



Richard C. "Dick" Schmidt

October 31, 1937 - December 23, 2004

Mr. Schmidt is survived by his wife; Nancy C., Children; Stephen Schmidt and Gerald (Christine) Schmidt, Grandchildren; Chireen, Kaitlyn, Jacob and Brendan, mother; Rose Julia and siblings; Carol (Donald) Calcaterra, Kenneth (Francesca) Schmidt and Sue (Paul) Hefka.

Predeceased by his father Jacob John Schmidt.

Mr. Schmidt was a very loving, proud, hard working, and very generous Man, he was also an avid Cigar Smoker and Connoisseur of Good Scotch. He was a retired member of the I.B.E.W. Local 58 and F.J. O'Toole Electrical Contractors.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Church
53600 Mound Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall



“ Hello, I guess you know whats going on here. I was with Nancy to the Doctors yesterday, and I know you were there too so you know alrady that Nancy is good in her health so she is free of the Cancer and dont need to see the Doc till july.. I told here she would be ok and her health would be good. We miss you so much,you have no idea how we talk and think about you and remembering all the fun times. oh Dick I wish you would return to us.but thats selfish huh?? Well ok you take care and we love you so much...I know your busy up there doin all the good stuff.Diane###imported-begin## Diane###imported-end##

January 26, 2005 at 06:35 PM



“ Dick, I still cry that you are away.
I hope you know that Nancy and Heidi is ok.Nancy misses you terribly,but I know that you know that.Were coping the best that we know how. And I know that you have recieved your Wings up there.Thank you for all the kindness and love you have given mike and I.Always and forever. Diane and Mike###imported-begin##Diane ###imported-end##

January 15, 2005 at 06:01 PM



“ OUR LIVES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME FROM THIS TRAMATIC LOSS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED. TO CHUCK, HE WAS THE BROTHER WITH WHOM THEY SHARED A LIFETIME OF GOOD TIMES, DEDICATION TO EACH OTHER AND A SPECIAL LOVE AND BOND THAT NOT MANY EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORLD. TO SHIRLEY HE WAS THE ROCK OF KNOWLEDGE ,EXPERIENCE AND LOVE FOR EVERYONE. HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME AND I KNEW I COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM IF NEEDED. EACH TIME I MAKE RICE PUDDING FOR SOMEONE, I WILL MAKE IT IN MEMORY OF DICK WHOM I ALSO LOVED WITH ALL MY HEART . MY HEART AND TEARS GO OUT TO HIS WIFE NANCY WHO IS MY VERY VERY SPEICAL FRIEND BUT, MORE LIKE THE SISTER I NEVER HAD. THE TIMES WE HAVE SHARED TOGETHER THRU THE YEARS AND THE MEMORIES WE HAVE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS IS WORTH MORE THEN GOLD. TRUE FRIENDS ARE LIKE DIAMONDS, PRECIOUS AND RARE, FALSE ONES LIKE AUTUM LEAFS, FOUND EVERYWHERE.##imported-begin##CHUCK & SHIRLEY PEAK##imported-end##

December 30, 2004 at 02:55 PM



“ Good mornin Dick.. I bet you saw your Beautiful Day on Monday. Everything was soo beautiful the Mass, all your songs were song in a beautifu setting. But I know you looked down and saw everyone of us there. Hey first time I took some scotch. Yuck!!
There is a empt void in my Life today
But I know you are with God, and the angels.. Mike will miss you too, I am so glad you got to know him and Loved him too. Nancy and Heidi are doing good.

For everything there
is a season, a time for
every purpose under,
the Heaven.##imported-begin##Diane and Mike Kozlowski Diane Deliso##imported-end##

December 29, 2004 at 10:24 AM



“ Dearest Nancy, Steve and Jerry,

Dick has always been bigger than life in my memory. I am sure his presense will long be felt. His work and kind acts will be a lasting memorial of his life. It is at times like this that God's love and life will lift you up and give hope. Please tell Aunt Rose that I send my love to her and pray that she too will be comforted by God's never ending love.##imported-begin##Jo Aragona Balcer##imported-end##

December 28, 2004 at 03:40 PM



“ My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with my family at this time and always. We are a strong and loving family that have been and always will be here for each other during good and bad times. I was not only fortunate to have an Uncle as wonderful and kind, in so many ways, but to also be so honored and blessed to have a Godfather who gave so much love and cared so greatly, always. I'm very sad and my heart is aching. Heidi knows you are safe and not alone Uncle Dick. I wish I could take all the sadness away, make everything better, and have you back home. But you are here still because you are in my heart. Your family, loved ones, and friends miss you. Dear Grandpa, we have another angel watching over us. I miss you so much and love you both more than you could ever imagine. I pray that you're o.k. Always in my heart and never forgotten.

