



Ralph L. Schmidt

November 1, 1928 - November 14, 2014

Ralph L. Schmidt, 86, of Marietta died Friday, November 14, 2014.

A Funeral Service will be held 6:00 p.m. Tuesday at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta with John Timme officiating. Interment will be in Georgia Memorial Park Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Schmidt of Marietta; two sons, Steven Schmidt and Andy Schmidt; three grandsons, Adam and Andy Bird, Ryan Schmidt; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Schmidt Bird and his brother, Ernest P. Schmidt.

Contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Schmidt to The American Lung Association of Georgia, 2452 Spring Road SE Smyrna, GA 30080, www.lung.org.

Family will receive friends 5:00 to 6:00 pm Tuesday prior to the service.

www.mayeswarddobbins.com

770-428-1511

Cemetery

Georgia Memorial Park
2000 Cobb Pkwy SE
Marietta, GA, 30060

Events

NOV 18 Visitation 05:00PM - 06:00PM

Historic Marietta Chapel
180 Church Street NE, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

Comments



“ Marilyn, Andy, Steve, Adam, and Andy:

Uncle Ralph was an amazing man, although what made him amazing probably wouldn't get him into any magazine or newspaper, he didn't break any records, he didn't invent anything, and most people did not know him. Their loss.

What made him amazing was his incredible capacity for love and devotion to family and friends. We never saw him often enough, due to the mileage between our families. But just seeing his smile made me feel happy and loved and important. He accepted you for who you were. He defined unconditional love.

He was my father's best friend. Sometimes that wasn't an easy job. He tolerated Wally's small tantrums and arguments with patience and good humor. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Whenever I knew that he was going to be in town, seeing him was always a major high point.

Reading Adam's tribute gave me further insight into a man I already knew was awesome. It was just beautiful and so apt. Rest in peace, Uncle Ralph. We miss you so much already.

Tracy (Suter) Mussa



Tracy (Suter) Mussa - December 21, 2014 at 04:59 PM



“ Auntie Marilyn, Steve and Andy,

(I posted a message on the Sentinel site then found this one) I read your grandson's memorial and it brought tears to my eyes along with a flood of memories shared with you and Uncle Ralph. His poem reminded me of how much I need to thank you for being such wonderful friends to my parents and bringing them so much comfort and love. You and Uncle Ralph were always so generous with the time you took with your family and friends. There are a lot of Suter's up there for Uncle Ralph so along with his long list of family and friends he will not be alone.

Love you all and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mick and Susie

Sue Streicher - November 27, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ Aunt Marilyn, Adam, Andy, Andy, Steve and all, My fondest memories are of my wonderful Aunt and Uncle and the visits we shared. Your family made my childhood special. Uncle Ralph was such a sweet, caring person. (Adam and Andy, your mom was like a sister to me, even though we often fought like cats and dogs). We had such joyous times, the beaches, the Hawaiian Inn, the pool. I love Uncle Ralph and Aunt Marilyn dearly, as well as all of you. Take care of each other in your time of grief and reflect on all the great times you had together. He certainly will be missed.
Love you Uncle Ralph
Bug Eyes (Tami)

Tami (Suter) Desotelle - November 21, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ Dear Marilyn,
This is Carol Bensick, Sarge's daughter. My aunt Carol Ann Bensick saw a notice of Cousin Ralph's passing in the Milwaukee paper. My dad wants me to post his condolences here. He has had Cousin Ralph in mind and intended to call on his birthday for the last several years but unhappily never managed to do it. Since my mom passed away in 2009 he's been pretty overwhelmed.

I gave him your phone number. He is currently in an assisted living residence, (Brookdale Place, Apt E-1, 660 Woelfel Rd., Brookfield WI 53045.) His cell phone is 262 740-0055.

Again, all love and sympathy to Marilyn from Sarge Bensick

carol bensick - November 20, 2014 at 05:55 PM



“ Aunt Marilyn, Steve and Andy,
I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Ralph. Sympathy and prayers for all of you as you go through this difficult time.
Love,
Jim and JoEllen Lisinski

Joellen Lisinski - November 19, 2014 at 10:30 PM



“ Adam Bird lit a candle in memory of Ralph L. Schmidt



Adam Bird - November 19, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ For those of you who don't know me, I'm Adam Bird, Marilyn and Ralph's 1st grandson and would like to share with you the profound gratitude I have for my late grandfather, more commonly known by his grandchildren as "Bumpa".

As I reflect on the childhood memories I have, I fondly recall how he:

- Would sit from his screened in porch like an Olympic judge overlooking the swimming pool critiquing every aspect of our dives – who could enter the water with the least disturbance or would could create a cannon bomb large enough to soak those basking in the sun on the opposite side of the pool.
- Or how he taught his grandchildren how to drive at the Cemetery while visiting my late mother, Susie's grave – and in retrospect see just how creative he was in making those visits for my brother and me less painful.
- How he sacrificed so many hours on the road traveling between Marietta and Dawsonville to attend every football game for 4 years to watch my halftime performances in the marching band.
- And the annual summer vacations to Gatlinburg to let us kids, be kids in all the amusement parks

He was a man of extreme compassion and took much pride in providing for his family – a humanitarian who embodied a selfless concern for the wellbeing of others and I am truly grateful for having had him as a grandfather.

