



## Edward Richard Shannon

November 24, 1951 - June 9, 2017

Albany-On the warm, late spring evening of June 9, 2017, we lost a sweet and gentle soul. Edward Richard Shannon passed away peacefully at Albany Medical Center following a difficult but brave fight .

Ed was born on Saturday, November 24, 1951 at Brady Maternity Hospital in Albany. He was the son of the late Hubert and Margaret Creed Shannon. Ed attended Blessed Sacrament Grade School and Cardinal McCloskey High School, graduating with the Class of 1969. He then went on to study at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and Regents College of the State University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Ed had a long career with the Albany County Department of Social Services where he held several administrative positions. His passion was for the employment and training services programs and he forged many partner relationships within the community to offer job and educational opportunities for those needing direction . His service at DSS began in the early 1970s and spanned several decades until his retirement in 2007. Ed then volunteered some of his time at Albany Medical Center in both Risk Management and Medical Staff Credentialing. He was hired by the hospital to join the Credentialing team part-time, where he worked until 2013.

On October 8, 1988 Ed married his bride, the former Patricia Kearns. Together they shared everything...adventures, music, gardening, good food, good wine,

many visits to New York, Boston, Maine and Cape Cod and most of all, love. When asked recently what was most important to him in life he replied that being home and enjoying it with his family and friends was what mattered most. He was so grateful for many very dear friends who visited and sent prayers , support, laughter and much love .

Ed was a very loyal Boston Red Sox fan and followed them through their seasons of triumphs and less than stellar times. He loved going to Fenway Park for the excitement of a live game and tried to show his wife, a lifelong Yankees fan, that the Sox were the only team that mattered ( this was not successful ).

In addition to his parents, Ed was predeceased by his sister Carol Larpenteur and his brother Thomas Shannon. He is survived by his wife Patricia, his sisters Kathleen Nealon of Green Valley, Arizona and Cindy Vitetta of Gulfport, Florida, as well as several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind two awesome cats, Wrigley and Dewey, who will miss him terribly.

Friends are invited to visit with Ed's family and share a memory Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St. Albany with a Memorial Service to be held at 5:00 pm.

To leave a special message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Contributions in Ed's memory may be made to [sarcomastrong.com](http://sarcomastrong.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Richard Shannon*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Pat,  
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Ed and want to send our deepest condolences. May your many wonderful memories bring you great comfort.  
Kim and Diane Oster*

**Diane Oster** - June 15, 2017 at 06:53 PM



“ *Pat, I am so saddened by the news of Ed's passing. He was a worthy and fascinating man to know, and I am better for it. I will think about Ed as time goes by; remembering those good as well as precious times working with him. Know that you are in my thoughts at this solemn time, and may this thought from an excerpt of a poem BY E. E. CUMMINGS bring some comfort to you.  
i carry your heart with me  
Published: 1952*

*“.....i carry your heart with me(i carry it in my heart)i am never without it(anywhere i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done by only me is your doing,my darling).....”*

**Steven Roberts** - June 14, 2017 at 06:57 PM

CC

“ Pat, What can I say about the man who was my boss, my neighbor, a trusted advisor, and the best friend any one could ever have! He treated me as an equal in my time working for and with him at ACDSS. He was the first person I spoke to when interviewing for my initial job with the County and treated me with respect and fairness even though I was a stranger (originally from Syracuse) with no family ties to the Albany area. He was one of the smartest, if not the smartest person I ever met at the County and I was there for 30 years! After Ed retired our relationship became even stronger and I considered Ed to be the brother I never had. Mary, Matthew, and I will miss him terribly, but will always remember his sense of humor, his wry smile, his stories, and his love for life and the people he touched in his too short a life. Be comforted to know that he will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege to be a part of his life.

Thinking of you,  
Cos

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**Cos Cavallo** - June 14, 2017 at 02:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michael DiAcetis** - June 14, 2017 at 12:36 PM

BI

“ *BILLY lit a candle in memory of Edward Richard Shannon*



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**BILLY** - June 14, 2017 at 08:32 AM

JB

“ *Pat, We are so saddened by your news of Ed's passing. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you for the loss your husband and best friend, Ed. We so enjoyed knowing him and the times we shared together. He was a very special man. Ed was an intellect on many subjects, passionate about his Red Sox and a very sweet soul. We will miss him. May this quote help bring you comfort in the coming days/months. " What we have enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us" - Helen Keller. Thinking of you, Jeannine & Dave Bonhoff*

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**Jeannine and Dave Bonhoff** - June 14, 2017 at 05:58 AM

DK

“ *Pat, My deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved Ed. I am glad that I had the pleasure of knowing him and the honor to work with him as a colleague. He was a dedicated professional with a keen intellect who left his mark on ACDSS, particularly in the area of employment services for the underserved of Albany County. He was a gentle man who will be remembered by all those who knew him.*

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**david kircher** - June 13, 2017 at 11:04 PM

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“ Jeannine C Bonhoff lit a candle in memory of Edward Richard Shannon



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**Jeannine C Bonhoff** - June 13, 2017 at 08:23 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album One of many fun get togethers with Ed and Pat



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**Jeannine C Bonhoff** - June 13, 2017 at 08:22 PM