



## Raphael William Schultz

June 30, 1922 - November 23, 2019

Raphael William Schultz was born to Paul Edward and Mary Frances Schultz on June 30th, 1922 in the rural farming community of Wells in southern Minnesota.

After graduating from Wells High School in 1940, Raphael went to St. Paul, MN where he initially lived with his sister Fran and delivered flowers for St. Paul Floral. He was then employed at the Fuller Brush Company and Hamm's Brewery. Raphael enjoyed the city but a farm boy at heart he returned to his hometown of Wells and pursued farming like his father.

While at a dance in Albert Lea, he caught the eye of a beautiful Norwegian girl, Ruth Sylvia Bakken, who became the love of his life and they were married on January 29th, 1955. Raphael and Ruth lived in Wells and raised their three children: Brenda Schultz of Minneapolis, MN, Nancy Schultz of Eagan, MN, and Paul Schultz, of Salt Lake City, UT.

In addition to farming, he worked construction in the winter months building schools in Albert Lea and Kiester, MN, was elected county commissioner, developed Half Moon Circle, and drove truck for Del Monte.

Raphael had the benefit of many friends, relatives and a wife who loved to travel. He enjoyed card and dinner parties, going uptown for coffee and

visiting with friends at the grain elevator and auto repair shop. He visited his brothers and sisters in St. Paul, Chicago, and Longmont telling stories of their childhood until they laughed so hard they cried.

The Caribbean, Hawaii, Canada, North Africa, South America, Australia, Asia, and Europe (serendipitously running into his sister Mary and her family while on a Rhine River cruise) were places he traveled with Ruth and his family; although Las Vegas may have been his favorite destination. Even at 97 years old he could still “beat the house” in a game of blackjack and enjoyed talking to the dealers and other players.

On November 23, 2019, Raphael returned to his eternal Father. Raphael will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the many people he touched during his long life. He was preceded in death by his brothers Aurelius, Ambrose, Urban, John, and sisters Frances (Frank) Chirpich, Mary (Robert) Merry, and Sister Mary Paul Schultz C. R.(Therese); and survived by his wife, children, brother James Schultz (Sue), Woodstock, IL, sisters Margaret (Melvin) Voigt, Wells, MN, Sister Maria Schultz C. R. (Bernadette), Chicago, IL., and many nieces and nephews.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** The family will receive relatives and friends at Annunciation Catholic Church, 509 W 54th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419, 612.824.0787 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon.

The Schultz family is grateful to Patty Cibuzar APRN CNP and the Mount Olivet Careview Home staff for the kindness, care, and support given to Raphael. We also want to thank the physicians and nurses at the University of Minnesota, Fairview Southdale, and Methodist Hospitals (especially Dr. David C. Homans, Cardiologist) for their expertise over the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Raphael's name to the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center at [www.give.umn.edu/giveto/umncancer](http://www.give.umn.edu/giveto/umncancer) or to St. Casimir's School in Wells, MN at [www.stcasimirsschool.net](http://www.stcasimirsschool.net).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ruth, Brenda, Nancy, Paul, and extended Schultz family,

*Our hearts are full of love for you at this tender time, and our memories are topped with smiles of the good times we had with Raphael. We can only hope your time of sorrow is brief and soon displaced with sharing wonderful family times of a life well-lived.*

*I was telling my sibs of a favorite photograph of Raphael...he was sitting on a park bench surrounded by young nieces and nephews, with an ice cream cone in hand and the biggest grin on his face...that's how I'll choose to remember my uncle.*

*You can be assured that Ray is welcoming his little brother, surrounded by so many of the Schultz clan. Our very best to each of you,*

*Brad and the Schutz's out west*

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**Brad Schultz** - November 29, 2019 at 08:05 PM