I ran across the following poem and while not an Adam Bird original, it's most fitting for the man we're celebrating:

As we look back over time
We find ourselves wondering
Did we remember to thank you enough
For all you have done for us?
For all the times you were by our sides
To help and support us
To celebrate our successes
To understand our problems
And accept our defeats?
Or for teaching us by your example,
The value of hard work, good judgment,
Courage and integrity.
We wonder if we ever thanked you
For the sacrifices you made?
To let us have the very best?
And for the simple things
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?
If we have forgotten to show our
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,
We're thanking you now.
And we are hoping you knew all along,
How much you meant to us.

We love you Bumpa and will forever cherish the love and joy you brought into our lives.

And in closing, I wish to share a special thanks to my grandmother (Marilyn Schmidt) for having the tenacity and courage to bring my grandfather home after having spent nearly 6 months between hospitals and rehab facilities last year and to his dedicated care givers (Ketlie and Mimi) for making his last 14 months with us a possibility in the comfort of his Green Bay Packers Den.

Adam Bird - November 19, 2014 at 02:57 PM



“ Marilyn and Family ,Please accept my most sincere condolences on Ralph's passing. My memories from our working together in Milwaukee at Schwerman Trucking are still very vivid even though that was in back in the 1950 's. I also cherish our being friends with you and Ralph during those years and the memories and the times we spent together . Perhaps Ralph and Marge could find a Millie's and enjoy an Italian sausage like we did at State Fair !
With fond memories .
Dave Lord Sr.
Neillsville ,Wi.

David J. Lord Sr. - November 19, 2014 at 11:40 AM



“ Ralph,
You are greatly missed and we are so lucky to have had you in our lives. You were such a great inspiration to all and your memory will live on forever.

Bill

Bill Johnson - November 19, 2014 at 08:00 AM



“ Janet B. Knier sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph L. Schmidt



Janet B. Knier - November 18, 2014 at 10:40 PM



“ Flowers sent from nieces, Janet, Marty and Laurie with love.

Janet B. Knier - November 18, 2014 at 02:27 PM



“ God bless my Uncle Ralph and family. I have so many wonderful memories of Ralph, Marilyn, Steve, Andy, Susie, Grandpa Andy and Grandma Irene. May you rest in peace Uncle Ralph.

Janet B. Knier - November 18, 2014 at 02:22 PM



“ Ben, Tami, Samantha, Patricia, & Charles purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ralph L. Schmidt.



Ben, Tami, Samantha, Patricia, & Charles - November 18, 2014 at 11:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Schmidt.



November 18, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ Marilyn:
So Sorry for your loss. I'm sure that Ralph and Wally are arguing about something Packer related and Tom is probably telling that they are both wrong.
Please accept our sympathy.
Mike and Barb Suter

Michael Suter - November 17, 2014 at 05:33 PM



“ Dear Marilyn, Steve, & Andy:

My sincere sympathy to you. I feel your pain.
I wish I could be there for you. But know that I am thinking of all of you and saying a prayer for everyone.
Ralph is with Susie now and probably playing cards with the Suter clan.

I will be sending a donation to the American Lung Association.

Love,

Sharon Suter

Sharon Suter - November 17, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Schmidt.



November 17, 2014 at 02:49 PM



“ Terry & Billy Mitchell purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Ralph L. Schmidt.



Terry & Billy Mitchell - November 17, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ I will always remember what good care you took of Grandma Irene and what a kind and generous person you were with your time.
I was grateful you allowed me to sell your condo when I was a brand new agent, however I sure learned how important those Packers were to you. I made the mistake of calling to negotiate an offer and it happened to be in the middle of a game . You said , " do we really have to this right now? It's the middle of the Packer game! Go Packers! You will be missed. God Bless you Uncle Ralph. Love your niece,
Laurie

Laurie Hughes - November 16, 2014 at 08:49 PM



“ Love, Nancy, Linda, Scott & Sophia purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ralph L. Schmidt.



Love, Nancy, Linda, Scott & Sophia - November 16, 2014 at 08:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Schmidt.



November 16, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ Ralph, you were a good father-in-law a good friend, but most importantly you were the best Grandfather Adam and Andy could ever have. I will be forever grateful that you and Marilyn were in their lives. One of the reasons they turned into such good men is because of you and Marilyn. I am also grateful how you made Tami feel so welcome when she came into our family. With all our love Ben and Tami

ben bird - November 16, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ Ben Bird lit a candle in memory of Ralph L. Schmidt



ben bird - November 16, 2014 at 02:47 PM