



Howard Martin Shannon

September 10, 1943 - September 21, 2012

SHANNON, Howard Martin

9/10/1943-9/21/2012

After serious complications following esophageal cancer surgery, Howard Martin Shannon left this life peacefully on Friday, September 21st, surrounded by his family as he was escorted into the Kingdom of heaven.

Howard was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the University of GA where he met and married his college sweetheart, Gail, in June of 1966. In 1971 he moved his family to Santa Barbara. Howard became a very successful real estate developer of Self Storage facilities and management of commercial property. He opened Santa Barbara's first storage facility 40 years ago and expanded his business throughout the country.

Howard derived great joy in helping those in need. He served for many years on the board of St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico, was instrumental in starting the building expansion of St. Barbara Monastery in Ojai, and helped implement the starting of the Recovery Ranch House in Santa Ynez.

'What will we do without our Deacon Howard?' is the often repeated question heard over the past few weeks. This question came from family, friends, business partners, employees - anyone whose life he had touched over his 69 years with us. Waitresses, workers around his home and sales people in local bagel and candy shops can't imagine their daily routines without the warmth of

his presence. He was generous to ANYONE in need - from all walks of life. Howard's warm and loving heart was obvious to all. His playful spirit and fun-loving personality never failed to brighten your day. We may not know what we will do without the presence of Howard Shannon in our lives, but one thing we do know: Howard is in the arms of God, and it is truly well with his soul!

Howard leaves behind a legacy of love: his wife, Gail and five children: Travis (Tracy), Judson (Claudia), Courtney, Jesse (Devlynne) and Casey (Stephanie). His grandchildren are Jordan, Conor (Travis); Olivia, Francis (Judson); Briana, Brody (Courtney); Caden, Katherine, Kyle and Casey (Jesse); Sebastian, Brigid (Casey) and great grandchild, Makoa (Briana). Howard is also survived by his sister, Shirley (David) Myrick, sister-in-law Yetty (Charles) Arp, brother-in-law Kent (Dale) Levenson and many nieces, nephews, and godchildren who loved their 'Poppy' dearly.

He was dedicated to the goal of building a beautiful house of worship for the church that he loved and served as Deacon Howard George. For 22 years he headed the building project for Saint Athanasius Orthodox Church. The ground breaking for that dream was held earlier this month. To further these efforts in his memory the family is requesting that, in lieu of flowers, a donation 'In Memory of Howard Shannon' be made to St. Athanasius Building Fund and mailed to: PO Box 35, Goleta, CA 93116.

Cemetery Details

Goleta Cemetery

44 South San Antonio Road
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110
(805) 967-3608

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 6:30 PM (PT)

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
300 Sumida Gardens Ln.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 1:00 PM (PT)

First United Methodist Church
305 E. Anapamu Str.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101