



## John E. Shimmel

November 29, 1951 - March 9, 2015

John E. Shimmel, age 63, of Holly, died Mon. March 9, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM Sat. March 14, 2015 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. Visitation will be from 1-4 PM Sat. Military honors and inurnment will be at 2:30 PM Thurs. March 26, 2015 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Mr. Shimmel was born in Flint on Nov. 29, 1951 the son of Clarence and Mary (Catanzaro) Shimmel. He was a US Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War and was retired from Bars Leaks. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly, A.A., and the Patriot Guard. He was an outdoorsman, and especially loved hunting, trapping, and fishing. Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Kathy; 2 sons, John Shimmel and David J. Shimmel, both of Holly; 8 grandchildren, Brittany, Kaitlyn, David, Bianca, McKenna, Dillon, Joseph, and Samantha; great-granddaughter, Alice; sisters Ruth (Leon) Buning and Mary (David) Lollar; and brothers Robert (Tamara), Clarence (Rebecca), Steve Shimmel, and Ray (Kathleen) Pagan. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Charlotte Skelly, Brothers Arnold and Thomas, and Sister Celia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be given to the family. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Service

MAR 14. 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 26. 2:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
Holly, MI



# Tribute Wall



“ Thanks for your service to our country. LA

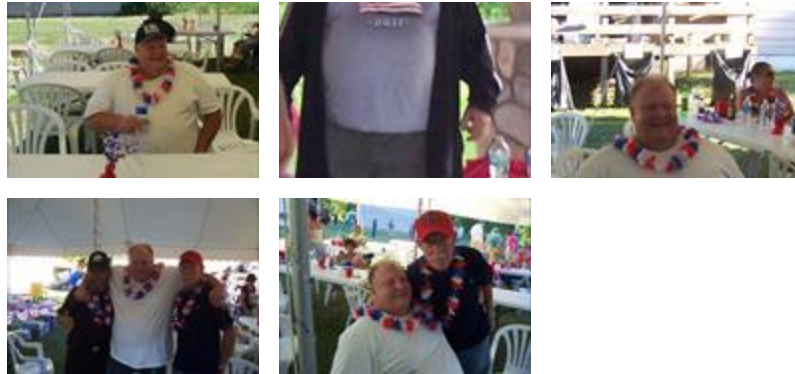


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LA - March 22, 2015 at 01:41 AM



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Ruth Shimmel Buning - March 16, 2015 at 03:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album John



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Ruth Shimmel Buning - March 14, 2015 at 08:19 PM

BS

“ *John is the reason I am who I am today! I love & miss you my friend!*

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**Bill Stanley** - March 13, 2015 at 09:33 PM

ED

“ *Eddie lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**eddie** - March 13, 2015 at 05:07 PM

ED

“ *john and I was as close as friends ever could be. He was really happy to hear i was working at bars leak. my heart will always be open to his memory. may the lord hold him in his arms.*

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**eddie** - March 13, 2015 at 05:03 PM

BJ

“ It had been over thirty years since I had seen John. Then one day, as we were both paying respect to loved ones who has passed away, I met John again! It was ONLY because we were both able to reach out a say hello to what we thought was a stranger! We rapidly discovered a shared interest in life!

I discovered in John, a man who truly reached out to many, believed deeply in God, and who regularly and consistently lived to new standards and conduct for his fellow man! John was accountable!! My message from John was to KEEP GOING!! Live a true and honest life! Help others! PRAY! Be ACCOUNTABLE! ENJOY! The spiritual "Transformation" of John will live on in those who knew him as WE trudge the road to happy destiny! (This is a secret message that many will understand!).

Bill Jensen



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Bill Jensen - March 13, 2015 at 04:47 AM

LA

“ Thanks for your service to our country. RIP.  
LA



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LA - March 12, 2015 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ Big John, Wolverine, Sheep Dog and known to me as brother, will be missed. But only till we meet again. I know you and Mike Hernandez are setting up meetings in heaven..



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john baughman - March 12, 2015 at 09:21 PM

Ruth Shimmel Buning

“ *Ruth Shimmel Buning lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



Ruth Shimmel Buning - March 12, 2015 at 08:04 PM

Ruth Shimmel Buning

*Missing You*

Ruth Shimmel Buning - March 12, 2015 at 08:04 PM

Ruth Shimmel Buning

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Ruth Shimmel Buning - March 12, 2015 at 10:44 AM

Ruth Shimmel Buning

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Ruth Shimmel Buning - March 12, 2015 at 01:05 AM

Ruth  
Shimmel  
Buning

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**Ruth Shimmel Buning** - March 11, 2015 at 12:55 PM

TG

“ Ted and Kathey, and Shawn Grugel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John E. Shimmel.



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**Ted and Kathey, and Shawn Grugel** - March 11, 2015 at 11:05 AM

TG

“ Always a smile to share',a shoulder to lean on,a heart as big as you were...that's why we called you "Big John".If someone needed help you were always the first one there.A fantastic father and friend.Someone we could rely on when things got rough.putting your needs on the back burner because of being needed elsewhere. We guess God needed a special Angel and that's why he called you home plus he felt you needed a well deserved rest.Well...Big John we want you to know we'll miss you dearly,we truly loved you and we hope that you'll be peaceful at your rest .Love Kathy & Ted Grugel

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**Ted Grugel Kathy Grugel** - March 11, 2015 at 10:26 AM

SR

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father and family member. He was a dear and lovable man that I came to respect and admire. He will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Sharron Reid*

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**Sharron Reid** - March 11, 2015 at 02:26 AM

 Ruth  
Shimmel  
Buning

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**Ruth Shimmel Buning** - March 10, 2015 at 09:03 PM

LB

“ *Larry Benjamin lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**Larry Benjamin** - March 10, 2015 at 07:23 PM

KE

“ *On behalf of Oakland County AA, I would like to give you our heartfelt condolences.! the Cincinnati Ken1 GOD bLESS!!*

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**KEN ELLISON** - March 10, 2015 at 03:34 PM

JI

“ *John Irwin lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**John Irwin** - March 10, 2015 at 08:03 AM

JI

*John you will be missed, you are a great friend. Rest in please brother.*

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**John Irwin** - March 10, 2015 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ *Jeanette McDonald lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**Jeanette McDonald** - March 09, 2015 at 07:43 PM

JM

“ *Jeanette McDonald lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**Jeanette McDonald** - March 09, 2015 at 07:36 PM

RM

“ *RONALD MONETTE sent a virtual gift in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**RONALD MONETTE** - March 09, 2015 at 07:24 PM

EP

“ *Ellen Pease sent a virtual gift in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**Ellen Pease** - March 09, 2015 at 06:40 PM

EP

*John Shimmel was a man of God and a true friend to all. He even donated to our church, Holly Calvary, a flag which had the all the people's names on it who perished in the 9-11 tragedy. It is presented in the hallway of our church. John will be missed by many.*

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**Ellen Pease** - March 09, 2015 at 06:46 PM

JP

“ *Judy Prose lit a candle in memory of John E. Shimmel*



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**judy Prose** - March 09, 2015 at 03:56 PM