



## Russ T. Shay

April 28, 1959 - February 14, 2017

Russ T. Shay, 57, of Volant, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Allegheny General Hospital.

He was born April 28, 1959 in Butler, the son of Russell C. Shay of Slippery Rock and the late Sally (Gardner) Shay.

Russ was a stay at home father and a dedicated husband. He saw the good in everyone and loved unconditionally. His goal in life was to make his wife and daughter laugh every day.

Russ loved woodworking, hunting, and photography. He enjoyed going to his daughter's choir concerts and musicals, eating mashed potatoes, and telling silly jokes. Russ had a song for everything, and was not afraid to sing it, anywhere and at any time. He was open and honest with everyone, and always kind. He joked that he had a neon sign on his head inviting everyone to talk to him. He had a personality that could fill a room. Russ was always willing to stand up for those smaller than him, and he hugged anyone that came close enough. Even when he was in pain, he radiated love and joy.

Surviving along with his father are his wife whom he married April 28, 1995, Tarri (Glenn) Shay of Volant; daughter, Lauren Shay of Volant; 2 sisters, Tammy (Ted) Glasgow of West Sunbury and Tina (Charlie) Flinn of Slippery

Rock; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, brother, Laurence Shay and nephew, Connor Flinn.

A celebration of Russ's life will be held on Sunday, February 19th, from 2 to 5 pm at Camp Bucoco in Slippery Rock. Since Russ was a nontraditional man, the celebration will be very casual, with light refreshments and a lot of good memories.

Contributions may be made to the Volant Volunteer Fire Company in lieu of flowers.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Karen and I were so saddened to learn of the passing of Russ. Our thoughts are with you and Lauren.* ”

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**Jamal Al-Damen** - February 18, 2017 at 08:10 AM