



Harold Peter Schaaf

July 15, 1934 - March 28, 2020

Mineral Point - Harold "Pete" Schaaf, age 85 of Mineral Point, passed away March 28, 2020. He was born to Henry and Loretta (Dochnahl) Schaaf on July 15, 1934. Save for his final 15 months, he spent his life on the family farm.

Pete began his career as a farmer using horses, before electricity reached the area. He always had a favorite animal on the farm; whether it be a pigeon, pig, sheep, dog, raccoon, or cow. Despite farm obligations, he loved to travel. He was able to reach Mexico, Canada, and 48 states; notably missing Delaware. He carefully studied every National Geographic issue for almost 47 years, and provided travel advice for people going to almost any destination imaginable, whether the travel advice was sought or not.

Pete helped several of his nephews through challenging circumstances in their teenage years, and brought smiles to his nieces with a goodnatured wink. Numerous nieces and nephews have noted that he was a fun uncle.

Despite being prone to sailor-like language, Pete married a former nun, Grace (Streng) on September 6, 1980. Their son, Jonathan, was born when Pete was 49 years old. He was a loving and devoted father and husband. He spent his final years helping his wife Grace in her ongoing battle with dementia.

Pete's mother was widowed when he was a toddler, giving him great empathy

for those in difficult circumstances. He cared deeply about those in need, whether at home or far away, and put his money where his mouth was. In honor of his generosity, those who are able are encouraged to send a donation to the Iowa County Food Pantry or another suitable charity.

Pete is survived by his wife Grace Schaaf; a son Jonathan (Sarah) Schaaf; a sister Charlotte Douglas; a sister-in-law Doris Schaaf; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers John Schaaf, Paul Schaaf, Vincent Schaaf; and 4 sisters, Ann Cutler, Mary Henkel, Dorothy Saar, and Henrietta McCaulley.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, all funeral services will be private. A gathering to celebrate Pete's life will be announced in the future when circumstances allow.

Cards may be sent to the family in care of Gorgen Funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Peter Schaaf*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Could this be the Harold I was at Heany with for military training*

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“ *I will remember all the conversations I had with you and Grace. You made me feel better and uplifted my day. I enjoyed seeing you at all the church dinners. Prayers to your family.*

Loretta DeGroat - April 27, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Vicki McCaulley lit a candle in memory of Harold Peter Schaaf*



Vicki McCaulley - April 02, 2020 at 03:44 AM



“ *Bonnie and Ric Kasper purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Harold Peter Schaaf.*



Bonnie and Ric Kasper - April 01, 2020 at 07:40 AM

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“ Uncle Pete holds such a special place in the heart of all who have met him. his smile could light up a room and that belly laugh of his is like no other, it was just contagious when he started to laugh you couldn't help but join in . He was a role model fo most of his nieces and nephews, we all looked up to him, for advice and for spiritual leadership , He was like the glue of the Schaaf family. We will miss him so much but he will live on in our hearts always!

Love

Mary Piotrowski (Schaaf)

Mary Piotrowski (Schaaf) - March 31, 2020 at 02:47 PM