



Thomas Ray Schulz

July 4, 1938 - July 19, 2024

Thomas Ray Schulz, 86, passed away July 19th 2024 following an extended illness surrounded by loved ones at Concord Village Skilled Nursing, Concord Twp., OH. He was born on July 4, 1938, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Tom grew up in Canfield, Ohio, and graduated from Canfield High School where he was a pole vaulter on the track team. After school he worked for Republic Steel until he tested into a training program with WT Grant Co. He met the love of his life, Alice A. Sandstrom on a blind date. The couple raised three children while Tom had a career as a store manager with WT Grant Co., Gold Circle and Forest City stores, which took their family to various cities in Western Pennsylvania and Northeastern Ohio. He served in the Ohio National Guard for seven years.

Mr. Schulz fulfilled a dream of becoming a business owner when he operated a Sparks Tune-up in Euclid. He went on to become a realtor in Lake County before retiring to spend many happy times with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Whether on Lake Erie in his boat or on family trips to Canada's Georgian Bay, the long-time Mentor resident enjoyed spending time fishing. Most often, Tom could be found caring for his garden and berry bushes, providing vegetables for Alice to can and to share with their family. Once a month, he enjoyed an

evening playing cards with friends. Tom was a dedicated, active member of the Willoughby Hills Covenant Church.

Above all else, Tom was a family man who loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He treasured times like Christmas Eve and the big Fourth of July family birthday celebration when everyone would be together. "PaPa" enthusiastically attended as many baseball games, basketball games, track meets, cross country races, ice skating shows, football games, softball games, musical performances and church services as he could over the years.

Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Alice A. (Sandstrom) Schulz; children: Jeff (Martha) Schulz, Tim (Judy) Schulz and Sharon (Mike) McDonald; grandchildren: Jonathan (Lindsey) Schulz, Michael McDonald, Samantha (Dalton) Phillips, Stephen (Molly) Schulz, Stephanie (Donald) Davis, Alex (fiancé Tori Cardone) Schulz, and Jonah (Madison) Schulz; 12 great-grandchildren and his sister: Nancy Schulz.

Preceding Tom in death are his parents: Aloysius A. and Sarah (Ray) Schulz; sister: SueEllen (Bill) Blasdell and daughter-in-law: Andrea Schulz.

The family will receive friends 5:00 – 7:00 pm Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service will be 10:00 am Thursday, July 25, 2024 at First Covenant Church, 29400 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Covenant Church
29400 Chardon Rd.
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Grandpa Schulz, you were a staple in the family! I will always remember all of the parties in Chardon that we celebrated with you and the Schulz family. Jonathan and Jonah were blessed to have such a fine patriarch. Alice, I send my condolences to you, Jeff, your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Anne Marie Anelli - July 24, 2024 at 02:14 AM

KP

“ Sharon, I just want to say I'm sorry to hear about your dad. It sounds like he had a full and wonderful life. He will be sorely missed. Take care, and prayers to you and your family. Kathy Parker

Kathy Parker - July 23, 2024 at 11:22 PM

LD

“ Love Nancy, Brian, Erin and Darla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Ray Schulz.

Love Nancy, Brian, Erin and Darla - July 22, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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“ Love Nancy, Brian, Erin and Darla purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Thomas Ray Schulz.



Love Nancy, Brian, Erin and Darla - July 22, 2024 at 04:27 PM

GE

“ Giant E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Ray Schulz.

Giant E. - July 22, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Schulz.



July 22, 2024 at 08:45 AM

KF

“ Keith Kropp & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Ray Schulz.

Keith Kropp & Family - July 22, 2024 at 08:04 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Schulz.



July 22, 2024 at 08:04 AM



“ Gina Pedulla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Ray Schulz.

Gina Pedulla - July 21, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Schulz.



July 21, 2024 at 05:57 PM