



Michael R. Safratowich

July 15, 1928 - August 31, 2023

Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services invites you to our Facebook page to view the Michael Safratowich Funeral Service

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The funeral service for Michael R. Safratowich, formerly of Wadena, will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m on Friday, September 8, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with Deacon Jean-Claude Duncan presiding. Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday, from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

Mike, age 95, passed away at Eventide Care Center in Moorhead, MN on August 31, 2023.

Mike was born near Belfield, ND on July 15, 1928, to Elizabeth (Zlebita) and Michael J. Safratowich. He graduated from Belfield High School where he was an athlete. Mike received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Dickinson (ND) State Teachers' College and a master's degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. He served as a staff sergeant in the US Air Force in Fairbanks, Alaska where he married Mary Hopfauf of Dickinson in 1951.

Mike taught school in Dickinson, Walhalla, and Hebron, ND, as well as at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, and Minnesota State Community and Technical College Wadena, where he taught

Business Education until his retirement in 1991. Mike enjoyed meeting his many students years after they graduated and always remembered their names. In later years, he enjoyed spending time at the cabin he built on Rush Lake, camping in State Parks, traveling with his wife Mary, and enjoying time with his family. He was a talented woodcarver and shared many carvings with friends and family.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Mary in 1999, brother, Laudie, and sister, Josephine Hopfauf.

Mike was a well-loved dad, papa, and great-papa to his family and is survived by his children Michael D. Safratowich of Fargo, ND, Deborah Campbell (Larry) of St. Cloud, MN, grandchildren Benjamin Campbell (Sue) of Portland, Oregon, Elizabeth Campbell (Erik Hilstrom) of Minneapolis, and two great grandchildren, Nora and Alma Campbell, of Portland. He will be greatly missed.

Military honors will be provided by MNAGHG.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Eventide Care Center, as well as Hospice of the Red River Valley, for their kindness and care given to Mike during his time with them.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the Red River Valley. ([www.hrrv.org/giving-back](http://www.hrrv.org/giving-back))

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael R. Safratowich*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 06, 2023 at 05:20 PM

AL

“ *I remember having Michael as my business teacher when I attended Wadena Tech, school year of 1986/1987. There was something about being able to pronounce his name, but don't recall what that was. He gave us two wooden hearts with words "Welcome Friends" for Christmas. Mine still hangs on my door. I was 52 when in his class. My condolence to his family. Alice Lex*

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**Alice Lex** - September 10, 2023 at 04:28 PM

DH

“ *Debbie, Mike,  
Your parents were so important to me. Your mother displayed such love to me, always made me feel special. Your dad was good to my parents. I’m so sorry to know they are no longer in that house that I drive by when I am in Wadena. It was a special place. Many ornaments they made hang on my Xmas tree each year. I have two bird houses on my deck your dad made. I treasure them.  
Your parents live in my heart. They have inspired some of my creativity.  
Peace to the memory of them.  
Dawn (Pladson) Huso  
Maplewood, Mn*

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**dawn huso** - September 07, 2023 at 10:35 PM

JR

“ *Judy Rieke lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich*



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**Judy Rieke** - September 07, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael R. Safratowich.*

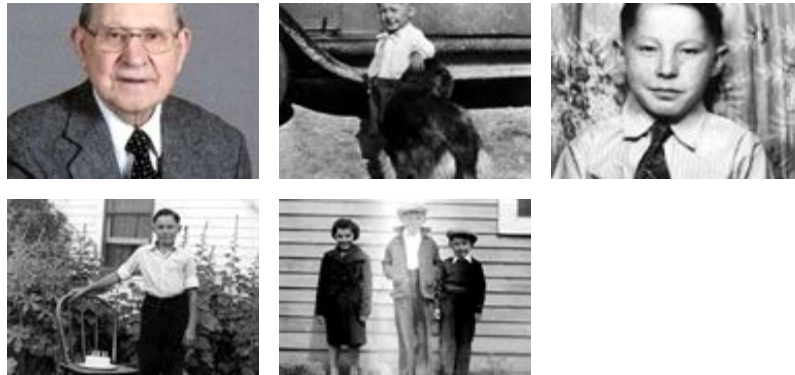


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September 07, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 06, 2023 at 05:19 PM

BM

“ *Beth Motschenbacher lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich*



beth motschenbacher - September 06, 2023 at 02:29 PM

CO

“ *Mike always had a smile on his face when he came into church. As a greeter at church, I was one of the lucky ones that saw that smile and enjoyed a hug from him.*

Carol Osborn - September 06, 2023 at 08:05 AM

DA

“ *Diane Anderson lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich*



**Diane Schiller Anderson** - September 05, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich*



**Dave Schumacher** - September 05, 2023 at 12:57 PM

Jl

“ *I treasure the memories I have of spending time at Mike and Mary's home with my good friend Debbie. There was always an abundance of laughter and love. Joanne Roes Isaac*

**joanne isaac** - September 05, 2023 at 08:47 AM

SH

“ *Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich*



**Sharon Heinen** - September 03, 2023 at 08:54 AM

SB

“ I am sorry to hear of Mike's death. We attended many classes and workshops on Business Education together.



Sharon Boline - September 02, 2023 at 06:11 PM

BT

“ Barbara Thoennes lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich



Barbara Thoennes - September 02, 2023 at 11:32 AM

GE

“ My deepest condolences to Mike and Deb and family. Your father was a wonderful person. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May his memory bring you comfort.

George Edeburn - September 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM

BM

My deepest condolences for the loss of such an amazing person. I met Mike when I worked at the Maslowski wellness center in wadena. I remember he was signing up for a membership and couldn't hardly hear me so I would speak loudly, and he would ask me why I was yelling at him with a huge smile on his face. I remember we talked about our birthdays that they were both in July and the next thing I know, his next visit, he was bringing me a hand carved reindeer of which I have to this day. What an amazing soul that we have lost here on earth, but they have gained in heaven. God bless Mike's family. God bless Mike who will surely be missed. How lucky we all were to be touched by such a sweet soul.

beth motschenbacher - September 05, 2023 at 10:05 PM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich



Marie Fraune - September 02, 2023 at 10:27 AM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich



Jon Johnson - September 02, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Michael Safratowich



Rocky Reese - September 01, 2023 at 07:48 PM

MT

“ It was a joy to be friends with Mike & Mary during Mike's teaching years at the Tech. Sincere sympathy to you as family.

Marlys Timm - September 01, 2023 at 07:36 PM