



## Shea John Nowlan

February 15, 1974 - July 16, 2025

Shea John Nowlan, 51 years of age, of Charlotte, MI, loved making others laugh, especially with jokes and random quotes. Shea died unexpectedly on July 16, 2025, leaving his family longing for more. Born in Southfield, MI on February 15, 1974 to Joe and Glory (Carlin) Nowlan, Shea grew up in a wonderful household. He graduated from De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren, MI and went on to get his Bachelor's Degree in History from MSU, as he was an American History buff. Shea spent 26 years working in the wine industry, receiving significant accolades for his excellent sales. Afterwards, he transitioned to the insurance field and thrived, receiving many certifications over a short period of time. He was with his wife, then girlfriend, Dawn Levandusky for five years, before marrying in 2001, where they spent 24 years together building a beautiful family and life. No matter how busy life was, Shea always made time for his kids, his marriage, his family, and his friends. He enjoyed traveling around the world and experiencing different cultures, especially through tasting wine and visiting vineyards on trips to Italy, Napa Valley, and West Michigan. He greatly enjoyed fine dining, as he was a foodie at heart, and was always willing to try a new dish, no matter how foreign it may have seemed.

Shea leaves a hole in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, his zest for life, and his knack for making those around him feel seen and loved. He is

survived by his wife, Dawn; children, Samuel and Jillian Nowlan; siblings, Shawn (Pharaneé Jiab) Nowlan, Michael Nowlan, and Colleen (Greg) Overla; his in-laws, Daniel and Glenda Levandusky; several beloved nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Glory Nowlan; and sister-in-law, Lolita Nowlan.

Friends are encouraged to support Shea's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte on Tuesday, July 22, 1-3:00 p.m. and 5-8:00 p.m. with a family affirmation service at 7:00 p.m. The family would love it if you could share your Shea stories during the affirmation service. A Rosary Service will follow at 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. He will lie in state at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte on Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. with the Funeral Mass celebrated at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, memorial contributions are suggested to the family. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

JUL 22. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Affirmation Service

JUL 22. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Mass

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
807 St. Mary Boulevard  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Shea John Nowlan



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 22, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Shea John Nowlan



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 21, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JC

Beautiful Tribute to a great family man.

Jerry Carlin - July 23, 2025 at 03:06 PM

AN

“ Austin & Nathan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



Austin & Nathan - July 28, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JC

“*Shea was a fellow DLS Pilot and a wonderful man and always easy to speak to at any of the family reunions, our deepest condolences to Dawn and the family on his untimely passing. Praying for their peace ever day and hoping for all the best for them, may he rest in peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jerry Carlin*

**Jerry Carlin** - July 23, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LL

“*Love, Hannah, Tab, Izzy, Diana, and Lexi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



**Love, Hannah, Tab, Izzy, Diana, and Lexi** - July 22, 2025 at 07:34 PM

LL

“*Love, Hannah, Tab, Izzy, Diana, and Lexi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.*

**Love, Hannah, Tab, Izzy, Diana, and Lexi** - July 22, 2025 at 07:34 PM

IM

“*Shea was an incredible man gifted with overflowing kindness, humor, and candor. He always welcomed me with a smile, a wink, and a witty remark. He will be terribly missed. He was a superb conversationalist and I will greatly miss talking to him.*



**Irina Mladenovski** - July 22, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TF

“ *The Bauer Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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**The Bauer Family** - July 22, 2025 at 07:33 AM

HF

“ *Hans and Sheila Gappy and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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**Hans and Sheila Gappy and Family** - July 21, 2025 at 09:53 PM

HF

“ *Hans and Sheila Gappy and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.*

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**Hans and Sheila Gappy and Family** - July 21, 2025 at 09:53 PM

DS

“ *Dafinka and Silvana Serafimovska purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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**Dafinka and Silvana Serafimovska** - July 21, 2025 at 08:56 PM

DS

“ *Dafinka and Silvana Serafimovska planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.*

Dafinka and Silvana Serafimovska - July 21, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



July 21, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



July 21, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.*

July 21, 2025 at 08:28 PM

FF

“ From Chris and Deya Hartwell and family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



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**From Chris and Deya Hartwell and family.** - July 21, 2025 at 07:34 PM

EG

“ Eric G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

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**Eric G.** - July 21, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



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July 21, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

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July 21, 2025 at 06:37 PM

WG

“ With love, Bridget Murray and Ava Gappy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



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**With love, Bridget Murray and Ava Gappy** - July 21, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



