



Raymond H. Schlaff Sr.

July 19, 1943 - May 28, 2013

Age 69, passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital. Ray was born on July 19, 1943 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Bernard and Anna (Bush) Schlaff. He served in the United States Naval Reserves while in high school and enlisted following graduation. He was honorably discharged on October 14, 1965. In October of 1966 in Hell, MI, he married the love of his life Cheryl Furbush, and she survives. Ray started his employment with Michigan Bell as a Telephone Installer and continued with AT&T at the split and finally retired from Lucent Technologies in 2000. Ray was an avid sports fan. He officiated high school football for a number of years. In his free time during the summer he could often be found on one of the local golf courses. In addition to his wife survivors include daughters Diane Cuff and Janice (Russell) Shank, a son Raymond Jr., the "apple of his eye" granddaughter, Skyler Shank, and his brother David Schlaff. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Anna, as well as his brother Jim. Funeral services will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Saline 1200 North Ann Arbor Street, Saline, MI, with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle and Rev. Laura Speiran, officiating. Military honors will follow the service at the church under the auspices of the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Lung Association. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 P.M.

and 8:00 P.M. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home of Saline. To sign Ray's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Funeral Service

JUN **6**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond H. Schlaff Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Cheryl & Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you find strength in memories created during your life together. We send our deepest sympathy and love.*
Gail & Silas Woods

Gail Woods - June 05, 2013 at 09:36 AM



“ *Your friends at Automotive Testing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond H. Schlaff Sr..*



Your friends at Automotive Testing - June 04, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ *MaryLou Morris and Dink Simonson] purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond H. Schlaff Sr..*



MaryLou Morris and Dink Simonson] - June 03, 2013 at 04:00 PM

MP

“ *The entire Huron Valley Officials Association family mourns your loss with you. Ray was a great guy and I personally enjoyed the many games we worked together over the years. On behalf of the entire HVOA, I send our deepest sympathy.*

*Mike Parsons
HVOA Secretary*

Mike Parsons - June 03, 2013 at 08:27 AM

CM

“ *My prayers are with you Cheryl and your family on your loss. I've only known Ray this past couple of years and I must say I sure enjoyed you both. We have had some good times, laughs and made some good memories. My God hold you in the hollow of his hand and give you peace and comfort. Your Friend Cathie Pelham*

Cathie Morningstar-Pelham - June 02, 2013 at 03:14 PM

TM

“ *Cheryl and family,
We send you our sincerest sympathies in the loss of Ray. Rest assured that Ray is at peace and no longer suffering. We are praying for God to uplift you and your family during these difficult times. Sincerely, your Alaska cousins, Tom and Joanne*

Tom and Joanne Munger - June 01, 2013 at 12:21 AM

AS

“ Sending my warmest condolences to the Schlaff Family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know him personally, but I see that he was loved. The Bible holds out a beautiful hope at Revelation 21:4 where it speaks of "God wiping away tears", doing away with "death, and outcry, pain and mourning being no more". Let us not forget the beautiful account about Lazarus and the miracle performed by Jesus, as recorded in the Bible at John 11:24-27. Please continue drawing close to our Almighty God Jehovah in prayer, and His word promises that "He himself will sustain you" - Psalm 55:22

A. Smith - May 31, 2013 at 08:36 PM

KM

“ Cheryl,
The world has lost a fine human being. Ray was so kind and fun to be around. I'll never forget how he noticed and scrutinized Celina's football field and commented about it! It passed his quick visual inspection! :) Wish we could have spent more time together...life gets in the way, that's for sure. Wick and I send our sincere condolences for your loss, and your days of adjustment ahead. Be blessed, Wick and Karen

Karen Miller - May 31, 2013 at 10:52 AM

CT

“ Ray,

Although our friendship was shorter than most, in those few years, we were able to reassure you that I wasn't a serial killer and thus safe to spend time with. Remember when you asked Cheryl, "How long have you known her? When's the last time you saw her? How WELL do you know her? Are you sure you want to spend ALL day with these people?" Since then Frank and I have shared some great times with you and Cheryl. We have golfed together in torrential rains, soaked in the lake until we were raisins, boated, talked, shared stories, laughed, ate and drank. And, YES, we would spend ALL day (and well into the night) doing those things each time we got together. We are grateful for the time we had with you. Thank you for wonderful memories to hold on to. We will miss you!

