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Shawn Michael Driscoll aka Shonner of El Cajon, CA, passed away unexpectedly on September 1, 2024. He was a brother, uncle, brother-in-law, and friend.

Shawn was born on August 31, 1963 to John Joseph Driscoll Jr and Dorothy Miles Driscoll in San Diego, CA. Shawn always had an interest in computers and science fiction. By both hobby and profession, he built and programmed computers, designed and coded games, specifically role-playing games (RPGs), and he critiqued a variety of RPG styles.

Before, during and after retiring from the Department of Defense, Shawn invested a lot of his time in the online RPG community mentoring and teaching others all things RPG. This is where he left a legacy.

Shawn was predeceased by John Joseph Driscoll Jr and Dorothy Miles Driscoll. He is survived by Kevin Driscoll, Leslie (Danny) Moreland, Cary Driscoll, Laura (Alex) Johnson, Diane Ashton as well as his nieces and nephew; Ashton (Brandon) Palmateer, Bryce Moreland, Julie Johnson, and Jessica Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Game to Grow (<https://gametogrow.org>), an organization that uses RPG as a tool for therapeutic, educational and community growth.



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Tom posted:

I have been a subscriber to Shawn's youtube channel for what must be over a decade. We shared similar interests and I enjoyed his programming updates, opinionated role-playing game insights, sci-fi film discussions etc - and above all his sense of humour. I was saddened to hear of his passing and would like to express my condolences to his family and friends. Yours sincerely, Tom (Norfolk, England)

December 3 at 9:42 PM



Jerry Young lit a candle in honor of Shawn.



November 20 at 8:57 AM



Luis Corcoles posted:

Shawn was a great friend I had the pleasure to work with him for a few years. We would talk about all sorts of things specially movies he was very passionate about computers, programming, and role paying games. You will be missed sooner "as he like to be called at work" rest in peace friend.

November 16 at 2:12 PM



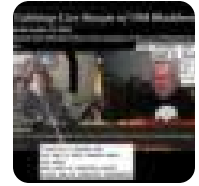
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October 8 at 7:28 PM

XG **Xgnardprime** October 9 at 6:32 AM

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AI posted:

A truly uniquely awesome individual who was deeply passionate about the things he loved. I can't stress enough just how special this person obviously was. Rest in piece buddy!

October 7 at 2:57 AM



Laura lit a candle in honor of Shawn.



October 5 at 8:38 AM



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CP

Chris Papworth posted:

Shawn was inspiring to many of us. I will miss his sense of humor, insights, and perspectives. He was generous with his time and surprisingly kind to those of us who knew him. I offer my sincere condolences to his friends and family. He was one of a kind. Thank you for being a friend to me Shawn. God be with you, until we meet again.

October 2 at 4:09 AM

BI

Bigbad posted:

Shawn was the original big bad of the ttrpg scene. I watched his youtube vidz every day yo have a good laugh. No one will ever be able to replace him! GODSPEED!

September 30 at 11:58 AM



Tyler Auld posted:

Shawn's passing leaves a big hole in the world, especially the RPG community (though he'd hate me saying that haha!) Though I've only known him for a little over a year, I treasured every time I got to talk to him. He put into words thoughts I had had for years in a way that I haven't seen anyone match. Glib yet philosophical. I'll miss our conversations late at night, or leaving walls of text on his videos to get single sentence responses. There will never be another SHONNER. Rest in peace.

September 29 at 9:07 PM

SW

Scott Welker posted:

Shawn meant so much to so many people. He was known around the world and shall never be forgotten!

September 29 at 8:19 PM

JB

James Bacon posted:

Shawn was one of a kind, and though I knew him briefly I'm very glad to have gotten to know him as I did. Rest in Peace, SHONNER.

September 29 at 5:33 PM



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DE

David E Elliott posted:

Shawn was a bit tough on me online, but I learned a lot from him and am better for having known him.

September 29 at 5:30 PM

MM

Micah R. Maloney posted:

Rest in peace, Shawn, who I was just getting to know as SHONNER.

September 29 at 4:43 PM

RL

Ritten Lies posted:

RIOT!!!SHONNER as I knew him will be sorely missed.His honest critiques were always entertaining.He added fuel to my groups slowly fading embers of our RPG table. We found the interest again thanks to him. For that sir...I thank you.

September 29 at 3:47 PM

DS

Daniel Sichel posted:

I am very sorry for your loss and share your grief. Shawn was a very giving man, willing to listen and always passionate about the things that mattered to him. He will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him. I never had the pleasure of meeting in person, but we shares some precious time together by computer. He is going to be missed by many, and has made a lasting impression in many lives. That is a great legacy.

September 29 at 3:33 PM

MB

Max Boivin posted:

Shawn, your contribution to our shared hobby will live on through us, all the people you had an impact on. I will miss having those long rambling stream with you, my friend.Mr Max

September 29 at 9:30 AM

RI

Richard posted:

Shawn was a great online friend, I will miss him. See you soon on the other side.~~Rick

September 29 at 5:04 AM



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NI

Nicolas posted:

Though I've never met him in person, we talked many times online thanks to our little niche in gaming. Shawn showed friendship and helpful criticism to me in a way I felt like we were friends for a long time. Though we could have never met due to us being in different countries, I will never forget the memories we built together, And a piece of him will live on here in South America. You'll be missed and remembred, Shawn.

September 29 at 5:01 AM

PH

Phil posted:

I enjoyed my time talking with Shawn. He always was available to talk about things and always had an opinion that he would tell you whether you wanted it or not. I appreciated that. He will be greatly missed, and his presence in the little online community that was created around his philosophy of gaming, while it may have occasionally rustled some feathers, my own included, helped to keep us interactive and interested. I'll see you soon brother. Please know that he has touched many lives and he will be sorely missed.

September 29 at 2:27 AM



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re: superficial players



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shawn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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