



Loran Roy Sheffer

July 7, 1936 - October 29, 2015

Loran Roy Sheffer, 79, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2015. Loran was born on July 7, 1936, to Lee and Elizabeth Sheffer in Lansing, MI. He is survived by Marie, his wife of 51 years, children: Patty Sheffer, Tim Sheffer, Lee Sheffer, Loran J. Sheffer, Susan Trammell (Evans). He is also survived by his sister Marlene Terry and an extensive family of grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents and his son, Graham Sheffer.

Loran created a successful life for he and his family in the offshore exploration and production publishing industry. Loran was the founder and publisher of Ocean Industry Magazine, Ocean Oil Weekly Report, Drilling Contractors Directory, Offshore Data Services and was part of a four-person team that founded the Houston Business Journal. He was also a long-time publisher of several Texas based running and triathlon magazines, including Texas Runner & Triathlete, Runner Triathlete News, Inside Texas Running and Starting Line.

Loran was a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame. While a student he received the Outstanding Advertising Student of America award in New York City. He graduated in 1958 with a BS in Commerce. After graduation Loran served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and worked for the Chicago Tribune.

As a young man in high school, Loran was the manager of the City of Lansing Sports Association. At age 16, he coached two semi-pro baseball teams to the playoffs and was invited to try out for the St. Louis Browns and Detroit Tigers. He was also a Michigan state 800 meter track champion.

Loran was a passionate Notre Dame football fan, a long-time supporter of youth sports and a renowned baseball coach from T-ball up to the semi-pro level. He was a member of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, the Notre Dame Club of Houston, the Sorin Society of the University of Notre Dame, various oil and gas organizations, was a U.S. Trademark holder and traveled the world for business and pleasure. But among his many accomplishments, his greatest was his family.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 6, 2015, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. Graveside services will follow at Memorial Oaks Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to: St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Please visit their website at <http://www.stjohnvianney.org>.

Please visit www.dettlingfuneral.com for more information and to leave online tributes.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Funeral Mass

NOV 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
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Graveside Service

NOV 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Loran Roy Sheffer*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Loran Roy Sheffer*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Loran Roy Sheffer*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Loran Roy Sheffer*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Marie and family, We are so sorry to hear about Loran's death. We didn't know about it until we saw the notice in the church bulletin on Saturday evening. We are sorry we missed the funeral. Our prayers are with you.*

I look forward to seeing young Loran on the run soon.

Georgia and Phil Smith

Phil Smith - November 08, 2015 at 10:43 AM

EC

“ I am also so very sad for Marie and the family. Lornie (son) and I used to run together, and I met Loran thru my beautiful wife Jackie, who works at the magazine as Circulation Manager. We have been married only 26 years, so I can only imagine the sadness of what is being felt now by Marie. If there is anything I can do for you, just let me know. Ed Chisholm

Ed Chisholm - November 06, 2015 at 02:25 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Loran Roy Sheffer.



November 04, 2015 at 03:31 PM

JC

“ I was so upset to hear of Loran's passing. I learned so much from him at Offshore Data Services; he was a true pioneer in the Offshore Oil Industry. My deepest condolences to Marie and all the kids.

John Chadderdon - November 02, 2015 at 03:24 PM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Loran's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Marie and all the kids.
Janet



Janet Fake - October 31, 2015 at 07:20 PM