



Lyle Race Schaller

October 23, 1937 - February 21, 2025

Lyle "Skip" Race Schaller passed away peacefully on Friday, February 21st, 2025, at the age of 87.

Lyle was born to Nathan "Bud" and Dorris (Alwin) Schaller on October 23rd, 1937, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Aileen (Luoma-Aili) Schaller; daughters Debra (John) Virshek and Tricia Schaller; grandchildren Angelina (Chris), David, Kelly (Jake), Andrew (Mikayla), Micah, Ethan, and Ella; and great-grandchildren Cora, Jack, Harrison, Logan, and Archer. He was preceded in death by his parents Bud, and Dorris, loving aunt Kathryn and brother Dean.

Lyle graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1956. After graduation, Lyle enlisted and honorably served in the United States Air Force, where he learned to become a meteorologist.

Lyle married his wife Aileen (Luoma-Aili) Schaller on April 15th, 1972, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He started his career at the National Weather Service in 1962 and retired almost 52 years later, in the fall of 2013. Lyle loved his job as a Hydrometeorological Technician at the Weather Service, and all of his

grandkids have fun memories of visiting Grandpa at the Weather Bureau and watching him let off the weather balloons.

In his retirement years, Lyle enjoyed spending time at home with his wife and grandkids, Ethan and Ella. Lyle also enjoyed traveling with his wife Aileen to Ironwood, MI, to spend time with his daughter Debra and family. Another favorite place he loved to visit since childhood was the cabin up north near Park Rapids, MN. But most days were spent relaxing at home, keeping up to date with the news, reading a book, grocery shopping for his sweet tooth, or playing solitaire on his computer.

He was a loving Husband, Father, and Grandpa who will be greatly missed by his entire family.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Lyle my entire career in the NWS from when I started as an intern in 1978 until I retired as a forecaster in 2013. He was top notch and so very proud of his work on the upper air program at Chanhassen. He helped train in many young people in upper air procedures. For an older guy, Lyle was very adaptable to new technologies from the change from teletypes to AFOS back in the late 70s and 80s and then to the AWIPS system about 25 years ago. He saw a lot of changes during his long tenure with the NWS. I honestly don't know how he managed to work so very many years. I don't know of anyone who put in as many years as Lyle did.

byron paulson - March 02, 2025 at 08:31 PM

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“ Martin V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyle Race Schaller.

Martin V. - March 01, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Lyle Schaller. I worked with Lyle at the WX Burro for about 15 years. He was an excellent co-worker and all around great guy. With his tremendous experience in meteorology I considered him to be one of the office's pivotal foundations. He had a very good sense of humor and would occasionally tell us tall tales of his escapades in North Africa while stationed there with the Air Force. I considered him the classic old "War Horse" due to his exceptional 50 plus years of government service. From top to bottom, this man was also a true Patriot!! He will definitely be missed!! Lyle, I salute you!!

Tony Zaleski - February 28, 2025 at 04:31 PM