



Ray Desrocher

March 10, 1952 - September 8, 2023

The open house celebrating the life of Ray Desrocher, of Verndale, will be held from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m on Friday September 22, at the Lions Community Center in Verndale. A Time of Remembrance will begin at 2:00 p.m.

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Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services invites you to view the Time of Remembrance on our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/p/Schuller-Family-Funeral-Homes-Cremation-Services-100063798813543](https://www.facebook.com/p/Schuller-Family-Funeral-Homes-Cremation-Services-100063798813543)

Friends and family are invited to gather at St. Fredericks Cemetery at 11:00am on Saturday, September 23rd for the interment of Ray's cremated remains.

At the age of 71, Ray passed away on September 8, 2023, at The Meadows in Wadena, MN, with compassionate care by the staff and Knute Nelson Hospice.

Ray Patrick Desrocher was born to Wilbur and Madonna (Svir) Desrocher on March 10, 1952, at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN.

Ray attended Moorhead State College, where he lived with friends, Mark and Peggy. After having all those days of college fun he moved in with his brother John. They had some great times, too. The biggest memory of that year was

when they got stuck out in a blizzard! Ray and John made it to a house and spent the night with a couple, of course playing pinochle with them. He may not have gotten a degree at college, but he enjoyed his years there.

After Ray received a degree as a machinist from Staples Technical School he mainly worked in the quality control department, measuring and inspecting parts.

In his free time, Ray enjoyed pontoon rides around Coon Lake, golf cart rides and visiting with friends of the Coon Lake community where he lived for over 30 years. He also liked fishing, deer hunting and bird hunting. He played war games on the computer, loved to read, and play games, especially cards. In his younger years, Ray was great at Bean Bag toss. On canoe trips he would play all night long. He enjoyed fishing trips whether it was Minnesota opening fishing, trips to Lac Seul in Ontario, or houseboat trips in Canada, northern Minnesota Lake of the Woods, and Rainy River.

Preceding Ray in death were parents, Wilbur and Madonna; and sister, Anna Desrocher.

Ray will always be remembered by his siblings: Alice (Mike) Carr, Tim Desrocher, John (Mary Ann) Desrocher, Renee (Mike) Halland, Rhea (Ken) Eickhoff and David (Sheila) Desrocher; numerous nieces and nephews; along with a host of friends and neighbors.

Honorary urn bearers will be all who called him friend.

Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery in Verndale, MN.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the Knute Nelson staff for their

compassionate care.

Memorials in Ray's name may be directed to Knute Nelson Hospice (618 Jefferson St N, Wadena, MN 56482), Verndale Historical Society (202 Farwell St, Verndale, MN 56481), or the Verndale Food Shelf (402 Clark Dr. Verndale, MN 56481).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Open House

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Community Center - (Lions Building)  
109 SW 1st Ave.  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Time Of Remembrance

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Community Center - (Lions Building)  
109 SW 1st Ave.  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Burial

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery  
16196 County Road 104  
Verndale, MN 56481



# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray Desrocher



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 18, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Desrocher.



September 21, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ The Webber family lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher



The Webber Family - September 21, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Ray and I always greeted each other by saying "How are you boyfriend and How are you girlfriend!" Always fun to be around. Hugs to his family. Judy and Randy Beaver

Judy Beaver - September 20, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 18, 2023 at 06:00 PM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences to the family at this time of loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbi Derby Williamson*



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**Debbi WILLIAMSON** - September 15, 2023 at 10:38 AM

AN

“ Growing up, my brother and I spent many summer hours with Ray on Coon Lake catching bass, Northern, and walleye from his pontoon and even his dock. He shared a lot of his knowledge, wisdom, and experience in relation to not only fishing, but life as well. When the weather was hot and the evening bite was slow, our parents would bring a pizza and pack a cooler and we all enjoyed a dinner cruise around the lake on his pontoon. These memories are some of my fondest growing up, and I'm sure the next line I cast will no doubt be for Ray. My prayers and condolences are with his family.

