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Cletus Schumacher Obituary

Cletus Martin Schumacher passed peacefully on October 11, 2021 at the Schumacher home place in rural Columbus Grove where he lived out all his days. He was born there on April 14, 1928 to Joseph and Veronica (Martin) Schumacher. They both preceded him in death.

On August 21, 1953, he married the loving and caring Betty Lou Ramsey, who survives near Vaughnsville.

Martin raised his children with a quiet steady hand that resulted in a close-knit family. His daughters survive him: Joyce (Sid) Case of Beaverton Michigan, Denise (Dana Davis) Schumacher of Cincinnati, Joni (Edward) Schroeder of Columbus Grove, and daughter-in-law Nancy (Mark) Schumacher-Chow of Athens. eight grandchildren Sidney (Megan) Case of East Lansing, MI, Ryan (Tara) Case of Metamora, MI, Jayme (Chas Albright) Schumacher of Columbus, Jennifer (Brett Poydence) Schumacher of Chicago, IL, Deborah (Brady) Brennan of Columbus, Molly Chow of Atlanta, GA, Brice Schroeder of Columbus, Parker (Naomi) Schroeder of Juneau, AL; seven great grandchildren; three sister-in-laws Bonnie Schumacher, Shirley Johnston & Helen Lewis.

Martin was the youngest of nine children, preceded in death by four brothers: Gilbert, Norbert, Vincent, and Alvin Schumacher and four sisters: Alberta Goudy, Salome "Sally" Ladden, Donelda Smith and Margaret Smith. He was preceded by the death of his only son Jeff Schumacher in 1989 and grandson Nicholas Schroeder in 2016.

Martin was a graduate and proud alumnus of Vaughnsville High School, class of 1946. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving 18 months in Korea returning home in 1952. He was a member of the American Legion Post 516 and the VFW Post 9648, Columbus Grove.



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Both Martin and his brother Alvie began helping on the farm in earnest when their father passed away in 1940, and worked together as business partners until he turned things over to his son Jeff who also worked the ground on what is now an Ohio Century family farm in Putnam County. Martin was a member of the Sugar Creek Farm Bureau.

Martin spent 42 years working on the railroad, beginning with what was once the B&O, then Chessie System, and now CSX. He made runs 7 days a week on call 24 hours a day primarily from Lima to Toledo or Willard, Ohio. His role was that of a Conductor on the freight trains, and you could see him wave from the caboose when the train would pass through Columbus Grove. He loved to get together at the monthly breakfast with his fellow RR retirees.

Martin had a love of community; he was a member of the Vaughnsville Community Church and served as President of the Vaughnsville Community Center when it first opened. He was a supporter of Crime Victim Services, and helped himself and others heal through his involvement with Parents of Murdered Children and Compassionate Friends.

He enjoyed square dancing western swing with his wife Betty, and became an avid knife collector over the years. However, he spent his vacation time doing what he loved, camping and water skiing. A friend taught him how to ski on the Defiance River and he turned that experience into a lifetime of memories for himself and his entire family. Spending over 65 years of summers at Crooked Lake and teaching family, friends, and anyone willing to try how to ski. He was masterful on the trick skis turning around on one or two, he notably turned around 75 times to celebrate his 75th birthday before he dropped the ski handle into the water for the last time.

He and Betty spent many wonderful years in retirement including winters in Lake Panasoffkee, FL together with his brother, Betty's siblings, and all the spouses. Many good times were had in the sunshine fishing and enjoying time with friends.

Martin is now safe in the hands of his Lord; "Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art!"

Services will begin at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, Columbus Grove, where Pastor Tom Brown will officiate. Burial will follow in Truro Cemetery, Columbus Grove, where military rites will be conducted by the combined Color Guard of the Columbus Grove American Legion and VFW.



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Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., prior to the service on Thursday at Hartman Sons Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jeffrey B. Schumacher Memorial Fund at Crime Victim Services of Putnam County or the Vaughnsville Community Church.

Please take a moment and remember Martin, go online to hartmansonsfuneralhome.com, share a memory and/or your condolences .

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Cletus Martin Schumacher, please visit our floral store.

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A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Cletus Martin Schumacher posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Cletus Martin Schumacher We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Hartman Sons Funeral Home Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

December 5 at 6:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

Small spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher. Send Flowers With all our prayers and love from Tiffany and Mike Johnson Dan and Erin Johnson, Lily, Evie, Lulu and Charlie Carl and Brittany Johnson, Emma and Ava Joshua Johnson

December 5 at 6:43 AM



Your Kutol Family posted:

Large spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher by Your Kutol family. Send Flowers Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. We would like to extend to your family our heartfelt condolences. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones during this time. Your Kutol family

December 5 at 6:43 AM



Your Second Family, Kelly, Kylie And Justin posted:

A little bit of sunshine was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher by Your second family, Kelly, Kylie and Justin. Send Flowers Remember, those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They tend to live on through the kindness they have shared and the eternal love that they endured into our lives. Your second family, Kelly, Kylie and Justin

December 5 at 6:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

Large dish garden was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher. Send Flowers Sending love and prayers to all. Stephen, Suzette, Alayna, Paul, Sheila, Rafael, and Vincent

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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Large spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher. Send Flowers

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Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Orchid plant was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher. Send Flowers

December 5 at 6:43 AM

ND

Natalie And Dawn posted:

Midsummer blooms was purchased for the family of Cletus Martin Schumacher by Natalie and Dawn . Send FlowersSent with love and many fond memories Natalie and Dawn

December 5 at 6:43 AM

RC

Rosemary Cejmer posted:

So good to have know Martin mostly when they would come to Florida and visit with Sid and Joyce; his great smile and love for people will always be rememberedDave and Rosemary CejmerBeaverton MI

October 14 at 3:16 PM

JP

Jennifer Painter posted:

Martin, one of the dearest of friends to know. Martin (and Betty) were the best of friends to our parents, Welty C. and Janet Burkholder (both deceased). Our dad and Martin worked together on the railroad that then was called the B & O. Memories that will be with us always: Camping at Crooked Lake,Boating,Martin teaching us how to water ski at 5 Span River in Defiance Ohio. My two brothers impressed with Martins slalom skiing followed his example and learned to use one ski. The way Martin was always there for all of us. As my brother in law says one dandy of a man. My sister, Jeanine, shares what a blessing it has been knowing Martin. Amen.

October 14 at 5:35 AM



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Putnam Co Hospice posted:

The Staff of Putnam County Hospice sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will keep Martin and all his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

October 13 at 5:09 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cletus by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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