Carole & Frank

Carole & Frank Thierry - May 31, 2013 at 10:24 AM

BG

“ Ray was the HL on my first varsity crew, and we had such a great time working in the Twin Valley and around the Ann Arbor area. Always a smile, always ready to help, always a good friend. I will miss him.



Bud George - May 30, 2013 at 07:38 PM

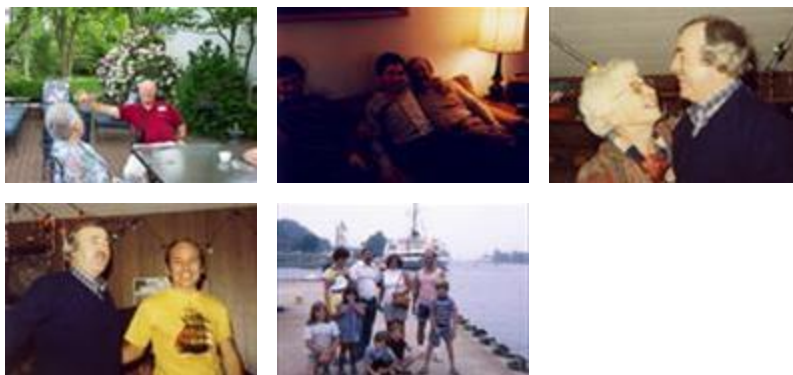
AM

“ Cheryl, I was very sorry to hear the news. Ray was always a gentleman whether I was calling to ask if you were free for a GS training or visiting to scrapbook. God Bless. Amy Fraser Maple

Amy Maple - May 30, 2013 at 06:31 PM

DF

“ We lost a very good friend Tuesday. We shared so many good times, vacations & holidays together. We will really miss your contagious smile, humor and teasing. Who's going to make me pancakes until I burst, when we visit. Who's going to hum "Camp-town Racetrack" when we're beating the girls at cards. Who's going to call me a wuss. Maybe it was payback for the times when we stayed swimming (in the cold at Newport) when you had to lifeguard. Who's going to be a loyal friend no matter what. We have so many memories, so numerous to share that I could write a book.



Dan Furbush - May 30, 2013 at 01:40 PM

FT

“ Hi and goodbye Ray,
You were a great human being, faithful friend and excellent official.
We in the officiating community will miss you. Your friend, Fred Tenorio

Fred Tenorio - May 30, 2013 at 10:50 AM

RR

“ Cheryl -- What can I say? I'm so sorry for your loss. Ray was a good man taken too soon. The memories I have of Ray in high school and of the two of you at Newport will be with me forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Rita Rendell - May 30, 2013 at 09:11 AM

RS

“ For many years Ray brought a smile, great enthusiasm and endless generosity to all the Huron Valley Officials Association meetings, events and games he worked. He was a good friend and will be sorely missed.
Rick Schifter

Rick Schifter - May 30, 2013 at 09:10 AM

PT

“ Sorry to hear of Ray's passing. My husband, Bob Thomsen, and I worked with Ray at Michigan Bell for many years. I remember his great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Pat Flood Thomsen

Pat Flood Thomsen - May 30, 2013 at 09:00 AM

MS

“ So glad to have had the opportunity to know and love Ray. He will be greatly missed though his memory and his love of life will be carried on by his beautiful family. Blessings to you all.
Marsha Shank

Marsha Shank - May 30, 2013 at 08:10 AM