*Tight lines Ray. May the wind always come from the west and the sun never set.*

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**Alex Nelson** - September 15, 2023 at 08:29 AM

KK

“ Ray was dear to my heart. He was a good friend and a strong person with a generous spirit. He was funny and very smart. He had that special quality that made you feel comfortable in talking to him about anything. We had fun over the many years that we knew each other. I loved introducing him as my oldest friend, having met at the age of four. When we played as children, he was always the horse. Now he soars.

*Kathy K.*

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**Kathy K** - September 14, 2023 at 03:01 PM

WS

“ *What a ray of sunshine, Ray always was...his radiant smile, twinkle in his eyes, wonderful laugh, always so positive and kind!! He is running in heaven and blessing all those there! Our sincere sympathy and love to ALL of Ray's family, hold tight to all those wonderful memories of Ray. Grateful by God's gift of Salvation we can be reunited in heaven. Hugs to each of you* 💕



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**Wayne and Sheila Stave** - September 14, 2023 at 09:40 AM

SS

“ *Always a positive man, good friend.*

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**Steven Sellnow** - September 13, 2023 at 09:45 PM

CB

“ *Connie Boe lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



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**Connie Boe** - September 13, 2023 at 07:48 PM

BG

“ *Brad Gimmestad lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



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**Brad Gimmestad** - September 13, 2023 at 05:23 PM

MS

“ Rhonda and I wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the Desrocher family. Ray was an inspiration to everyone who knew him. When I think of Ray, I have very fond memories. He never complained, always smiled and looked on the bright side of everyone and everything. As I recall he was a pretty handy locksmith in his day. Our thoughts and prayers to all the siblings; Alice, Tim, John, Rhea, Rene, and David and your families. He will always have a special place in our hearts. Mike and Rhonda Sellnow

Mike Sellnow - September 13, 2023 at 04:58 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher



Leo Haisman - September 13, 2023 at 04:27 PM

JK

“ Condolences to the Desrocher family. Ray was a great guy and we're going to miss him. I have fond memories of ice fishing, playing poker and watching the Vikings with Ray. We won't be able to attend the Celebration of Life but will have a toast of Windsor & Pepsi in honor of Ray. RIP Ray! Jon and Toni Kvamme



Jon Kvamme - September 13, 2023 at 03:19 PM

WS

*Awesome pictures!! Love Ray's smile! Thx 4 sharing!*

**Wayne and Sheila Stave** - September 14, 2023 at 09:44 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



**Patty Desrocher** - September 13, 2023 at 09:56 AM

KJ

“ *Kathy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



**Kathy Johnson** - September 13, 2023 at 09:17 AM

SB

“ *My sympathies to all of Ray's family. I enjoyed visiting with him a few years ago in Verndale -- nice to catch up. He was a good guy! Cherish your memories and let them make you smile.*

**Sandee Seaton Byrd** - September 12, 2023 at 11:14 PM

SB

“ *Sandee Byrd lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



**Sandee Seaton Byrd** - September 12, 2023 at 11:09 PM

JJ

“ *Deepest Sympathys to all the families. Jay and Jackie Perius*



**Jay and Jackie** - September 12, 2023 at 07:56 PM

JC

“ *We want to extend our sincerest sympathy to the Desrocher family. Ray was always a joy to visit with. He was always upbeat, positive, caring, with a funny sense of humor. If anyone ever had a right to complain about anything it would be him...but he never did...never said anything negative. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...Alice, Tim, John, Rhea, Rene, and David and your families. Hoping all of your happy memories of times spent with Ray are held close in your heart. His smile says it all. Rest in peace Ray ♡ \*hugs\**



**Jim and Janell Carr** - September 12, 2023 at 06:48 PM

DM

“ *Dale Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



**Dale & Liz Miller** - September 12, 2023 at 03:33 PM

LW

“ *Louis Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



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**Louis and Tina Wegscheid** - September 12, 2023 at 03:06 PM

RO

“ *Rosemary Oberg lit a candle in memory of Ray Desrocher*



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**Rosemary Oberg** - September 12, 2023 at 01:58 PM