



# Ronald C. Schultz

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## **Ronald C. Schultz**

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**R**onald C. Schultz, age 90, of Paris, passed away on April 30, 2018 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, surrounded by family.

Ron was born in Saginaw, Michigan on July 2, 1927 to Cyril and Marion Schultz. He was eldest of three sons. Ron served in the Navy during WWII and will be remembered for his life-long patriotism. It was rare to see him without some sort of patriotic apparel or accessory.

Following his service in the Navy, Ron came to Big Rapids to attend Ferris Institute. It was in Big Rapids that he met and married his wife of 64 years, Bess (Routley) Schultz. Together they raised five children. Ron worked at the United States Post Office in Big Rapids and eventually retired after many years of service. He especially enjoyed works by John Wayne and Clint Eastwood, and maintained an extensive collection of movies, books and figurines that he collected during his retirement. In addition, Ron also thoroughly enjoyed working on crossword puzzles, playing Euchre and going to the casino. He played cards at the Mecosta County Senior Center as well as the Eagles Club right up until his death. Even in his late years he was eager for a trip to the casino with family.

Ron is survived by his wife Bess; their children and grandchildren, Jodi (Gary) Benedict (Amy and Jake), Jill Bishop (Charity, Elizabeth, Maria, and Rich), Joel (Deserae) (Amanda, Cody and John), Jeri (Tom) Battle (Megan, Adam, Pheobe and Abby), and Jeff (Michelle, Shawna, Tina and Erika); His brother, Cyril Jr, and his in-laws Marilyn Routley, Mary Drews, Vonnie Routley, JoEllen (Terry) Schuberg, Bill (Sharon) Routley, Larry (Juanita) Routley, Bob (Diana) Routley, Lorrie Routley and Jayne (John) Spedowski. Also surviving are several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Cyril and Marion, his brother Jerry, and his grandson Joel "Joey" David, II. A celebration of life luncheon will be held at 12 PM on June 15, 2018 at Barton



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Township Hall, 7860 East 17 Mile Rd., Reed City, MI 49677. A memorial graveside service will follow at 2 PM at Barton Township Cemetery, on Beech Avenue in Paris. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to Gift of Life Michigan as Ron participated in the program in his death, or to the Mecosta County Senior Center or to the local Boy Scout Troop 114.



## Tribute Wall

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JO

**Jodi** posted:

June 15, 2018: we say our official goodbyes to you today, Dad. It has been nearly 6 weeks since it happened, reality has set in, and I'm left with what Jill has described as a blank feeling - and a deep sadness. Your marker looks nice and is waiting for

June 14 at 8:00 PM

JO

**Jodi** posted:

Dad, spoke with Mom today and she wished you were here to see the white lilacs. They are beautiful this year, as was the Cleveland Pear. You loved this Spring into Summer season. Wish you could have stayed around a little bit longer to enjoy it. Missi

May 23 at 8:00 PM

JO

**Jodi** posted:

It's Mother's Day, Dad...not your holiday, but certainly one that you participated in for 61 years. I think we are all thankful that our first holiday without you wasn't Father's Day - wish you were still here with us.

May 12 at 8:00 PM

JO

**Jodi** posted:


So, Dad, we are coming up on the 14 day mark since you left us. Thank Heavens for your picture here. I only have to look at it and I feel some sort of closeness with you again. I wasn't ready for this, and I need some comfort...thanks for being so pho

May 9 at 8:00 PM

WA

**Wendy Austin** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Thoughts and prayers to all family and friends . We are very sorry for your loss

 Mike and Wendy

May 3 at 8:00 PM





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RA

**Robert And Janie Ayers** posted:

So sorry for your loss

May 2 at 8:00 PM

JG

**Jodi And Gary** posted:

Miss you so, Dad

May 1 at 8:00 PM

YG

**Yvonne Brant Gale** posted:

A couple fun and yummy memories of staying at your house was eating fried egg sandwiches, being able to run around the yard in our swimsuits while it was pouring rain, walking downtown to the city swimming pool, getting ice cream, outdoor movies, etc., et

May 1 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Bill Leasure** posted:

This is a guy who would never frown, I have had the pleasure & Honor to know Ron for the last 6 years, several family events and bday partys , and family reunions!! Just a pleasure to have had known him, thank you Ron for great memories and the love f

May 1 at 8:00 PM

TS

**Tammy Sweezey** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Bess, and family, we love Ron. Always had some good laughs with him. Always looked forward to seeing you. Will miss him at reunions. We love you all. Tammy and Dick

May 1 at 8:00 PM



MM

**Martha Lee (Marty)** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

My prayers and condolences to the Schultz and Battle families.

May 1 at 8:00 PM





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**Ruth Foote** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

My deepest condolences and prayers to Bess and family. The neighborhood has lost a true icon.

May 1 at 8:00 PM



**Steve Benedict** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Always enjoyed spending time with Ron. We will miss him.

May 1 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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