerica in October 2010.

He became a member of Mensa International in 1983. He enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed his time with his youngest daughter, Brandi, participating in the YMCA Indian Princess Program. His acerbic wit and quick come backs will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold L. Shipley and Velma Beaver Shipley. He is survived by his wife, Patti Forse Shipley, and four children: Harold R. Shipley of Indianapolis, Stacey Harris David of Fishers, Suzanne Shipley of Fishers, and Brandi Shipley of Indianapolis. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Zachary and Charlie Harris and Erin and Sarah Shipley; his sister Carol Ann Shipley Clark Gary; parents-in-law Harry and Arlene Forse, sister-in-law Nancy Michael Nuce and seven nieces and nephews.

In lieu of a formal showing, a casual celebration of life will take place January 23, 2014 at the Edge, 519 Golf Club Road in Anderson, from 5-8pm.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Community Hospital Hospice in his name will be welcome.

Online condolences can be posted at www.LooseCares.com.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ My deepest sympathy to Hal's Family and Friends. I had the pleasure of working with Hal from 2000 until his retirement. I will always remember him with his shoes off, sitting cross legged on his chair, his quiet demeanor and sense of humor and sunflower seeds. Never hesitated to assist a co-worker; so fortunate to have known him. May God bring comfort to his Family. Rest in Peace, Hal; you were one of a kind.

Mary Dykes - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ i worked with Hal at Golden Rule and then at Techsys Advanced Resources. He was one of my favorite people to work with. I learned a lot about programming from him especially about just going with a gut feeling sometimes. He had a great smile, a wonderful sense of humor, and was just a nice guy. My deepest sympathy to Patti and family - Hal is gone way too soon.

Amy O'Connell - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I have known Hal since we were children. Our friendship began in grade school and continued through High School and into our adult lives. Eventually as we grew older and went in different directions, we saw each other less often. But, we kept in touch through occasional emails and visits. Just a short time ago, some of the Broad Ripple High School boys were asking me about Hal. I have always, and still consider him a close friend. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Charles 'Bub' Anderson - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. It has been many years since I saw Hal. I was a friend of his Mother and Sister and I really would like for Carol Ann to call me. I am sure after all these years she has forgotten my number, it is 317-251-4033. I would sure loved to hear from she and Gary. Again, so very sorry to hear of you loss. Jeanne Young

Jeanne Young - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Patti, I can only imagine the pain and sorrow you and your family are experiencing. Please know that you are in my sincere thoughts and prayers. May Hal truly rest in peace and may you be comforted knowing that he is no longer suffering.

Julie Michael Davis - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Brandi, my thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry to hear of your loss.

Patty Needham Story - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Sorry to hear of Hal's passing. I worked with and car pooled with Hal in the late 60's & early 70's at Bryant Air Conditioning. We shared many a laugh together. My deepest sympathies to all members of his family.

Bill Walker - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Suzanne sorry for your great loss. Thinking of you and your family. Peace.

Cathy Rowe - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I worked with Hal at Golden Rule and just thinking about Hal makes me smile. He never said much but had such a dry sense of humor. Very smart programmer and I truly enjoyed the time we worked together. May you rest in peace my friend.

Jean Williams - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Blessings go out to the Shipley family in this time of sorrow. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love to you all. Cynthia Elson

Cynthia Elson - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ "Automagically" That's the first word I think of when I think of the great times working with Hal at Golden Rule. Of course, he created the word for all the things I wanted him to program to make my team's processes better. What a great guy! I think of Hal and smile. Glad to hear the end was peaceful for him. I am unable to attend the celebration of his life but will pray for comfort for the family. Sincerely, Dee Megenhardt Greenman

Dee Greenman - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I worked with Hal at Golden Rule Insurance during the 90's and I can't remember a day that he wasn't working a cross word puzzle, eating sunflower seeds and sitting cross-legged without shoes in his cubicle chair. While he had great programming skills, he also had the driest sense of humor and the ability to make people laugh. I will remember his grin, his corny jokes and more importantly his friendship. My deepest sympathies to Patti an his family

Frank Fults - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I worked with Hal for many years at Golden Rule Ins. He was a great programmer and a really great guy. Also, he had an uncanny knack for picking NFL football games. My sympathies to Patti and the rest of his family.

John Butler - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM