



Raymond H. Schmitt

November 29, 1926 - September 29, 2015

Dateline Jasper, IN

Raymond H. Schmitt, age 88 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday (September 29, 2015) at home.

Ray was born in Jasper, Indiana on November 29, 1926 to Albert and Catherine (Frolich) Schmitt. He married Doretha Boeglin on April 23, 1966 in Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Ray served with the U.S. Army in Signal Intelligence at the Eight Army Headquarters, Yokohama, Japan as a Technical Sergeant and as a Department of the Army Civilian.

He worked as a cost accountant with Dubois Rural Electric Co-op, Inc. In 1949, Ray was the principal promoter with a group of local businessmen who invested in and built the Family Drive-In Theater, which operated through its parent company, Midway Amusement Corporation. Ray served as director, manager, secretary, and treasurer, until the theater closed in 1986. He then partnered with Earl "Bud" Salb in A-1 Self Storage mini warehouses. Later that business was sold to Kimball International and still later he managed the warehouses for Sternberg Chrysler.

He was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, and their Men's Club, where he enjoyed serving Mass.

He enjoyed gardening, especially tending to his lettuce that he shared willingly, only after cleaning each leaf. Ray also enjoyed golf, even hitting three "hole-in-ones" in his longtime hobby.

Surviving,

Wife;

Doretha Schmitt, Jasper, IN

Four Step-Daughters;

Ann Routson and husband Don, Noblesville, IN

Margaret Gramenspacher and husband Glenn, Jasper, IN

Cathy Siebert and husband Mike, Jasper, IN

Patricia "Patty" Schroeder and husband John, Jasper, IN

Two Step-Sons;

Robert "Bob" Boeglin and wife Debbie, Santa Claus, IN

John Boeglin and wife Donna, Austin, TX

17 Grandchildren

20 Great Grandchildren

One Sister;

Gloria Jean Ruhe, Brazil, IN

One Brother;

Frank Schmitt, Huntingburg, IN

Preceding him in death were three sisters; Josephine Jacobs, LaVerne Meyer, and Mary Bresser, and two brothers; Vincent Schmitt, and David Schmitt.

Funeral services for Raymond H. Schmitt will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday (October 2, 2015) at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion

Post #147 will conduct military grave site rites.

Friends may call from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time on Friday (October 2, 2015) at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Precious Blood Catholic Church Endowment Fund.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Mass

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond H. Schmitt*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I was so fortunate to have Uncle Ray as my godfather, and I will miss him always. As I was growing up, he was always generous and supportive, interested in my education and work. He and Doretha were especially generous towards my daughter Natalia, who wore for her first Christmas a gorgeous red dress they gave her when she was born. They gave her the prettiest pink spring coat that a little girl could ever want, and she wore it for three years! Ray was one of the kindest and most generous men I have known and I am grateful for the time I got to spend with him over the years.*

Charlotte Ruhe - October 01, 2015 at 03:16 AM



“ *Michelle Ruhe lit a candle in memory of Raymond H. Schmitt*



Michelle Ruhe - September 30, 2015 at 03:02 PM

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“ My favorite memories of Uncle Ray were going to the Drive-In to see the new movie releases on a true "big screen" and of course he always let us get a treat at the concession stand. He was a kind hearted and caring man who always had a twinkle in his eye when he smiled at you. He and Aunt Doretha gave Charlotte and I fur muffs and I still have mine safely tucked away in my cedar chest at home. He will be missed!
Love, Michelle Ruhe

Michelle Ruhe - September 30, 2015 at 03:00 PM

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So many good times at the drive in. Very nice aunt and uncle... Fly high Uncle Ray , tell my momma and brother Mark I love them... Love Kim Schmitt

kim Davis - October 01, 2015 at 11:06 AM