



## Roger "Shoey" Susterich

October 27, 1936 - July 2, 2020

Mr. Roger "Shoey" Susterich, age 83, of Nunica passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020 at home following a long illness. He was born October 27, 1936 in Grand Haven to Steve and Ester (Haystead) Susterich. On May 28, 1966 he married Paula Sheneman in Lexington, Kentucky. Roger was a 1954 Grand Haven graduate, a 1959 graduate of Central Michigan University with his bachelors degree, and a 1967 graduate of Western Michigan with his masters degree.

Roger served his country in the US Army Reserves. He worked for Spring Lake Public Schools for 35 years and retired in 1994. He was an avid reader, enjoyed working out in his garden, playing golf and enjoyed owning vintage cars.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Paula; son, Roger Susterich, II; sister, Phila Bramer and her daughter, Courtney Bramer. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul Steven Susterich in 2001; his parents, Steve and Ester; mother-in-law, Doris Sheneman.

Because of COVID 19 there will not be a service at this time. Memorial contributions in memory of Roger may be given to Spectrum Hospice. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.sytsemafz.com](http://www.sytsemafz.com).

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Roger was a one of a kind. We just loved him and have so many good memories of him coming to our garage. He was without a doubt Roy's most favorite customer. Loved him and his cars!!

One of Roy's favorite memory is when Roger came out with his Chevelle and the two of them drove it like they had "stolen it". And another memory was when Roger let Roy take his Model A and give his mother and children for a ride in it.

Thank you Roger for the great memories.

Roy & Sue Wierenga

**Susan Wierenga** - July 14, 2020 at 11:10 AM

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“ Dear and Roger, I am so sorry for your loss.you have my heartfelt sympathy. Both you Paula and Roger were. Such an important part of our kids life! And for me too, it was Roger who helped me get back into teaching Art after many years of being a Mom and out of Teaching.. Roger your drawing of your beloved Dog still is in my memory, Marian Nisper.

**marian nisper** - July 14, 2020 at 08:59 AM

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“ Mrs. Susterich and Family,

I have many fond memories of Mr. Susterich out on your property, from rabbit hunting to trimming the trees on the tree farm (I think I only helped with that once, but I know Dad and Shoey spent a lot of time nurturing that forest!). You were both always so gracious to have us out there.

The two Roger's did some wonderful things together with their schools that made a real difference in Spring Lake, and they had a lot of fun doing it! He will be missed but never forgotten (we still share Roger & Shoey stories when we get together).

My sincerest condolences to you all. May God bless you with His peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Al & Nancy Vigland  
Lake Saint Louis, MO

Al Vigland - July 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ Paula and Family, Our sincere sorrow for the loss of "Shoey." I never knew him as an educator but those who did all said what an outstanding teacher and principal he was. Love, Phil and Betty

Phil Leech - July 08, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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“ Susan Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Roger "Shoey" Susterich



Susan Schmitt - July 07, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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“ Remembering Mr. Susterich fondly and sending my sympathy to his family.

Kelly Chapman (Wittevrongel) - July 07, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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“ Dear Mrs. Susterich and family -- I am sorry to hear of Roger's passing, but hope you have comfort in the security of the peace and wholeness he now enjoys for eternity. The illness is a long, slow and painful struggle; and, I am relieved for you that it is over. He made so many lasting impressions on the students and faculty he served so faithfully (he was trying to keep up with you, Paula). You are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Phil Sielski** - July 07, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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“ Mr, Susterich was my 6th grade teacher in 1969. He was very strict but also fair. I was always in trouble and spent a lot of time standing in the hall. When I was bad he nailed me, but when I was good he praised me.He turned my life around. I will always remember him as the best teacher I ever had. RIP my friend.

**Bob Fletcher SLHS 75** - July 06, 2020 at 11:29 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to Paula and the Susterich family on the death of Roger. And my congratulations on his rising to glory, no more pain or suffering. RIP Roger. You did a good job down here on Earth.

**James Goebel** - July 06, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ Prayers and Hugs to the Susterich family at this difficult time. May all the Happy memories hold you close - Laker Pride is on your side- Rest in Peace Mr (Roger) Susterich.



**Victoria ( Vicky) Gardner** - July 06, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathy to the Susterich Family and to Phy Bramer. Cherish all your Wonderful Memories with him and He will Live on in your Heart Forever. Sorry for your Loss.

**Connie LaFrance** - July 07, 2020 at 12:28 PM

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“ Shanna M Briggs lit a candle in memory of Roger "Shoey" Susterich



**Shanna M Briggs** - July 06, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ To Mrs Susterich and family - you have my deepest sympathy. He was the principal at the junior high (7 & 8) when I was in spring lake school. I can remember the day he came down to the home ec room and showed us how to make his famous spaghetti sauce and even gave us a copy to take home. I make it quite a bit in a big batch and freeze it to have it when I can. It is better than the jar sauce. Thank you for your recipe. May you rest in peace and be able to talk to your son again.

Shanna Briggs (Teunis) class of 78'

**Shanna M Briggs** - July 06, 2020 at 08:41 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Both of you made an impact in my education and growth, through my high school years and beyond (and when my father died, during my college years, you were there to help and listen). Please know that there a lot of people there for you, like you were for them. Please reach out if you need anything!

**Vicki Weerstra** - July 06, 2020 at 07:05 PM