



Ralph Schwartz

April 3, 1935 - May 23, 2022

Ralph Virgil Schwartz was called home to heaven on May 23, 2022 at the age of 87. He answered the call at his home in New York Mills, MN, surrounded by family while under the compassionate care of Red River Valley Hospice and granddaughter, Megan Badinger.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ralph will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 13, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton, MN with Father Gabriel Walz as celebrant.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, MN with prayers at 6:00 p.m. and Knights of Columbus and Catholic United Financial rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church in Bluffton on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Ralph was born third of eight children to Louis and Ludvina (Poepping) Schwartz on April 3, 1935 in Wadena, MN. He served in the US Army from December 1957 until his honorable discharge at Ft. Hood, TX in October 1959. He loved the opportunity to see the world and share those memories with his family.

Ralph was united in marriage with Dorothy Carol Crabb on January 8, 1962,

at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton. He spent his years devoted to faith, family, and dairy farming; instilling a culture of strong work ethic and love in his eight children. Time with family brought him great joy along with visiting military comrades, friends and neighbors, and attending auction sales. He was a member of the VFW, Knights of Columbus, and Catholic United Financial.

Preceding Ralph in death were his parents, Louis and Ludvina; siblings: infant James, Wilfred (Margaret) Schwartz, and Luella (Toivo) Eskola, and brother-in-law, Dick Bollig; sons-in-law: Jerry Griese and Tom Loomis; parents-in-law, Joe and Esther (Johnson) Crabb; brothers-in-law: Joraine (Beulah) and Jim Crabb; sisters-in-law Ruby (Warren) Barnts, Verna (Alex) Yackamovich, and Maxine (Alvin) Brasel.

Ralph will always be remembered by his devoted wife of 60 years, Dorothy; children: Barb (Cory) Badinger of Fargo, ND, Bonnie (Mark) Richter of Wadena, MN, Cheryl Griese of Anoka, MN, Connie Loomis of Fargo, ND, Ruth (Nathan) Wagner of Aurora, CO, Janet Schwartz of Wasilla, AK, Billy (Elizabeth) Schwartz of New York Mills, MN and Jennifer Schwartz of Urbandale, IA; grandchildren: Michael, James (Heather), and Megan Badinger, Robert, Thomas, and Daniel Richter, Zachary, Zoe, and Joseph Griese, Brian (Tasha), and Derek (Amanda) Christensen, Caitlin and Jacob Wagner, Briar and Cale Hahn, and Philip Schwartz; great-grandchildren: Breanna, Tessa, and Theodore Christensen, Gavin, Ava, and Everett Christensen, Mason Schlenker, and Elijah Badinger; siblings: Bernice Bollig of Circle Pines, MN, Don (Sandy) Schwartz of Sebeka, MN, Nick (Joyce) Schwartz of Ramsey, MN, and Alvin (Pat) Schwartz of Wadena, MN; sister-in-law, Betty Crabb of Hewitt, MN, along with many more members of his extended family, friends and neighbors.

Pallbearers will be Ralph's grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren will

serve as honorary pallbearers.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN. Military honors provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN..

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Prayers

JUN 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Rosary

JUN 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

JUN 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 07, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph Schwartz.*



June 10, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ *Barnts Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ralph Schwartz.*



Barnts Family - June 09, 2022 at 02:59 PM

JS

“ *Joe & Michelle Silvers lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Joe & Michelle Silvers - June 08, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JU

“ *John Uselman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



John Uselman - June 08, 2022 at 04:10 PM



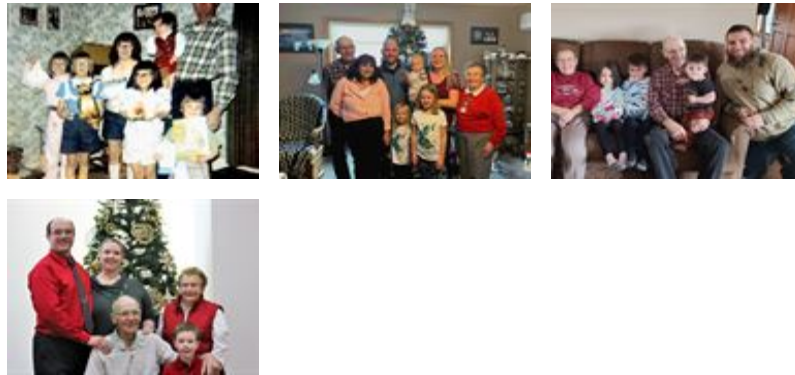
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Schwartz.*



