



Thomas E. Schuler

July 21, 1926 - October 13, 2016

Thomas “Tom” Edward Schuler, age 90, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2016 a few hours after the whole family was together to celebrate his life. We shared beautiful memories of a life well lived.

Tom was born July 21, 1926 outside Storm Lake, Iowa in the same farm house where he and Pat raised their kids. He married the love of his life, Patricia Rose Belcher on June 7, 1948 and over the next 16 years welcomed eight children into the world.

Following a stint in the army and a short college career at Buena Vista, Tom was a lifelong farmer. He and Pat farmed the land and raised livestock until they retired at age 70.

Tom adored his “Trish.” He and Pat enjoyed golfing, traveling, going to movies, vacationing with family in Okoboji and their retirement years in Yuma, Arizona. Dad loved all sports but especially golf. He was proud to get a hole-in-one. Of course, “Trish” got two holes-in-one to show him who ruled the golf course! Tom’s dark hair, thick mustache and short shorts made him a very stylish farmer! He made his time farming more enjoyable by blaring his favorite music over his outdoor speakers way before outdoor speakers were cool.

Tom is survived by the love of his life, Patricia; son Steve Schuler and his wife Rose Ann; daughter Barb Anderson and her husband Skoog; daughter Patti McKenna and her husband Jon; daughter Mindy Demers and her partner Paul Anderson; daughter Kelly Schuler and her husband Rod Snavelly; and son Shane Schuler and his wife Jonna, along with 16 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and his sister, Evelyn Hanson.

Tom was preceded in death by his infant son Jon; daughter Cindy Molgaard; son-in-law Ed Demers; parents Herman and Kate Schuler; siblings Leo Schuler, Delma Wilbur, Katie Benberg and an infant sister.

A special thanks to health care angels Cindy, Morgana, Kelly, Nancy and Julia who took care of dad until his final breath.

A celebration of life and blessing will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral starting at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery with full military rites by the Alta VFW. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas E. Schuler*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 21, 2016 at 02:14 PM

JH

Kathy-my condolences to you and your family for the loss of Tom. Phyllis and I enjoyed the many conversations we had with you and Tom at the Ritz Center. Each of you were great at small talk.

My heart goes out to you for the loss of your life partner. My prayers to you and your family.

John Heckemeyer

John Heckemeyer - December 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



October 20, 2016 at 11:39 AM

BL

“ So very sorry your loss. Thinking of you and hoping that the wonderful memories you have will help you through this sad and difficult time. *Betsy Laing*



Betsy Laing - October 20, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Schuler*



Sally Rassler - October 19, 2016 at 11:53 PM

TF

“ *The Hanlon / Murphy Family purchased the Multi color Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



The Hanlon / Murphy Family - October 18, 2016 at 07:22 PM

KX

“ *Kern, Karen & Evelyn xoxo purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



Kern, Karen & Evelyn xoxo - October 18, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



October 17, 2016 at 11:33 PM



“ *From Shane's fishing gang purchased the Multicolor Bright Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



From Shane's fishing gang - October 17, 2016 at 12:29 PM



“ *Lori Ledoux Needs lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Schuler*



Lori Ledoux Needs - October 17, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your father Shane. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Jonna, and the girls. He sounds like he was a wonderful man. Love, The Mowbrays*



Linda Mowbray - October 17, 2016 at 10:08 AM

J&

“ *Jon Sandage & Family Judy LaScala &Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



Jon Sandage & Family Judy LaScala &Family - October 16, 2016 at 11:07 PM

KG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to you all. So hard to lose our solid rocks. Karen Small Greene*💔💔💔

Karen greene - October 15, 2016 at 07:58 PM

KS

“ *What a lovely family this man had! I was able to join them in Okoboji one summer to meet so many of them and have the hospitality of Tom and Pat!
The world is so much better off because Tom graced this earth for so long. May he Rest In Peace.*

Kathi Sircy - October 15, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.*



October 15, 2016 at 05:18 PM

ML

“ Sincerest condolences to you and your family.
We are praying for your comfort during this
time.

Mike and Pat Limberg



Michael & Patricia Limberg - October 15, 2016 at 01:14 PM

DJ

“ Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory
of Thomas E. Schuler



Deb and Kevin Jesse - October 14, 2016 at 07:20 PM

MO

“ Our prayer and thoughts are with you and
your family. Mike and Kathy Ortmann



Mike and Kathy Ortmann - October 14, 2016 at 01:37 PM

BM

“ Dear Pat and Family--- My thought and prayers are being sent
across the miles to you. May Tom RIP. The sadness that you feel
will transcend into all the good memories of the good times shared.
Never were there more family good times shared than by the
Schuler's. Tom's Earthly life was a life well-lived.
May God Bless your family throughout these difficult times.

BONNIE MESTER - October 14, 2016 at 11:54 AM

PG

“ A candle has been lit in memory of your dad, Tom. Our prayers for Pat and all the Schuler (kids) family. May he now rest in peace.
Lary & Patty Gunville



PATTY GUNVILLE - October 14, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Schuler.



October 14, 2016 at 10:07 AM

PM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you Pat and all the family.

Pamela Christophersen Moreau - October 14, 2016 at 08:12 AM

DM

“ Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Schuler



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - October 14, 2016 at 08:04 AM

NL

“ *Nancy Ledoux lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Schuler*



Nancy Ledoux - October 13, 2016 at 10:48 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Schuler*



John and Connie Demers - October 13, 2016 at 04:23 PM