



## Shannon M. Huttinger

October 31, 1962 - December 31, 2021

Shannon M. Huttinger was taken home to heaven in the arms of his Lord Jesus on December 31, 2021, after an illness.

Shannon was born October 31, 1962 in Elyria, OH to Donald and Jeannine Huttinger. Left parentless at a young age, he developed a strong sense of independence and determination, working on a farm while finishing high school and then working full time while attending Cleveland State University, attaining his engineering degree in 1992. A talented mechanical engineer, he worked on many projects in the Cleveland area, including designing giant shredding machines, a system to fold and move newspapers between printing presses, and medical building ceilings with special struts that allow the use of suspended x-ray machines and other equipment.

Free time for Shannon meant the chance to spend time with his friends, build his own projects at the “Man Cave”, brewing beer, cruising estate sales, making sausage, going to the German Club, fishing expeditions on Lake Erie, and attending gun shows. He especially enjoyed trips with “the guys” to the annual machine gun shoot in Knob Creek, Kentucky, and the journeys to Germany with his best friend.

Open-hearted, kind, generous, and genuinely interested in people, Shannon made friends easily and was always ready to help someone in whatever way

he could. His engineering mind was quick to develop solutions to most any problem. He had strong convictions, a deep faith, and a wonderful sense of humor that made knowing him a joy.

Shannon met the love of his life during Christmas vacation in 2014, and after a long-distance courtship found himself transplanted from Cleveland to Michigan's Thumb. There, while working full time as a mechanical engineer at a firm in Bad Axe, he devoted himself to his new role of Husband and Head of the Homestead, cherishing his bride with excellent cooking, repairing anything that broke, building anything that was needed, flowers for no reason, warming up the vehicle every wintery morning, solving problems with that brilliant mind of his, and all the protection and partnership that a true Christian man brings to a marriage.

Shannon leaves behind his wife, Sue Huttinger and her daughter Jennifer VanDyke, honorary parents Larry and Gail Whitman, honorary brother Mike Whitman, mother-in-law Patt VanDyke, brothers-in-law Bruce VanDyke, Bert (Carly) VanDyke, nephews Christian VanDyke and Aiden VanDyke, and father-in-law Bert VanDyke, along with many friends who will greatly miss him.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11 am at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Shannon's family will receive guests for visitation on Saturday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shannon M. Huttinger*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shannon M. Huttinger.*



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January 14, 2022 at 09:09 AM

GS

“ Sue and Family,

*I am deeply saddened to hear of Shannon's sudden passing. Shannon worked on my family's farm when I was growing up and I always looked up to him like a big brother. We quickly adopted him as one of our family after his own parents passed. I have so many great memories of those years we spent together working on the farm, enjoy my mom's home cooking, getting in to trouble and learning life lessons. Shannon was a primary influence in my own career decision to become an engineer.*

*We had lost touch for many years and we finally reconnected fall of 2020. I feel very fortunate to have been able to tell him what a positive influence he was on my life and relive some fun memories with him over the phone.*

*You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray God can bring you peace and comfort during this time of great loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Greg Schlechter*

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**Greg Schlechter** - January 13, 2022 at 02:42 PM

DH

“ Sue,

*Shannon was my friend for over 20 years. We had many great trips to Knob Creek and the Bourbon trail. We also had many conversations and a few beers.*

*He was a friend who would always be there for you. I will miss him.*

*Dan Hohman*

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**Dan Hohman** - January 12, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shannon M. Huttinger.



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January 11, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Sue,  
*We are so saddened by the loss of your husband and our friend Shannon. From the first time you meet him he is part of your family. A warm, kind, giving soul was his outstanding feature. It's like god put him on earth to make all of us feel better. He was always very kind and generous to our son Gage who always knew him as Uncle Shannon. We hope you can take some comfort in knowing that heaven is a better place with him there.*  
*Our deepest sympathies,*  
*Steve, Lori and Gage Cohoon*

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**Steve Cohoon** - January 09, 2022 at 11:02 AM

JK

“ Sue, We are so very sorry for your loss. Shannon was a great friend, one I will never forget and miss dearly. My comrade in arms at the "Man Cave". Our trips were nothing short of unique and hilarious. Our friendship started 30yr ago with a beer at Der Braumeister pub in Cleveland. In turn we starting inviting him for the holidays after he would of course visit his honorary parents and brother. He was Uncle Shannon to my kids, and never ever missed a gift to either of them on a special occasion or a holiday for them. He was there for me when I was sick, I just wished I could have returned the favor. He would visit my Mom in the nursing home, bringing her books and to just "check" on her. I will miss you my friend.

*He will be dearly missed.  
Jeff Kean & Family*

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**Jeff Kean** - January 08, 2022 at 11:49 AM

RS

“ Sue, so sorry for your loss. Shannon and you such a perfect couple. I will miss greeting him Sunday morning s .The two of you always walked in church holding hands and a big smile on your faces. He will be greatly missed God bless. Vicky



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**Rod and Vicky Schweigert** - January 06, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shannon M. Huttinger.



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January 05, 2022 at 01:14 PM

KH

“ Sue, we are so sorry to hear of Shannon's passing. Our prayers to you and the entire family.  
*Karen and Duey Holz*

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**Karen Holz** - January 04, 2022 at 09:38 PM