



RAYMOND CHRISTOPHER SCHUTZ

January 12, 1923 - April 12, 2020

A Memorial Mass for Ray will be at 12 Noon, Saturday, April 17, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 11 to noon at the church.

Raymond Christopher Schutz, 97, died peacefully at Gundersen Tweeten Care Center in Spring Grove, MN on April 12, 2020. A private funeral will be held Wednesday April 15th at St. Mary's Church in Caledonia, MN. A memorial mass will be scheduled at a later date.

Ray was born on January 12, 1923 at his home in the Winnebago Valley. He spent his childhood and attended school in the Sand Cove, near New Albin, IA. He married Rita Moriarty on April 16, 1955 at St. John's the Baptist church in Caledonia, MN. They celebrated 65 wonderful years of marriage together. Ray and Rita raised their family and farmed in the Winnebago Valley for 30 years. During those years he was also a logger. Ray and Rita enjoyed traveling on family vacations. They moved to Caledonia when Ray retired in the spring of 1985. Ray enjoyed making furniture for his family, playing cards, and fishing whenever he could.

Ray is survived by his wife Rita. Six children: Thomas (Deb Mason) Schutz, Kathy Schutz, Mary (Richard) Gulbranson, Sharon Corcoran, John Schutz, and Diane Gauger. Twelve grandchildren: Brian (Kelly) Giesler, Kristi (Reace) Rainwater, Jessie (Nick) Wojahn, Angie Gulbranson, Arlene (Adam) Augedahl, Dan (Brittany Demmitt) Gulbranson, Michael Schutz, Joseph

Schutz, Jason Corcoran, Rachel (Matt) Bell, Teresa (Clay Brown) Gauger, and Joshua Schutz. Sixteen great grandchildren: Evelyn, Ethan, Levi, Cassidy, Isaiah, Alyssa, Jonas, Cody, Garrett, Aidan, Abraham, Alexander, Dorothy, Hayden, Lydia, Addyson and her friend Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hilda and Michael Schutz. His siblings: Jim, Bill, and Margaret and many extended family and friends.

Ray would like to be remembered as; "A farmer, logger, woodworker, and a fisherman."

He was all of that and much more. To his family he was the best husband, father, and grandfather one could have ever asked for!

Tribute Wall

TO

“ I remember him taking me, or me and John fishing often as we were growing up. We would always stop at the meat market in New Albin, get a ring of bologna, and some cheese and crackers. I remember going to Milo Klein's junkyard at the edge of Caledonia after church on Sunday. He would be looking for a wheel or maybe a lawn mower frame, or a motor, anything he could use to build us kids a scooter or a little car or something we could ride on or play with around the farm. As others have said he was always willing to help. He helped frame up the garage on my first house in 1982 when he would have been 59. I worked in LaCrosse and more than once I would have some problem with my car. I would call him and explain what was wrong and the next day while I was at work he would come over, fix it, and be gone before I got off work. He taught us all to work hard. Every Saturday on the farm his saying was "We get our work done, and then we play". He had more than his share of common sense, and had a way of figuring things out and teaching us at the same time. He was a great person, and a great dad. I loved him dearly and will always miss him.

Tom

tom - April 15, 2020 at 05:43 PM

MB

To Tom, I remember your Dad. He was a nice guy. Glad he was able to live such a long life. Sorry for your loss.
Margie Jahn Beitlich

Margie Beitlich - April 21, 2020 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ I remember the time we were fishing down by reno over the tracks and through some pretty isolated and dad had a bite and was reeling in his catch and he told me I was going to have to take over because he was losing his pants I said ain.t nobody going see yah here you got the bite you reel it in and he catch a large fish not even sure what kind so for Xmas that year part of his present was a man holding a large fish and I fashioned a pair of blue jeans for the fisherman but they were down to his knees

john schutz - April 14, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JA

“ John Alexander lit a candle in memory of
RAYMOND CHRISTOPHER SCHUTZ



John Alexander - April 14, 2020 at 04:38 PM

DK

“ Deepest sympathy to the Schutz family. Very sorry for your loss.

Duane Kinneberg - April 14, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
RAYMOND CHRISTOPHER SCHUTZ.



April 14, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
RAYMOND CHRISTOPHER SCHUTZ.



April 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ There are always endless stories and memories a person could post and share upon the death of such a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. I am choosing for this post, to share a brief few words about Dad, regarding my unique situation as his daughter who has lived my entire life with physical challenges. As a child, I forever cherish all the contraptions those capable hands contrived so that I could enjoy what other children did. I recall the seat he built for my first swing, a similar one for the end of the long teeter totter plank. He fastened a back on the typical toy wagon so I could enjoy rides around the farmyard before my balance was such that I could sit on my own. "There was always love in Daddy's hands." There was also no end to the creative ability in them. Two weeks before his death, I sat outside his nursing home window -- as family members and loved ones across the land are forced to do during this heartbreaking time for everyone. Deeply saddened because I could not be on the other side of that glass pane holding his hands, I joined my own two hands together and held them up to the window, Dad, in his very weakened state, performed the gesture back. We shared this at every "window visit" until the day before he died. The very same hands...once more creatively demonstrating love as only that pair of hands could do!! RIP Daddy My heart will forever carry you as my mind continually converses with you. Thank you for that very comforting vision I will always see in my mind when I close my eyes at night

Dianne Gauger - April 14, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JR

My deepest sympathies Dear friend to you, your mom, & siblings! His memory lives on in the your heart & the hearts that knew him~ May Your many memories be a comfort to you! May God's promises and love give you strength at this most difficult time!❤️🙏

jane renslo - April 14, 2020 at 05:04 PM

TE

“ *Grandma Rita told me a story about how their toaster wasn't working one time and Grandpa had it torn apart down to the wires as she was about to head up town to do some shopping she thought there was no way he was going to be able to fix it and she was tempted to buy a new toaster. Well good thing she didn't because she came back home and he had it all back together and it worked as if it were brand new. For having had an 8th grade education he was the smartest man I know. Each time I left him I gave him a big hug because I never wanted to forget what his hugs feel like. Grandpa Ray has the biggest, kindest, tender, most gentle, and loving heart! He would drop what he was doing to help anyone who needed help especially his family! His wife Rita and all of his kids were his pride and joy! It's no wonder he lived such a long and happy life he was too worried about us all to leave us any sooner. I am forever grateful to have had as my grandpa and for so long! I'll miss you each and everyday but I'm happy you no longer have to suffer! You fought a good fight and there aren't many around that are stronger than you Greatest a Grandpa Ray!*

Teresa - April 14, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DG

I have read this post several times and I just love it!! So typically Dad/Grandpa He almost lived for something to be broken so that he could tinker with it until, without fail!!!, he'd have it fixed!

Dianne Gauger - April 18, 2020 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ I remember Ray (Shorty) and the boys coming up to Prairie Lake for a fishing weekend. It was a wonderful time. It was after Ray and Rita's 60th wedding celebration and my only wish then was that it could have been years before that. It would have been nice to spend more time with Uncle Ray. I do have a little story about this trip though. Shorty had river fishing gear as that pretty much is what he used. I set him up with a jig and some lighter line and bobber. Tom and I were watching and we could see he was getting a bite as the bobber was going all over the place. Tom said :I think you have a bite Dad: Shorty said:I just want to make sure he hooks himself. We had a good laugh over that. You will be missed and am just happy to have some memories of a happy time together. Your Godson Bob.

ROBERT J SCHUTZ - April 14, 2020 at 09:11 AM

TE


Yes he never rushed to reel in his a fish because he wanted to make sure the fish was on that hook! He taught me patience on our fishing trips

Teresa - April 14, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JS

I wish we would have made that an annual trip and started it 10 years sooner so much fun

john schutz - April 14, 2020 at 10:47 AM

 Arlene
Mary

“ *Back before the days of cell phone's my mother Sharon's (his daughter) car had stalled up town. She went to the bakery to call Grandpa Ray for help. My grandpa had a really bad knee at the time. Mom went back outside and somehow the car started by itself. She started to drive towards grandpa's house to let him know. Grandpa was already on his way limping as fast as he could down the street to come to her rescue.*



Grandpa would always come to your rescue. He loved my grandmother Rita and all of us so very much. When you left his house to say goodbye there would always be the slightest tear in his eye. If he had it his way I think we all would of lived under one rough.

I know he is up in heaven already starting to build us our eternal house where we will all live together in some day. I'm sure he'll pick a spot the resembles the Winnebago Valley. I know there will be a good fishing spot and plenty of fishing poles to go around...until then grandpa there will be a little tear in my eye. I love you, Arlene

Arlene Mary - April 14, 2020 at 08:46 AM

TE

I think he would've preferred we all lived under one roof also he would've enjoyed and loved every second of it!

Teresa - April 14, 2020 at 09:59 AM

CA

Grandpa Ray treated me like I was his grandchild I'll never forget him.

Carla - April 14, 2020 at 10:38 AM

DG

I loved your analogy, Arlene, of his building a home where we all live in heaven. "In my Father's house there are many mansions. I go before you to prepare a place for you..." Not that Jesus needs a helping hand, but I have also heard that we have work to do in heaven. I am sure this will be assigned to the "remembered woodworker."

Dianne Gauger - April 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of **RAYMOND CHRISTOPHER SCHUTZ.**



April 13, 2020 at 03:25 PM