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We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Robert L. Shell Jr., affectionately known as Bob Jr.

Robert L. Shell Jr., distinguished Chairman and CEO of Guyan International, Permco, and a trailblazer in the hydraulic manufacturing industry, passed away on December 6, 2023, in Huntington, WV. As a civic leader, humanitarian, and philanthropist, Bob Jr.'s influence was profound and far-reaching, leaving an enduring legacy in the countless lives and communities he positively impacted. Longtime resident of Huntington, WV, and with a fond connection to Singer Island, FL, Mr. Shell was instrumental in expanding Permco into an international powerhouse, employing 500 people across continents including the U.S., Africa, Switzerland, and China.

Well-respected in West Virginia's political arena, he played significant roles in the transition teams of five state governors, notably Joe Manchin and Bob Wise, and was a trusted advisor to many in the spheres of business, education, and foreign trade. Generosity was at the core of Shell's ethos throughout his 80 years, evident in his unwavering support for and dedication to Marshall University and the city he held dear. His tenure as Chairman of the Marshall University Board of Governors was a role he approached with honor and commitment. His substantial contributions to organizations like the United Way and the Boys & Girls Club of America were not only a testament to his desire to contribute positively to the community but also a source of immense personal fulfillment. Shell's significant philanthropic efforts were recognized through prestigious accolades, including inductions into the Huntington Wall of Fame and the Business Halls of Fame at both Marshall University and WVU. His dedication to his city was a defining aspect of his character, further highlighting his sincere dedication to the communities and individuals he held in such high regard.



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As we honor the remarkable journey and enduring legacy of Bob Shell Jr., let us remember his extraordinary contributions and celebrate the life of a true visionary and beloved figure.

Those preceding him in death were his parents, Robert L. Shell Sr. and Doris Long Shell, and his brother Wendell Craig Shell. He leaves behind his devoted wife Lena Ji Shell, brother Bernard "Bernie" Shell (Laurie), his children Robert L. Shell III (Kim), Todd Shell (Shelley), Lisa Straehle, Danielle Shell, and Heather Shell, special nephew Zongxing Ji, along with seven grandchildren Robert Shell IV (Alicia), Samantha Shell, Blake Shell (Abi), Michael Shell, Victoria "Tori" Shell, Evelyn Shell, and Jaxon Shell. In place of flowers, the family invites donations to a charity close to your heart, honoring Bob's spirit of giving. Details regarding arrangements will be provided soon.

Funeral Service will be held 11 A.M. Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Christ Temple Church, Huntington, WV. Entombment will follow the service at Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 P.M. Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, OH, and one hour prior to the service at Christ Temple Church. Condolences may be expressed to the family at ehallfuneralhome.com.



Tribute Wall

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Schneider-Hall Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall.**



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Ron Ayscue lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

My sincere condolences to the Shell family. Truly a man loved by all whom have had the privilege of meeting and knowing him both personally, and in business. 1978 seems as though it was just yesterday. A new division of a company almost as old as Guyan. Felt like Permco would be a great addition to its new mobile power focused business. Through his sage guidance and support from his team of tireless professionals, our raw staff was up to speed in only a short time. Still supporting regional and local customers to this day. Our success was his success and he truly showed it. To a life well lived thank you, Bob. Ron



December 14 at 8:00 PM



Rogers Beckett lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

My condolences to the Shell Family. I truly enjoyed being in the presence of Mr. Shell and the life lesson and experiences he shared. He will truly be missed. God Bless you all. Respectfully



December 14 at 8:00 PM



Lee Gordon lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Absolutely one of the nicest people I ever met. Mr Shell would stop with the whole crew. Josh. Brett Tom and many more. We had great conversations and I truly enjoyed him as a friend. I'm sure heavens gun room just got quite a bit larger. lol. Peace be with you and your family. I will miss you. Lee



December 14 at 8:00 PM



David Lara lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

This such a graceful generous Man who loved America and helping people . I had many great times with him and learned life lessons. RIP my friend



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ME

Maher El Mir lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

The loss of Mr. Shell is felt not only in West Virginia and the United States, but throughout the world. His boundless kindness and generosity touched countless lives. I remember when I first came to the United States, he did everything in his power to help me through my college years at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He took me in like one of his own and never hesitated to support me. Always caring, he told me how proud he was of every single accomplishment I made. He even wrote to my family back home, assuring them not to worry and that I was in good hands. He always took the time to listen to your problems and somehow managed to help you along the way. He truly cared for everyone in his circle. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on forever. Thank you, Mr. Shell. Rest In Peace. Maher El Mir

December 13 at 8:00 PM



TH

Tom Huth lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Bob Jr. was a great man with a big heart.

December 13 at 8:00 PM



LM

Linley (Porter) Marcum lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

While I was not close with Mr. Shell personally, he has been a driving force in my family (the daughter of Raymond and Joyce Porter) for my entire life. Through his generosity, compassion, and concern for his community, he has built a legacy that will endure for generations. His reach was far and wide, his influence undeniable, and his smile was open, welcoming, and heart-felt. Mr. Shell has made a difference in my life, and will certainly never be forgotten by my family and me. All of our sympathies lie with the Shell family, and we mourn his loss alongside you, from afar.

