



## Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr.

September 22, 1961 - February 6, 2023

Nathan Leo Shaffer, 61, of Towanda passed away Monday evening, February 6, 2023, at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Nathan, known as “Nate,” was born on September 22, 1961, at the Memorial Hospital in Towanda, the youngest child of Raymond and Ellen Shaffer of Towanda. He graduated from Towanda High School in 1980. He had suffered for 15 years, on and off, with a rare blood disorder, TTP, which created many associated health concerns. Despite his illness, he was a fiercely independent person, who managed his affairs and hated to request help from his family and siblings. His family commented that they often called with offers of support, which he usually declined.

Nate’s first job was at the Acme Market in Towanda when he was 16. The store later became P & C, then TOPS Markets. He worked at both the Wysox store and the store on Keystone Avenue in Sayre for 46 years, in a variety of capacities, but mainly as a meat cutter and manager of the meat department. He also worked at times with his brother-in-law, Tim Phinney, doing home inspections for Woodhouse Inspection Service. He took pride in his work and always did an exemplary job. Co-workers would tell his family members that Nate was a “very hard worker” and extremely reliable. Those traits were sacred in his family and he learned them well. He spent his life working and it is most unfortunate that his illness robbed him of many years of enjoying life. Besides work, his interests were hunting on the family’s land with his dad, uncles, brothers, and cousins, as well as fishing, camping and spending time

in nature. He enjoyed classic rock music and could tell you musician and song title as soon as a song began to play. He was also an animal lover and had many cats and dogs over the years. He was very proud of his children, young Nate who goes by "Leo," and Rachelle. Leo is a veterinary technician in Southport, NY, and Rachelle is a realtor in York, PA. Nate enjoyed quality food and was a good cook. When his mother was alive but elderly, Nate would often bring her meals he had made. He was a devoted son, who called his mother daily to ask if she needed anything.

Nathan is survived by his son, Nathan Leo Shaffer II, and his stepdaughter, Rachelle Zekler, of York, Pennsylvania. Additionally he is survived by all his siblings: Irene Ann (Timothy) Phinney of Puerto Rico and Sayre, Ronald R. (Janice) Shaffer of Foley, Alabama and Terrytown, Elaine M. (Michael) Lovegreen of Waverly and Stephen R. Shaffer of Durell, his maternal aunt, Shirley B. (Donald) Barnes of North Tonawanda, NY, a maternal uncle, Gerald W. (Dottie) MacMorran of Dandridge, TN; paternal uncle, Martin Shaffer of Powell, paternal aunt, Christine Shaffer of Liberty Corners, many cousins, nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren, great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, several aunts and uncles, a cousin, as well as an infant great-nephew and infant great-niece.

A time to receive friends will be on Monday, February 13, from 3 to 4 p.m., with a memorial service immediately following at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Nate's wishes were for his body to be cremated and buried in the Shaffer family burial plot at Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA.

Contributions in memory of Nathan may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Bradford County Animal Shelter, or the organization of one's choice. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

FEB 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Elaine, I am so sorry to hear this. Sending my most sincere condolences to you and your family.*  
*Cynthia Bradley*

**Cynthia R. Bradley** - February 17, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DP

“ Annie and I are so sorry to hear of your loss, Elaine. I didn't know Nate, but I know he comes from good stock based on your example. In Spirit, Dave and Annie Palmer

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**David Palmer** - February 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

TS

“ So sorry to hear of Nates passing. Going to miss talking to him when we go into Tops.

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**Terry Jr. And Dawn Shafer** - February 14, 2023 at 06:10 PM

TO

“ My deepest sympathy to Nate's family. I do think of him often and the time we shared together. Love Tina

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**Tina M Ober** - February 13, 2023 at 05:30 PM

RH

“ Nate will truly be missed by myself and his friends at the Shoot and Bang Club. I have known Nate for over forty years and and enjoyed listening to his enthusiastic stories. May peace be with you. Randy Hutchison

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**Randy Hutchison** - February 13, 2023 at 02:24 PM

RV

“ I worked with Nate for many years at Acme and it's a privilege to have been his friend. Had a lot of good times, and it's hard to believe there won't be any more. RIP Nate. We will meet again someday.

*Rick Vischansky*

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**Rick Vischansky** - February 13, 2023 at 06:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr..*



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February 10, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Bob Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Nathan Shaffer*



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**Bob Wright** - February 10, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ *Rip Nate I will always remember the good times we had at p&c .you will always be family .until we meet again .*

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**patti** - February 10, 2023 at 07:31 AM

TR

“Nathan has been our dear friend and neighbor for over thirty years. We have had so many fun times together. Years ago, Nathan brought “Little” Nathan to our home in New Jersey. They enjoyed their time at the “Jersey shore”, as Nathan called it. Sunburn and all. Nathan looked out for our little home in PA and we are forever grateful. We cannot recall a visit when Nathan did not spend time with us. Every visit, every time. Words cannot express how much we are going to miss him.

“Little” Nathan, your Dad loved you so much. He was always so proud of you. We love you and are truly sorry for your loss. We apologize that we will not be up this weekend. However, we will be seeing you soon.

Rachelle, we are truly sorry for your loss. Nathan certainly adored you.

Much Love,  
John and Tammi

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**Tammi Reynolds** - February 10, 2023 at 06:31 AM

JW

“Thank you for the memories my friend--I will cherish them always...Love & miss you...we will meet again--Bear will guide you.

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**Judi Wolcott** - February 09, 2023 at 08:42 PM

JW

“Judi Wolcott lit a candle in memory of Nathan Shaffer



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**Judi Wolcott** - February 09, 2023 at 08:40 PM

JW

“ *Judi Wolcott lit a candle in memory of Nathan Shaffer*



Judi Wolcott - February 09, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JW

“ *My Heart breaks for Nates Family & friends & for myself. Thank you Nate for the memories & good times. It's time for you to rest easy. Love you my friend.*

Judi Wolcott - February 09, 2023 at 07:59 PM

KL

“ *So sorry for the loss of your brother.*

Kathryn LeStrange - February 09, 2023 at 01:53 PM

TC

“ *The Shoot & Bang Club purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Nathan Leo Shaffer Sr..*



The Shoot & Bang Club - February 09, 2023 at 12:50 PM

CH

“ *RIP Nate*

*I worked about 8 years at the P&C while Nate worked there in Sayre and he was always so nice and then when he located to Wysox Tops, he was one of the nicest butchers there and was always so helpful finding things or cutting something. Always had fun telling jokes, etc. My deepest sympathy to all of his family and close friends.*



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - February 09, 2023 at 11:12 AM