



Bryant "Heavy" Shaw

September 29, 1970 - February 20, 2026

Bryant L. "Heavy" Shaw, 55, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, February 20, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born September 29, 1970, in Chicago, the son of Elizabeth Shaw and Jimmy Westbrook. Bryant was a devoted and faithful man who lived his life grounded in his favorite motto: "God. Family. Football." Those three words were more than just a saying to him—they were the foundation of who he was and how he loved others. His faith guided him, his family meant everything to him, and his passion for sports brought him endless joy. He was a lifelong fan of the Dallas Cowboys, the Chicago Bears, and the Chicago Cubs.

Beyond sports, Bryant found happiness in the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed relaxing with his favorite television shows and took pride in cooking meals to share with those he loved. Above all, he was an incredible PawPaw to his grandchildren, a role he cherished deeply. Nothing brought him greater fulfillment than gathering with his family, sharing stories, laughter, and love.

Bryant is survived by his children, Lyminda Shaw, Christopher (Sunny) Shaw, Aaron Smith, Deanya Shaw, Coryann Shaw, Sheyann (Kevin Beever) Shaw, Trevor Shaw, and Jersey Shaw; best friend & caregiver, Kimberly (Matthew) Alaniz; grandchildren, Ace, Noa, Julian, Jayce, Milani, Journie, Hazel, Isla, Owen, Zion, and Lincoln; sister, Nancy Shaw; and his "brother from another mother", Jason (Marcy) Koenig.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Nichelle Shaw and Trevora "Troy" Shaw.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 27, 2026, at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee, from 10am until the funeral service at 1pm. Burial will immediately follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S 3000 E Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ Heavy was a GREAT HUMAN BEING ALL AROUND❤️ Always had a smile on his face no matter what!! He most definitely will be missed!!
Rest In Peace Heavy🕊️
Sending a Prayer, Love, Comfort, & Hug To The Shaw Family



Lakeisha Paden - February 27 at 10:13 AM

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“ Carrie, Payton & Presley Herring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.

Carrie, Payton & Presley Herring - February 26 at 03:34 PM

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“ Carrie, Payton & Presley Herring purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.



Carrie, Payton & Presley Herring - February 26 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.

February 25 at 11:14 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.



February 25 at 11:14 PM



“ Wendy Martinez and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.

Wendy Martinez and Family - February 25 at 07:57 PM



“ Wendy Martinez and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.



Wendy Martinez and Family - February 25 at 07:57 PM



“ Jason and Vanessa Miller purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.



Jason and Vanessa Miller - February 24 at 06:56 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



chris - February 24 at 01:07 PM

DF

“ Dawn and Chanelle Gaudet and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.



Dawn and Chanelle Gaudet and Family - February 23 at 06:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.

February 22 at 08:21 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.



February 22 at 08:21 PM



“ *Best guy in the world. You will be missed. Love ya Heavy.*



Tammy Blair-Ohrt - February 22 at 07:01 PM

CS

“ *Bryant with his 2 of his grandsons Ace and Noa
He was so proud of the grandkids.. he has a little football team now
and I think he loves this picture*



Carmen Smith - February 22 at 03:38 PM

FF

“ *From Debra Serrano and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.*

From Debra Serrano and Family - February 22 at 02:46 PM

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“ *From Debra Serrano and Family purchased the F
ather - Large Memorial Stone for the family of
Bryant "Heavy" Shaw.*



From Debra Serrano and Family - February 22 at 02:46 PM

SW

“ *Sending condolences, so very sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers.* ”



Sherry woolsey - February 22 at 01:59 PM