



Donald Arthur Schultz

December 5, 1936 - June 5, 2025

Donald Arthur Schultz, 88, of Iron Mountain passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 5, 2025 surrounded by his family, at the Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson.

He was born in Iron Mountain on Dec. 5, 1936, son of the late Arthur and Alice (LaPointe) Schultz. Don graduated from Kingsford High School in 1955. After graduation he enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps along with 14 fellow Dickinson County High School graduates, the largest recruiting class ever. He served as a heavy equipment operator until his honorable discharge at the rank of Corporal in 1958. On April 23, 1960, Don married Charlene Edwards from Aurora, resulting in an incredible & unforgettable 65 years together! Don was very proud of his family.

Don was a disciplined and hard working person including 10 years as a truck driver for Montgomery Wards. In 1969 he joined the family business, Schultz Equipment with his father Art, older brother Bob & brother in-law Ron LaCost. They enjoyed many successful & prosperous years together. In 1996 Don's oldest son Steve joined the family business and his other son Paul joined in 1998. Together they had 20 years of growth and success, building Schultz Equipment up to 2 locations & 50 employees.

A natural born leader, Don enjoyed socializing and getting involved with local

community groups including Board memberships in the Dickinson Area Catholic School, Timber Producers Association, and the Pleasure Riders motorcycle group. He also loved spending time with family and friends whether it be at Camp on Schultz Road, his place at Rivers Bend, wintering with Charlene in Bradenton, FL, and riding the ATV trails with friends.

For 30 years he went on his annual motorcycle ride with good lifelong friends "Hoss" Warren, Dave Lemke & George "Huggie Bear" LaFave. Those rides around the country were a true joy in his life. He also enjoyed meeting at the local restaurants for his daily political debates & discussions which became entertaining & heated at times, much to the enjoyment of all within earshot. Don will be remembered for his great sense of humor, exceptional talent for storytelling, generosity and valiant service during the "Battle of Tijuana"!

Don will be deeply missed by his wife, Charlene Schultz; 4 children, Steve (Mary) Schultz, Paul (Lisa) Schultz, Allen (Kristel) Schultz, and Terra (Tom) Maynard; 9 grandchildren, Mark, Greg (Gina), Natalie Schultz, Andrea (Cole) Welch, Matthew, Erick, Darius (Emmy) Schultz, Arryonna, Thomas Maynard; 4 great-grandchildren, Evelyn, Lenora, Charles Welch, and Liam Schultz; Sister Carol Wilson; Sister-In-Law Rose Schultz; and many other family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Don is preceded in death by 3 siblings, Dorothy (Joe) Dorfler, Bob Schultz, and Bev (Ron) LaCost.

Visitation will be at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 120 O Dill Dr. in Norway, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday, June 13, with Pastor Bob Malsack and Pastor James Danielson officiating the funeral service at 12:00 pm. Burial will be in the Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Don's family would like to thank the staff of Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson for their compassion and care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Don's name to benefit a local Veteran's service or organization.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Donald Arthur Schultz online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Iron Mountain Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-1212

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

TP

“ I just heard about Uncle Don’s passing. He was a wonderful man with a wonderful heart. Judson, Caroline, and I send our condolences to our family in the UP. God bless you all!

Thomas Palmer - July 15, 2025 at 11:27 PM

DM

“ Heartfelt condolences to Char & family on your loss. Cherish the memories made with Don.

Donna Mannigel - June 12, 2025 at 06:24 PM

HS

“ Dear Paul and family, very sorry to hear about Don’s passing. He was a great friend and I had great respect for him and his fun attitude when I first became involved on the TPA board. The very first board meeting I attended was at the Pine Mountain lodge in Iron Mountain and the discussion was focused on why attendance was poor at the TPA Logging Congress banquet. Being the new board member I promptly asked the question why someone would pay \$30 for a ticket for a mediocre meal to listen to some stuffy speaker when instead, a person could go on bus with Peterbilt and the rest for a night of eating, free entertainment and a good time with plenty to drink at no cost. At the first break, Don came over and told me Nadine Baily, who TPA had just hired to replace Karl, had been the stuffy speaker at the banquet. We both started laughing and he simply said, “keep up the good work and keep asking questions !!!” It was one of several hilarious moments with Don.

Henry Schienebeck - June 10, 2025 at 10:05 PM

SS

Thanks for the great Memory Henry ! At dad's service I asked for stories & memories such as these. I hope we keep hearing them. The more we hear the greater our memory of him will be !

Steven D Schultz - June 23, 2025 at 02:02 AM

LJ

“ *Love Carol, Carrie, & Justin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Arthur Schultz.*



Love Carol, Carrie, & Justin - June 10, 2025 at 07:53 PM

MH

“ *Mindy H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Arthur Schultz.*



Mindy H. - June 10, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JG

“ *Sending condolences to the Schultz family on the loss of Don.*

Jenni Giguere - June 10, 2025 at 11:24 AM

SN

I am so very sad to hear of this. Such a good man all around. I am very blessed to have gotten to know him. My deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Samantha Neuens - June 10, 2025 at 01:51 PM

GW

*Dear Char and family,
We were so saddened to hear of Dons passing.
We have great memories of our many times together thru the years.
Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. God Bless you.*

Glen and Anita Westphal - June 16, 2025 at 10:18 PM