



Richard Augustus Schwingel

May 22, 1928 - October 20, 2025

Richard “Dick” Augustus Schwingel, age 97, of Saline, Michigan, passed away on Monday, October 20, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Dick was born on May 22, 1928, on the family farm in Wayland, New York, to the late Augustus and Lena Schwingel.

After proudly serving in the United States Army in Europe, Dick returned home and married the love of his life, Margaret “Peggy” Wise, on September 25, 1955. Their union of almost 69 years was a source of strength and happiness throughout their lives together.

Dick is survived by his son, William (Martha) Schwingel, and his four grandchildren: Michael (Kadee) Schwingel, Anna (Brandon) Booker, Zachary Schwingel, and Elaine (Elliot) Nichols. Dick’s legacy continues through his six great-grandchildren: Aaron, Noah, Peyton, Caiden, and Elijah Schwingel, and Maggie Nichols. He is also survived by his brother, Philip (Carole Ann) Schwingel, numerous nieces and nephews, and Devon Reed, the devoted caregiver who supported both Dick and Peggy for over four years. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Peggy and his sister Barbara (George) Blanchard.

After earning his degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology, Dick began a distinguished 35-year career with Eastman Kodak Company. Upon

retiring early, his boundless energy and drive led him to establish his own lawn maintenance and landscaping business. After retirement and never one to sit still, Dick dedicated much of his time to community service. He drove the Red Cross Bloodmobile, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, contributed his time at Highland Hospital, and gave countless hours to the Rush United Methodist Church's PromiseLand Childcare Program and Super Sale. In addition, Dick donated countless gallons of blood over his lifetime.

Dick's love for children was evident in both his family life and his volunteer activities. He was deeply involved with his grandchildren and was known for engaging any child who crossed his path. Even at 96 years old, Dick could often be found on the floor reading to or playing with children, sharing his warmth and joy. Gardening was another passion that Dick nurtured throughout his life. He tended to gardens at his home in Rush, at the family farm in Wayland, and continued to share this love at his son's farm in Saline, Michigan, after relocating in 2016 to be closer to family.

Dick resided at StoryPoint Saline for nearly a decade, where he became a cherished member of the community, beloved by both staff and residents for his kindness and vitality.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, October 24th from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater. A private family service will take place at a later time. A Graveside Service will be held in the North Loon Lake Cemetery in Wayland, NY on Monday, October 27th at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Kyle Roehrig officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: PromiseLand Childcare at Rush United Methodist Church, reflecting Dick's love of working with the children. Please make checks payable to Rush UMC, putting "PromiseLand Childcare" in the memo line. To leave a memory you have of Dick, to sign his guestbook or for directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Cemetery Details

North Loon Lake Cemetery

Wayland, NY

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

North Loon Lake Cemetery
Wayland, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Dick personally, but I grew up down the road from his parents Gus and Lena. They were the most loving and kind people. Lena shared many handmade stuffed animals with me and nurtured my love of reading by sharing books from her children's home library. Such a wonderful family. Im sure you have many beautiful memories to hold close to your hearts.

Judy Smith-Cronk - November 03, 2025 at 08:31 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Bill and family. Sending hugs and prayers!



Shalimar Diegel - October 24, 2025 at 04:53 PM