



## Richard E. Schalow

September 18, 1944 - December 11, 2025

FLORENCE, WI - Richard E. Schalow, 81, of Florence passed away Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson in Iron Mountain.

Richard was born September 18, 1944, in Kansas City, MO, son of the late Edward and Pauline (Hainey) Schalow. He was raised in Hammond, IN where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Margaret “Maggie” Earl on July 14, 1964. They resided in Hammond for several years and eventually moved to Spread Eagle, Wisconsin in 1974.

A true jack-of-all-trades, Richard’s vast knowledge and determined work ethic made him the kind of person others naturally turned to in times of need. At the age of 49 he was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy but that did not put a damper on his determination to work. He then teamed up with his sons, Rick and Rob to purchase a truck and hauled freight cross-country for FedEx Custom Critical, sharing both the open road and unforgettable experiences.

In 2002, Richard purchased an RV and began splitting his time seasonally—spending summers in the beautiful Wisconsin Dells, where he served as a maintenance director at River Bay Premier Camping Resort, and wintering in the south as snowbirds. Later, he took on the role of golf course superintendent at The Four Seasons Resort in Pembine, a position that

allowed him to combine his love of the outdoors with his take-charge spirit.

Richard gave generously of his time to his community. He served on the Florence, WI Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Florence Rescue Squad as an EMT. Along with Dorothy Vayda and Pastor Doug Johnson, Richard was instrumental in developing the St. Vincent de Paul store in the Florence community. He was a faithful member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Florence.

He is survived by his wife, Maggie; his 3 sons, Michael (Kris) Schalow of Iron Mountain, MI, Robert (Angela) Schalow of Aurora, WI, and Richard (Bonnie) Schalow, Jr. of Pembine, WI; 2 daughters, Dawn (Jack) Schuch of Spread Eagle, WI, and Carrie (Antonio) Rankin of Iron Mountain, MI; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law along with their spouses; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Richard was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Michael Arrigo.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Florence, Wisconsin. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the church, officiated by Fr. Soja Joseph.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Florence, Wisconsin.

Condolences may be expressed to Richard's family online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Marys Catholic Church  
308 Florence Ave  
Florence, WI 54121  
(715) 528-3310

## Memorial Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
308 Florence Ave.  
Florence, WI 54121

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Sending Sympathy and Warm Wishes to his family. So very sorry for your loss.

Dave and Kathy LaPoint - December 20, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MM

“ Mark M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard E. Schalow.

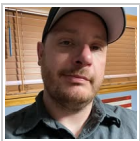


Mark M. - December 18, 2025 at 09:56 AM

MM

“ Mark M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard E. Schalow.

Mark M. - December 18, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of such a great man! He will be deeply missed! I worked with him at the Four Seasons for several years and he taught me so much and was a great friend!

Zachary Waite - December 17, 2025 at 05:13 PM

WK

“ River Bay camping resort in Wisconsin Dells will forever be grateful to Rich. He showed up one day to interview. I said maybe this is a little more than what you thought. His answer: “ I’m gonna work here”. He almost single-handedly is responsible for putting the Princess Kay paddle Wheeler together after a move from Alabama. They say God works in mysterious ways, Rich came along at a time that really set the successful future of River Bay. Even more important than the skills that Rich displayed, was the number of friends that he made and still talk about him today. Kristin grew up with Rich through her early teens. They had their share of escapades. Rich being found “supervising the kids” on more than one occasion. So many great memories were made. We could honestly say Rich was one of a kind. He will be dearly missed.

Wayne, Rhonda & Kristin - December 17, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He sounds like he was a great person. Sending love and prayers to your family, Mike and Kris. Love, Jackie Kelly Gonsalves

Jackie Gonsalves - December 17, 2025 at 09:00 AM

DA

“ Dave, Carrie, Olivia & Adam Arrigo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard E. Schalow.



Dave, Carrie, Olivia & Adam Arrigo - December 17, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CF

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Rich, was a trusted friend for many years. Many memories of him sitting at my table on Christmas eve, drinking what he called "Dago Coolers" my homemade wine with 7-UP. He was truly a man with an incredible heart. He will be missed. Much love from Lori and me to Maggie and all the family. We have another guardian angel to watch and pray for us in heaven today!! -  
Craig and Lori Frendewey

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**Craig Frendewey** - December 16, 2025 at 08:55 AM