



## Shawn D. Golden

September 28, 1965 - June 8, 2021

Shawn D. Golden, 55, passed away on Tuesday after a long battle with complications from an illness he originally suffered from in 2015. His wife of almost 34 years, Debbie, was by his side.

Shawn was born in Richmond, CA and grew up in San Pablo until his family moved to Pinole when he was six. He attended Ellerhorst, Juan Crespi and Pinole Valley High. It was while he was a Junior at PVHS that he met Debbie. Shawn's friend, Chris, needed a date for his Sr. Prom so Shawn and his girlfriend at the time set them up. After prom was over during the summer of '83 Shawn's girlfriend broke up with him and after Debbie found out she called Shawn. Shawn wasn't home but he ended up driving to Debbie's house later and...

Shawn was a member of the Ironworkers Local 378 for 35 years and had retired in October and was made a Lifetime member. His storied career began at the mere age of 19 when he joined the apprenticeship. His dad, Bill, took him down and put him to work because he had become a new dad and needed a job to support a family. Shawn's work ethic and drive landed him a job with his dream company Bigge Crane and Rigging in 1994. He worked as a union contractor at the Chevron Richmond Refinery and really liked being able to commute to the same location everyday after many years of long commutes to the South Bay and beyond. His dedication, knowledge and

leadership skills eventually led him into a management role with Bigge. While supposedly only temporary, this management role lasted until 2020 when due to ongoing health issues he retired.

Shawn was an avid race fan so much so that he bought a quarter midget for our son, Billy, at the age of 5. Our family went racing almost every weekend for almost 10 years. He enjoyed NASCAR, F1, Indy, NHRA, Sprint cars, you name it.

If it had wheels Shawn loved it and either watched it on tv or was at the track. From our annual drag racing events at Sears Point to our season tickets at Bristol he loved racing as did the rest of us. Shawn also loved camping and his Schipperkes. His love for the outdoors was nurtured by his parents who would take the family to state campgrounds and stop to see the largest ball of string or other oddities on their adventures. Shawn shared this with our children and their love of the outdoors and camping continues.

He is survived by Debbie, his wife of 33 years, daughter Amber (Jason), son Billy (Megan), mother Anna, brother Michael, sister Lorrie White (Mark), sister Denise Terry (Chris), granddaughter Ryleigh, dog Vinnie, along with many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill, sister Janise, and dog JD.

Due to COVID-19 and limited space, services will be private.

To honor Shawn's memory, the family prefers donations be made to the existing college fund for his granddaughter, Ryleigh, and any future grandchildren. Shawn felt education was very important.

Donations may be sent to:

Lorrie White

3051 Garden Hwy  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Please make payable to: Lorrie White beneficiary Ryleigh Moore

If you prefer to make a donation directly from your bank please contact  
Debbie.

Go Gators!!

# Tribute Wall



“ Shawn D. Golden

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“ *As I sit here thinking about all the things I want to share about my brother I can't help but cry knowing they end here. Shawn was that person that if you were his friend or family he would do anything for you. He loved his family more than life itself and made sure they were always taken care of no matter what. Shawn worked hard for everything he had and worked just as hard at enjoying it...from race tracks, camping, traveling to Europe or being with family Shawn gave 110% to doing it right. During this last couple years Shawn fought so hard to stay with us even when at times he wanted to give up he didn't because of family. I had so many great visits with him this last year by phone, FaceTime and finally in person thanks to finally getting a Covid shot. His ability to tell stories and make me laugh even during these difficult times for him is what I will truly miss. One of his last conversations was about the calibration of how to distribute weight on a lift and how the nurses had never been trained and he was training them as they were doing it ...the story was serious but Shawn made it so amusing with his little jabs at everyone and how everyone was going to listen to his instruments lol.....if you truly knew him you can image how it went. I would also like to thank my sister in law for being Shawn's biggest advocate during this last couple of years. She was by his side night and day and did literally everything for him at times. I can't thank her enough for loving my brother as much as I did....I am going to miss Shawn beyond words and the only comfort is that he is now with my Dad ❤️. I am going to miss you Shawn....love you ....Lor'rie*

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