



## Raymond Robert Schultz

January 2, 1950 - June 21, 2026

### Obituary of Raymond R. Schultz

Our beloved Ray Schultz, 76, died on June 21, 2026 after a short struggle fighting for his death at Fairview Southdale Hospital. He was preceded in his death by his father, Raymond Ellsworth ("Dutch") Schultz, his mother Mary Louise (Butts), and his brother William Edward (Uncle Billy).

Ray was born in Madison, WI on January 2, 1950, and went to school at Madison East. He fairly faithfully attended St. Bernard Catholic Church, soon to be the Cathedral of St. Bernard. (Ray would say that is very appropriate!)

He started his career as a police officer in Baraboo, WI, a job he thoroughly enjoyed! He told many stories of apprehending drivers who shouldn't be and despite the traumatic car chases, he made an otherwise grim event seem comical. Eventually he moved to being a Claims Adjuster, first for Chubb, then Kemper, then Claims Manager/Senior Internal Investigator at the St. Paul Insurance Companies, and finally American Family where he worked in Farm & Ranch Claims until his retirement in 2013. Ray continued to keep up with "the gossip" at the monthly lunches of the retired St. Paul Claims guys.

Ray loved (short) stories that were funny and he told quite a few of them. On the other hand, he was also very clear about being a Libertarian and you

could say your piece if it was succinct, as the Monday Discussion Group at the Eden Prairie Senior Center discovered.

Ray was a dog person for a long time, starting with his childhood pups and then adopting Nicodemus (Golden Retriever) and continuing on until Babe (Newfoundland), whose ashes will be buried with him. He didn't play with them so much as enjoyed the drama they added to the lives of those around him. But when he married Joan, he shared her love of cats (eventually) and could be heard downstairs every night saying "Who's a bad boy...Watson? Reagan? You're SO bad...!"

Ray leaves behind a wife, Joan; three children: Emily (Jeff) Barnacle, Sarah (Dave) Larson, and William "Buddy" (Kati) Schultz; five grandchildren: Lauren, Amanda, Jack, Violet and Virginia "Ginger"; an ex-wife Lu Scott; and two very confused cats: Watson and Reagan.

Ray is being cremated and, per his request, there will be no funeral. He wanted to be surprised in the end so we'll find somewhere to sprinkle him later. Please, no flowers - Just a donation to your favorite charity!

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in peace my dear long-time friend. I know how much you loved your kids, and I was happy for you when you met Joan and the three of us could dine together when you came to Madison to see Bill. It was also nice to keep in touch by phone with you and Joan every so often. My heart goes out to all of you. He will be missed, for sure!!! Barb Pliner*

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**Barbara Pliner** - Yesterday at 03:32 PM