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July 21, 2025 at 04:33 PM

KQ

“ We got to know and love Shea on the Avalon river cruise summit! Such a wonderful person who lit up every room, we are so sorry to hear of his passing. Hold the memories of Shea close to your hearts as he will be there for you always. Hugs, Karen&Frank

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**Karen Quinn-Panzer** - July 21, 2025 at 04:23 PM



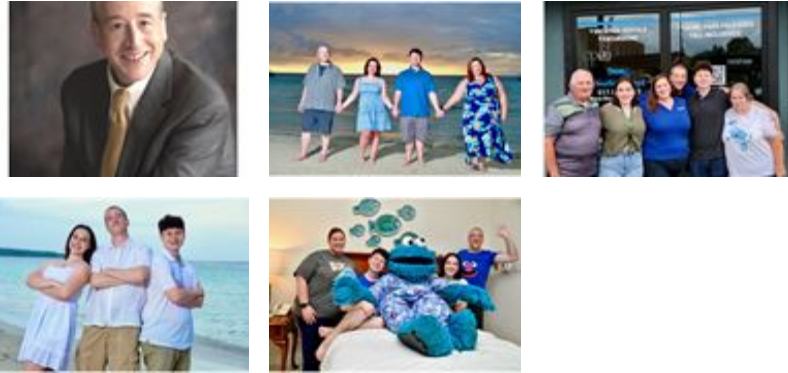
“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

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July 21, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 21, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Kris & Dawn Pounders purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



Kris & Dawn Pounders - July 21, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

July 21, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



July 21, 2025 at 02:32 PM

WP

“ With Love, Nikola and Kevin Pierfelice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

With Love, Nikola and Kevin Pierfelice - July 21, 2025 at 11:38 AM

WP

“ With Love, Nikola and Kevin Pierfelice purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



With Love, Nikola and Kevin Pierfelice - July 21, 2025 at 11:38 AM

W2

“ Walmart 2869 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

Walmart 2869 - July 21, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



July 21, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

July 21, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ The Bishop Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



The Bishop Family - July 20, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ The Bishop Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

The Bishop Family - July 20, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ The Young Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



The Young Family - July 20, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ Brynda V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

Brynda V. - July 19, 2025 at 06:37 PM

BF

“ Dear Nowlan family,  
Oh my, what a loss to you Dawn, Sam, and Jillian. I am so very sorry, beyond what words can express. Shea was so proud of his family and enjoyed being with you. He was loving, expressive, genuine, and relational to those of us who made his acquaintance. Gone too soon!  
Brynda Filkins

Brynda Filkins - July 19, 2025 at 06:30 PM

BL

“ I worked with Shea for a very short time at his new job in Grand Rapids. I found him to be a hard worker and successful salesman who respected his team and his clients. I'm happy that his last day at work was one of high achievement and made him happy. He deserved it, and now he's receiving his reward. May the good Lord bless and care for the rest of us.

Bobbie Landauere - July 19, 2025 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ Love, Ron Warren & Dawn Sketch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shea John Nowlan.



Love, Ron Warren & Dawn Sketch - July 19, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

July 19, 2025 at 07:37 AM

JK

“*Shea was so wonderfully fun. I met him through Dawn and had the privilege of helping them celebrate his 50th birthday. He was kind, listened, cared and clearly loved his family so dearly. I am so sorry for your loss.*”

Julie Kimmer - July 18, 2025 at 08:41 PM

ZF

“*Zoran and Zana Simjanovski with family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shea John Nowlan.*”

Zoran and Zana Simjanovski with family - July 18, 2025 at 08:26 PM

ZF

“*Zoran and Zana Simjanovski with family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*”



Zoran and Zana Simjanovski with family - July 18, 2025 at 08:26 PM

BK

“*Shea was one of my wine reps for many years. He will be missed.*”



Bruce Kowalczyk - July 18, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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July 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

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July 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ *A truly good and faithful servant. A model husband and father. A life well lived, and sadly not long enough with the world. Blessings all.  
Deacon Art and Joanne Williams*

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**Joanne A Williams** - July 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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July 18, 2025 at 04:47 PM

CS

“ *Cteamer and staff purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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**Cteamer and staff** - July 18, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shea John Nowlan.

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July 18, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shea John Nowlan.*



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July 18, 2025 at 03:14 PM

MP

“ *Dawn, Sam and Jillian, when Shea talked about you, his eyes smiled! You could just tell how much he loved you all! He is so much like his parents with his personality, expressions and love for his family, siblings, friends and family! He also thought his in-laws were pretty fabulous! Especially when his father in law would cut the grass! The world will be a lot sadder without him in it!*

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**mary jane and randy pasko** - July 18, 2025 at 03:00 PM