



Wade A. Shanower

February 8, 1950 - October 13, 2011

Wade A. Shanower, 61, of Bloomington, passed away on Thursday, October 13, 2011. He was born on February 8, 1950, in Columbus, Indiana, to Julia Cornelius and Wade Shanower. Wade served the Peace Corps from 1972-1974, stationed in El Salvador before moving to Bloomington, IN. He spent many years owning and managing restaurants in Bloomington including the Loaf and Ladle and Stefano's before becoming the president of Big Red Liquors in Bloomington, IN.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Shanower, his daughter and son-in-law Robyn and Jeremy Sumerfelt of Bloomington, IN; his son and daughter-in-law Casey Shanower and Barbara Nann of Dallas, TX; three sisters Brenda Fuller, Lee Ann Grady, and Cathy LaMaster.

A private memorial service is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Wade's name be made to the Monroe County Humane Association at www.monroehumane.org/giving. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ As a former manager at Big Red for over eight years under Wade I know he will be sorely missed. Big Red would not be where it is today without Wade's leadership. My sympathy goes out to his family during this time.

Matt Knueven - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

MI

“ Dear Connie, Robyn & Casey
I just learned this morning of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. I will always remember all the good times we had at the Loaf n Ladle and parties at your old house in Tanglewood & Robyn & Holli running wild! I just can not believe he is gone.
With Love, strength and blessings

Misti Collins-Smith - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LI

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time. Wade was a great man and terrific person to work with. Everywhere Signs

Lisa Keough - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

HI

“ Dear Connie, Robyn, Casey and family - my heart goes out to you. Wade set the bar for giving to family, friendship and community action. He is missed.

Hilary Shook - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

SH

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to your family at this time of loss.
I learned so much from Wade and he will be greatly missed.*

Shon Crabtree-Garland - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

TO

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Wade was my friend, and I always enjoyed the time I spent with him. My heart is heavy. I will miss him.*

Todd Beckley - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

JB

“ *The Clubs have lost a great champion. Under Wade's leadership, thousands of community youth have had an opportunity to realize their full potential. We are forever grateful for Big Red's support and Wade's leadership - he left Bloomington a better place.
BG Club Staff and Board*

Jeff Baldwin - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

PE

“ *We are very sorry to hear of Wade's death. He was a wonderful man and we are blessed to have been touched by his kindness, humor, and friendship. Wade's memory will live on in our hearts and our family tales. Every time we see a piece of cowboy furniture, you can bet the warmest of smiles will spread on our faces.*

*Your family is in our thoughts,
Pete Russo and Judy Russo*

Pete Russo - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

CL

“ Dear Connie & Family:

I will try to keep my comments brief, as I know you will be reading many notes of condolence. Wade was much more than a business associate, he was a friend and fellow dog lover. Our business meetings could be heated when we were negotiating a transaction, but when the meeting concluded, we emerged as friends. He was firm in his dealings, but fair; which is a rare trait. His word was his bond and he never waivered. I respected him immensely! I will miss our business luncheons where Wade always talked about his family, dogs, and where he and Connie where vacationing next. He will be sadly missed, but not forgotten. Please accept my deepest sympathies. If there is anything I can do to assist your family, please let me know.

Respectfully, Claire Becraft-Nolan

Claire Becraft-Nolan - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

AN

“ *I was privileged to know Wade for the past 10 years. His friendship, knowledge and help will remain with me. Please accept my condolences.*

Andy Szakaly

Andy Szakaly - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

JO

“ Connie,

My heart aches...

For Wade, for you, for your children.

Respectfully,

John Ebling

John Ebling - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

DE

“ *Hi Connie, I just read about Wade and wanted to say how sorry I am for you and your family. I have been through what you are now going through and know how you feel. If you ever want to talk please call me anytime day or night.*

My number is 812-345-4221. I hope to hear from you some day, maybe when things settle down for you. Please know how sorry I feel for you.

Debbie

Debbie Cheeseman-Walker - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

JE

“ *Wade will be deeply missed.*
Jeremy Smith and family

Jeremy Smith - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

JO

“ *If you never meet Wade it is your loss , he was a gentleman and a great person to work both for and with. My deepest thoughts for the family. John Pickel*

John Pickel - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

MA

“ *Connie and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your memories give you strength and comfort.*

Warm regards,

Mark and Julia Conlin and the Janko's Little Zagreb family

Mark Conlin - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

JO

“ *Casey and Family,*

We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Your father, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joseph, Carolina & Luca

Joseph Guzzetta - October 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM