



## Russell D. Schaedlich

March 20, 1953 - July 1, 2016

Russell D. Schaedlich age 63, of Mentor, died Friday July 1, 2016 at home. He was born March 20, 1953 in St. Louis, MO. Mr. Schaedlich was a retired City Planner from the City of Painesville, OH. Prior to that he was Vice President of Land Acquisitions for B.R. Knez Construction Inc, Perry, OH, Administrator for Concord Twp, Concord, OH, Project Coordinator for Ohio Department of Development, Painesville, OH and Economic Developer & Commission member for Lake County Planning Commission, Painesville, OH. He was a Certified Economic Development Specialist and a member of American Institute of Certified Planners (A.I.C.P) American Planning Association, Ohio Planning Conference. Russ was a graduate of Mentor High School, Class of 1971, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH with an Associate of Arts and Science, Miami University, Oxford, OH with a Bachelor of Arts-Urban and Regional Planning, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH with a Master of City and Regional Planning and Master of Arts in Public Administration. Survivors include his brother: William A. Schaedlich, Twin-brother: Bruce E. (Cynthia Haight) Schaedlich, nephews: Brian Schaedlich and Brandon (Karen) Schaedlich, a great-nephew: Troy and a great-niece: Leah. Preceding Russ in death are his parents: Wilbur and Kay Schaedlich. A Celebration of Russ's life will be held from 5–8 pm Monday July 11, 2016 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060. Private Inurnment will be at Mentor Cemetery, Mentor. Family requests contributions be made to American Cancer Society,

10501 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 974-5733

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
[ajs@brunners.com](mailto:ajs@brunners.com)  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ I worked with Russ way back in the day at the Lake County Planning Commission in Painesville during summer breaks from high school. He was so engaging, helpful, warm, genuine and cool. He always helped me and other summer workers with whatever we needed. He talked to us, not at us, and he respected us. He didn't look down at us because we were teenagers and he was never patronizing or self-aggrandizing. He was a really cool and fun guy.

He'd spring for lunch, help you tackle a problem with a project or work, ask how your family was, talk movies, current events, etc. He always was interested in what we thought. He was interesting and interested.

He would hear us talking about sports, namely baseball, and would happily join the conversation, debating and detailing what player was better, which pitcher was garbage, etc. We'd talk batting averages, earned run averages, scores and stats all the time. He even took us to games at the old dungeon Municipal Stadium, picked us up, bought the tickets and food. He was beyond gracious. You could tell it made him happy.

I'll never forget him playing songs on his radio and singing along, inviting us to join in. You'd think he'd invented karaoke. It was hysterical. His zest for life was unmatched.

After I learned of his passing, I went to YouTube and listened one particular song Russ wailed to (though actually having fun, he tore it up, with good voice quality) and couldn't stop smiling and laughing. That's what he inspired in me, and, I'm quite sure, others—good times and good feelings.

I hadn't seen him for a long time, but never forgot him. When he did leave the commission, I remember being truly salty. But he kept in touch always, popping in, teasing us, telling jokes and always, always laughing.

*So, rest easy, my man, Russ. The indelible marks you made in the lives you touched will never fade. Ever. You were unequivocally one of the good guys.*

*~Chad Felton*

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**Chad Felton** - July 12, 2016 at 09:11 AM

KW

“ *So sad for the loss of our Russ. He was a part of my family for many years-spent 25 Christmas Eve's with us, going to baseball games, and other things. RIP, dear friend.*

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**Kathy Wingo** - July 09, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Russell D. Schaedlich.*



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July 09, 2016 at 07:38 AM

LN

“ *Love & prayers, Mark, Laura, & Josef Nick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Russell D. Schaedlich.*



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**Love & prayers, Mark, Laura, & Josef Nick** - July 09, 2016 at 12:59 AM

LN

“ Oh, Russ. You always made a dark day bright, like the light of love & gentleness that always shown from your beautiful self with your infectious laughter, caring & loving heart, loyalty to your friends, family and coworkers, and kindness to all living creatures. I remember when he was Administrator at Concord Twp. He made Town Hall employees look forward to coming to work because he was always in a pleasant mood and always had a joke to share, a friend to all he came in contact with. When it was reported that the first bird died of the West Nile virus, right here in Concord, he took a copy of our Township logo (the Old Oak Tree & Town Hall with a creek running through it) and drew a bird on its back in the creek with X X eyes and said, "maybe we should change our logo to this". We all cracked up, uncontrollably. Will always remember the monthly dinners with our "group", as one of the most enjoyable times of my adult life. To the Schaedlich family, I pray you find strength and peace knowing Russ was a very loved (and lovable) guy who left a part of himself in our hearts and souls. So, so sorry for your loss. No one could ever replace him. <3

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**Laura & Mark Nick** - July 08, 2016 at 11:47 PM

MR

“ I have known Russ for many years. Met him when he worked for the County Planning Commission. Such a wonderful and kind man. And so much fun, He could always make me laugh, You will be missed Russ. Rest in peace, My deepest condolences to the Schaedlich family.

*Margy Ryan*

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**Margy Ryan** - July 08, 2016 at 10:28 PM

AL

“ I had the opportunity to work with Russ while he was with Concord Twp. He was a genuinely sincere and good person. He was always very easy going and had a perpetual smile on his face. My sincere condolences to the family. May he rest in peace.

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**Andrew Lingenfelter** - July 08, 2016 at 08:09 PM

LI

“ I worked with Russ when I was a summer intern at the Planning Commission. He was a great guy, always smiling, joking and so friendly. He will be missed by all who knew him.  
Linda

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**Linda** - July 08, 2016 at 07:44 PM

JS

“ Russ was one of the kindest souls I had the opportunity to know. Your work on behalf of others will continue to positively impact other for many years to come. You will be missed.  
John Sherwood

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**John Sherwood** - July 08, 2016 at 12:09 PM