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George Jerome (Jerry) Shaw, Jr. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Cincinnati, Ohio, surrounded by his family. Jerry leaves behind his beloved wife of nearly 54 years, Barbara Eileen Shaffer; two children, Dr. George J. Shaw, III (Anna) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Susan Shaw McWilliams (Bruce) of Burke, Virginia; twelve grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four sisters.

Born in Helena, Montana, on November 16, 1940, Jerry graduated from St. Martin's High School in Lacey, Washington in 1958, and from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington in 1962. Immediately after college, Jerry served as an officer in the U.S. Army flying MedEvac helicopters in Vietnam and elsewhere. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on October 7, 1964. He subsequently attended St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, graduating with honors in 1970.

Right after graduation, Jerry moved his family to the Washington, D.C. area, to begin working for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the Office of Chief Counsel, specializing in labor law. In 1974, he was promoted to Branch Chief, and in March 1976, he became Director of the General Legal Services Division.

Deeply troubled by the treatment of federal employees in general, and members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) in particular, Jerry co-founded the Senior Executives Association (SEA) in 1980, serving as its first President from 1980 to 1982. In that role, and over the next approximately twenty years as SEA's General Counsel, Jerry worked tirelessly on behalf of federal employees. His accomplishments include the last move home for Senior Executives relocated during their careers, beneficial provisions enacted in the FERS retirement system legislation, fall back rights for executives caught in a reduction in force, increased agency bonus pools, reimbursement of executives and managers for half of the cost of their professional liability insurance, and restoration of the Presidential Rank awards to their original value.



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In 1982, Jerry became a partner in private practice, eventually founding the law firm of Shaw, Bransford & Roth, which specializes in federal employment law. That same year, he helped form the Public Employees Roundtable (PER), serving as its Chairman. Beginning in 1985, PER partnered with other organizations to begin Public Service Recognition Week, an annual celebration honoring those serving as federal, state, county and local government employees, which continues to this day.

He was a founder of the Federal Employees Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) in 1986. Among other things, FEEA provides scholarships to civilian federal and postal employees and their families, grants, and no-interest emergency loans. Since its inception, FEEA has provided more than \$13 million in scholarships and \$12 million in emergency financial assistance. In addition to his other contributions, Jerry took on the Federal Dispute Resolution (FDR) Conference to provide quality training for federal employees when the responsible agencies could no longer manage it, serving as its Chair for many years, and authored several books for federal employees.

Jerry continued serving others after moving to Lewes, Delaware. He was ordained a Catholic deacon for the Diocese of Wilmington on Sept. 25, 2004. In that role, he taught religious education classes, celebrated Mass, presided over weddings, baptisms, and funerals, and served the needy.

An avid Redskins fan, Jerry enjoyed playing golf and cheering on his beloved college basketball team, the Gonzaga Bulldogs. His enthusiasm, idealism, and laughter will be greatly missed.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, June 13th, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Edmond Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware where friends may visit beginning at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Dagsboro, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to FEEA , www.feea.org/jerryshaw

Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

Please sign Mr. Shaw's online guestbook located on this site.




Events


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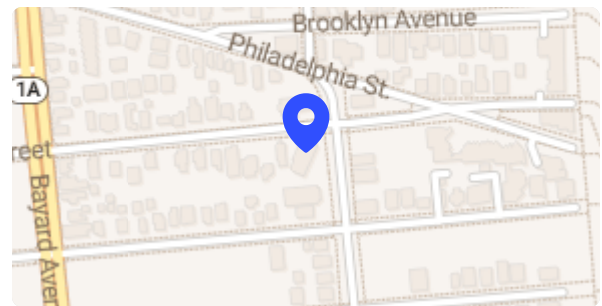
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Visitation

 **Monday**, June 13, 2016

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE
19971

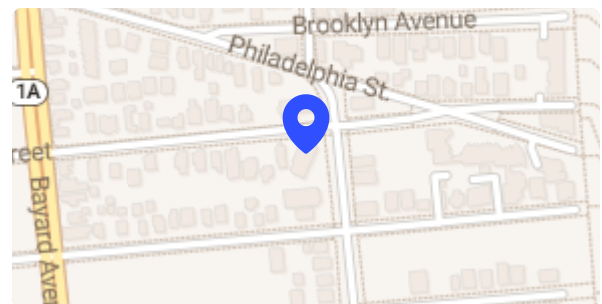


Mass of Christian Burial


 **Monday**, June 13, 2016

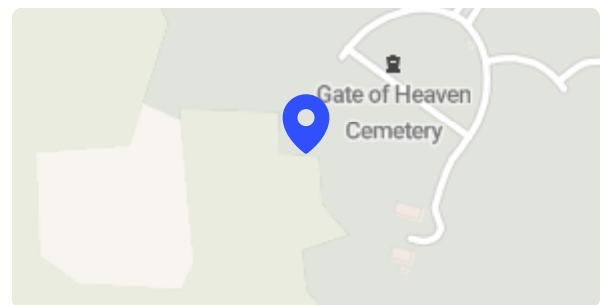
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Cemetery Details

 **Gate of Heaven Cemetery**
32112 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro DE





Tribute Wall

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BK

Barbara Kelly posted:

I was fortunate enough to have worked with Jerry at St. Edmunds. He was a most gentle and thoughtful man. I certainly enjoyed being in his company. Blessings to the family.

June 12 at 11:30 AM

KS

Karen Scott posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing and send my sincere best wishes to his family in this difficult time. I knew and worked with Jerry on Public Employees Roundtable and Public Service Recognition Week for several years and marveled at his dedication and sense of duty to public service. He will be missed by many.

June 8 at 10:33 AM

SB

Steve Bauer posted:

Always family first. Accomplished so much that helped so many. Jerry's legacy will live on through the organizations he founded and guided, his family, his church, and his friends. In loving memory, Steve Bauer

June 8 at 10:15 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George "Jerry" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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