June 08, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



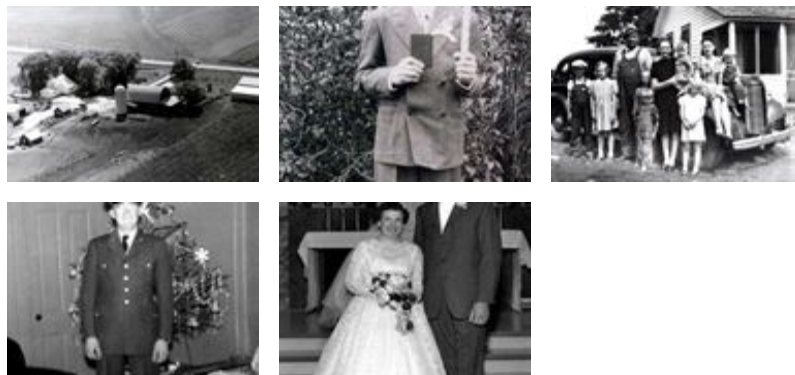
“ Cheryl Griese lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Cheryl Griese - June 07, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 07, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph Schwartz.* ”



June 07, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ *Bruce & Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz* ”



Bruce & Trish Steinkopf - June 01, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *Charity, Cecilia and Gabriella Kern purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ralph Schwartz.* ”



Charity, Cecilia and Gabriella Kern - May 31, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz* ”



Arlys Andrews - May 28, 2022 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - May 28, 2022 at 01:06 PM

MH

“ *Marge And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Marge and Harry Harrison - May 27, 2022 at 09:04 AM

MH

“ *Marge And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Marge and Harry Harrison - May 27, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Mary Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Mary Schwartz - May 26, 2022 at 09:22 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Gene & Mary Denny - May 26, 2022 at 06:54 PM

MV

“ Marilyn And Jim Vorderbruggen lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Marilyn and Jim Vorderbruggen - May 26, 2022 at 06:45 PM

MJ

“ We got to witness Uncle Ralph with the Wadena VFW Honor Guard at a recent funeral service on May 6. So glad we were able to visit with him that day. Uncle Ralph is the 2nd one from the right.. Much love to Aunt Dot and the cousins and their families.



Marlene Johnson - May 26, 2022 at 01:34 PM

CL

Thank you for sharing this photo.

Connie Loomis - May 26, 2022 at 01:42 PM

MJ

I had a post along with the photo but don't see it. Uncle Ralph is the 2nd person from the right. He was with the Wadena VFW post performing military honors at a recent funeral in N Y Mills on May 6th. So glad Teresa, Wayne and I were able to visit with him that day! Love Marlene

Marlene Johnson - May 27, 2022 at 01:55 PM

CG

Thank you, Marlene, for posting this photo; Dad really enjoyed being involved with the Wadena VFW post! I am so glad you were able to visit with him on May 6.

Cheryl Griese - May 27, 2022 at 08:54 PM

BO

Thanks for sharing. I would love a copy.

Bonnie - May 27, 2022 at 09:40 PM

KH

“ *Karen And LeRoy Haman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Karen and LeRoy Haman - May 26, 2022 at 08:01 AM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Linda McIntire - May 25, 2022 at 09:35 PM

DS

“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Dan and Deb Sweere - May 25, 2022 at 07:42 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Bruce and Barb Brown - May 25, 2022 at 06:08 PM

HC

“ Harley And Kristi Chase lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Harley and Kristi Chase - May 25, 2022 at 06:04 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz



Leo Haisman - May 25, 2022 at 04:53 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Bob & Donna Haman - May 25, 2022 at 03:28 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - May 25, 2022 at 02:17 PM

CH

“ *Uncle Ralph was one of the most hard working, most gentle, most wonderful men I know. You will be missed by so many. Much love, hugs and prayers to Auntie Dot and family.*



Christie (Crabb) Hennagir - May 25, 2022 at 01:45 PM

CO

“ *Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Carol Osborn - May 25, 2022 at 01:16 PM

CL

“ *Connie Loomis lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Connie Loomis - May 25, 2022 at 10:46 AM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - May 25, 2022 at 09:55 AM

JB

“ *John And Audrey Blashack lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



John and Audrey Blashack - May 25, 2022 at 07:38 AM

IH

“ *Ida Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Ida Hennagir - May 24, 2022 at 10:45 PM

GD

“ *Gene And Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Gene and Mary Denny - May 24, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Nancy Peterson - May 24, 2022 at 08:19 PM

GC

“ *So sad to hear. We will miss visiting with him. Hugs Dot*



Gladys and Charlie Chase - May 24, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SW

“ *Steve & Ellen Wallgren sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Steve & Ellen Wallgren - May 24, 2022 at 04:48 PM

ST

With our sympathy. May Ralph rest in peace.

Steve - May 24, 2022 at 04:49 PM

MB

“ *Matt & Carla Blashack lit a candle in memory of Ralph Schwartz*



Matt & Carla Blashack - May 24, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathies to Dot and the entire Schwartz family.*

Nancy Peterson - May 24, 2022 at 03:33 PM

ST

“ *Sympathy and prayers to all of Ralph's family.*

Sue Theisen - May 24, 2022 at 03:25 PM