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December 11 at 8:00 PM



RO

Rick Olszewski lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Bob Jr. was my best friend. We had been together for 45 business and friendship years. Bob was the idea guy. I was the guy that help put it into reality. It was his ideas of open business opportunities in Europe, Africa and China. We worked through the fire that destroyed the offices of Permco in 1982. Being the packrat that he was, when the fire hit he had the only copies of accounts receivable that existed. We worked in trailers as new offices were built. I knew his dad and mom, wife (Lena) and all the kids. I say kids as that was what they were in 1978 when I came to Permco. I knew as side of him that I doubt most have seen. He was a tough business guy but he was the salt of the earth. So many funny stories I could tell of our ventures. So many acts of kindness too. My family will miss him. I didn't think he would ever pass away. I felt we would be together forever. He was my boss, and my best friend. I'm old so I hope all of this makes sense. Tears fill my eyes. I will miss him so much.

December 10 at 8:00 PM



AC

Anita Garcia Copodonna lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

This is sad to hear.

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JN

Judy Rayburn, Nightingale lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

It grieves my heart that we have lost a true friend. As busy as he was he still took time to make your day a special day. He always helped in making our Class Reunions a special time for our Classmates to get together. He was a blessing to everyone. We are so proud of him and will miss him being with us. We have so many wonderful memories of our time together. Love and prayers for the family. Your Classmate, Judy Rayburn, Nightingale

December 9 at 8:00 PM



RT

Rod Thompson lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

That is such a good picture of Bob on the funeral home website. I believe that it reveals some of what I am about to say: During the latter part of the 1960's Bob and I were friends and spent a lot of time together. He was always the center of a small group; he loved to read the newspaper and provide a running commentary as he read it...sports, news, even the classified ads. The rest of us sat around, hypnotized by his daily look at our world. Bob had a gift that I have never seen in anyone else since . He could grasp the moment, crack it open like an egg, and allow the blinding light of reality to splash out. He was both extraordinary and unique, and we, his friends, just sat there and soaked it all up. We loved the man fifty years ago and we would not have been the least surprised to learn that he would leave his mark across the whole planet. May God bless and comfort his family at this time of great loss.

December 9 at 8:00 PM



LL

Larry Lafon lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Bob was a childhood friend growing up in Logan, and he was raised by a kind and compassionate father. We became reacquainted in the 2003, when we started a business in Barboursville. We shared many memories about his father and mother, his brothers, his uncle's family, and the basketball court at his childhood home. His support in our business, his community, his family, and his many friends were a blessing. Rest In Peace my dear friend, and I hope to see that smile again. Larry LaFon

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TI

Tiffany lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

To all the Shell family, we are so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and wish you peace, comfort, and lots of love at this time. Tiffany and Doug Harvey

December 9 at 8:00 PM



CH

Clorinda Hall lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".



December 8 at 8:00 PM



JB

John Benedik lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

We are deeply saddened upon the passing of Robert Shell Jr. and the family is in our thoughts and prayers. His accomplishments and influence were great and far reaching. But in simpler terms, his vision and business acumen seen on a daily basis, provided us, his employees, with the opportunity to earn our living, support our families, and better our lives to the extent of our abilities. His presence was felt then, and his impact continues to this day. Thank you, Bob Jr, job well done, rest in peace. John and Cherie Benedik

December 8 at 8:00 PM



SK

Suzy Bailey Koubti lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

God rest Bob's precious soul. Lifting up family and friends in prayers. He was an amazing man! Special prayers sent to my cousins Robbie, Lisa, Todd and their families. May he rest in eternal peace. 🙏🏠 The James and Nadine Bailey Family of Omar, WV Susan Kim Bailey Koubti and family Robin K. Bailey and family

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SD

Susan Dunn lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Prayers

December 7 at 8:00 PM





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SO

Sara Olszewski lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

He was my dad's boss (Rick Olszewski) at Permco for many years. I was maybe 3 years old and at their home to swim at the pool. As we know, Bob was a big guy and he came outside to find my baby doll by the pool. He grabbed it and pretended to put it in my mouth to eat her. My dad said that years later he still felt bad for that lol. Because of Bob we had a really amazing life. He and my dad were not only boss and worker but also friends. Rest in Peace, Mr. Shell. Thank you for all you did for my family.

December 7 at 8:00 PM



PW

Pauletta Wilson lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

In my 19 years of working in the Radisson Hotel Patio Room restaurant i had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Shell. I would always make sure he got the Small Private dining room in the restaurant for lunch and meetings and his favorite waitress Lena. He would always come in and ask me about my granddaughter, whom I raised. He was always very generous to us before he would leave, even though he did not have to be. He was very well respected and loved by all of us. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

December 7 at 8:00 PM



CN

Curt Nethercutt lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Great man. Helped so many. He loved his community and law enforcement. RIP.

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RH

Rosemary Helmondollar lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

Fine gentlemen and he was a friend to my late husband.

December 7 at 8:00 PM



CS

Chris Scelfo lit a candle in honor of Robert "Bob".

To the shell family, my thoughts and prayers are with y'all. I know it has been a long time but bob treated me as well as anyone in my six years at Marshall. May he rest in peace knowing he made a difference in so many lives.

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Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert "Bob" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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