



## Richard Schmalz

June 16, 1934 - August 13, 2019

RICHARD SCHMALZ, age 84, a lifelong resident of Harbor Beach, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his family when he went to be with our Heavenly Father.

He was born on June 16, 1934 in Harbor Beach, to the late E. Allen & Mary (Ganley) Schmalz. On October 23, 1954 he married his Port Huron sweetheart, Joyce Ann Christenson, only to be sent off to fight in the Korean War shortly there after. The newlyweds were reunited in August of 1956. Richard followed into the family business, Schmalz Plumbing & Heating, which began in 1910, as a master plumber.

Rich was known around his community as a compassionate hardworking business owner that was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need. He was active in the JayCees, a life member of the Harbor Beach Conservation Club, and a member of the American Legion Post 197. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, family bonfires, as well as keeping track of his freighters passing by his home. Joyce and Rich loved travelling in their motor home to northern Michigan and Florida to see special relatives and friends, until her death on April 14, 2014.

Rich is survived by his children: Beth Welker of Harbor Beach, Paul Schmalz of Valley View, OH, Michael (Sharon) Schmalz of Harbor Beach, Daniel

Schmalz of Aiken, South Carolina, grandchildren: Jennifer & Andrew Schmalz, Zachary & Gabriel Martinez, Jade and Leah Schmalz, Brothers: Thomas (Judy) Schmalz of Lake Orion, Fred Schmalz and special friend Kim of Detroit, Brother-in-law Mark (Ann) Christenson of Fort Gratiot, and was endeared by many loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sisters: Lexie (Donald) Wade, Carol (John) Wojnar, son-in-law Alfred Welker, and daughter-in-law Theresa Schmalz.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay city. A memorial service will take place Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 6 pm at the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church. Friends may gather at the church beginning at 5 pm until time of services at 6 pm. Military Honors will be given by the American Legion Post 197 of Harbor Beach. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memorials may be given to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Schmalz*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *He was a good man who raised a great family. Sending prayers! Beth Cole*



**Beth cole** - April 19, 2019 at 03:16 PM



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**Jack Howell** - April 19, 2019 at 01:19 PM



*Love You Rich!!! 💕  
Missing You in Harbor Beach. My prayers are sent to You and Your Beautiful Family. Peace, Love and Joy,*

**Claudia Miller** - April 19, 2019 at 02:50 PM



*Always a smile on his face, it was a pleasure to walk into Schmalz plumbing I know he will be missed jill brandow*

**jill brandow** - April 20, 2019 at 11:59 PM

GD

*I went to High School with Richard, and I graduated in 1951. The P.A. Schmalz Plumbing and Heating played a major role in the Harbor Beach area for many years. The Schmalz name will be remembered for a long time. My Condolence to the Family. Gerald Duncanson*

**Gerald Duncanson** - April 26, 2019 at 02:55 PM

JA

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**Jack** - April 17, 2019 at 01:41 PM

JC

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Richard's family. He was a wonderful person always with a smile on his face. God bless you during this difficult time.*

*Jim and Del Czewski*

**Jim and Delphine Czewski** - April 17, 2019 at 10:11 AM

RT

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the whole family. Rich was such a wonderful and kind person, always helping those who needed it. Loved hearing his stories about life in Harbor Beach when he was younger. He will be missed by all who knew him. Love and prayers to all.*



**Renee and Tim Terwillegar** - April 17, 2019 at 08:33 AM

AP

“ *Amy Potter lit a candle in memory of Richard Schmalz*



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**Amy Potter** - April 16, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *There was nothing I enjoyed more than talking to Rich and Joyce.. the Tall and Short of Them... We enjoyed their camp fires and just hanging with friends and living the life.. they were both special people.. and they have some pretty awesome kids also... We send our Condolences and Sympathies to the family.. Rich has now joined the love of his life..*

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**Nancy Wolfe** - April 16, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sheila Wolschleger lit a candle in memory of Richard Schmalz*



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**Sheila Wolschleger** - April 16, 2019 at 08:00 PM

BK

“ *We are very sorry for your loss we always enjoyed sitting around the campfire with Uncle Rich a very nice man! He will me missed! Larry and Beth*

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**Beth and Larry King** - April 15, 2019 at 10:39 AM

MH

“ I have so many great memories of Uncle Rich! The last few years he loved coming up to North Park to sit by the bonfire with us. I loved visiting the shop (Schmalz Plumbing & Heating) to see him and Mike, and Grampa when he was still with us. Camping and family reunions and bonfires and lots and lots of laughs ❤️ He was very special to me and I'm going to miss him very much! My condolences and prayers are with Paul, Beth, Mike and Danny and their kids as well as my Uncles Tom and Fred who've lost their dear brother. 🙏💙💙💔😭

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**Mary Howard** - April 15, 2019 at 08:52 AM

BP

“ I have known Rich all of my life having grown up in Harbor Beach and being in the same grade all through school. I hold many fond memories of him and our experiences together over the years. It was a real treat to see him again at our 65th class reunion in May of 2018 when 9 of the class of '53 gathered to celebrate. The last time I visited him he was in long-term care and his upbeat attitude, even though in significant pain, let me know he was the same old Rich. His smile and happy demeanor always added to our time together. My sympathies go out to all of the Schmalz family at this time of loss and please know that you will be in my prayers in the days to come.

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**Bob Pangman** - April 15, 2019 at 05:35 AM