I love you always, Paula.##imported-begin##Paula Schmidt##imported-end##

December 28, 2004 at 02:19 AM



“ I was fortunate to have know Dick for so many years. I was one of his many apprentices and was fortunate to learn so much from him. There was something about listening to his stories that was enjoyable, though you may have heard them before. I wish I have taken the time when he was with us to thank him for all he did for me. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Phil Gallo##imported-end##

December 27, 2004 at 08:12 PM



“ *My condolences to Dick's family. My sister and I remember him from Nativity High School. There is still a picture of Dick with our family at Belle Isle. Am proud to say Carole was a friend of mine and a fellow classmate.*

May your sorrow heal and fade with time.

Sincerely

Carol (Leonardi) Herzenstiel##imported-begin##*Carol Herzenstiel*##imported-end##

December 27, 2004 at 03:39 PM



“ *Steve -*

I heard about your father's passing through the grapevine. I am sorry for your loss. I will say a prayer for your family during this difficult time.

Tony G.##imported-begin##*Tony Glinke*##imported-end##

December 27, 2004 at 12:57 PM



“ Dear Nanacy, Steve and Gerald:

I am so sorry for your loss. It is a very sad time for you and all those of us who called Dick "Friend". Over the many years of my association with your husband and father I was always proud to consider him as a friend. I was even more proud that he considered me a friend as well.

I was thinking about Dick after I heard the news of his death and a flood of memories hit me from the times we spent together. We were roommates at one time when EPCOT was being built. His amazing knowledge of the electrical contracting industry is something that can't be replaced, but the projects he helped build will continue to be an excellent example of his dedication, level of skill, and mastery of his chosen career.

He is my friend and I will always think of Dick when I smell the smoke from a fine cigar or when I am enjoying a sip of single malt. I will raise my glass high and toast to my friend Dick Schmidt.

We love you Dick.

I'm sure you are already working on your next project. Kind of funny that you have worked as an electrician your whole life and you wind up working for a carpenter now.

Some of my spelling may be off, in this note, but I think Dick would understand.

Love,

Pat O'Brien##imported-begin##Patrick O'Brien##imported-end##

December 27, 2004 at 10:38 AM



“ Dick touched us all in so many ways...a respected craftsman, foreman, superintendent, manager, teacher...friend. He would help anyone willing to learn and learn from anyone willing to help. The dedication and pride he had for his family, his church, his trade, and his friends is legendary and will never be forgotten. Dick was always the first one in and the last to leave making sure everything was headed in the right direction. This time, he got to leave a little early. He sure helped a lot of us get started in the right direction. Thanks Dick. We're gonna miss you.##imported-begin##Joe Territo##imported-end##

December 26, 2004 at 09:37 PM



“ Ken,

I read about your brothers passing in the Detroit News. I'd like to offer my condolences to his wife Nancy, yourself, Fran, Carol, Sue and your mother Rose.

Sincerely,

Frank Rasizzi

p.s. Ken, call me at (734) 285-4198 when you get time. I haven't seen you and Fran since 1959 and have been thinking of you. Tell your mother that I still remember about the winter coat she gave me when I was a young boy.##imported-begin##Frank Rasizzi##imported-end##

December 26, 2004 at 07:43 PM



“ My Dear Friend,

You will be so missed by so many, but never forgotten.

I never new a kinder, more loving, generous man. If anyone ever needed help of any kind you would be there for them in a heartbeat, no questions asked. You were warm and compassionate and enjoyed life. You truly made the most of each and every day and took pride in everything you did.

I will miss you Richard, and I will never forget you. I am grateful to have known you for so many years and I am proud to have been one of your friends.

You may have left us way too soon, but your stories will live on forever.##imported-begin##Paulette Elletson##imported-end##

December 26, 2004 at 12:14 PM



“ " God saw that you were growing wiery so he brought you up into paradise with him ". He was my Grandpa. He did alot for my family untill the very last day. It doesnt get much better then him. You are in a better place now. And i cant wait untill i can be with you there to in Heaven. Love you Grandpa.

- Kaitlyn Schmidt.##imported-begin##Kaitlyn Schmidt##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 11:30 PM



“ Our prayers are with all that are grieving the loss of Uncle Dick. In the time of our deepest need, God is good, loving and caring. May you find comfort in Him during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Frank & Amy Schuller##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 08:54 PM



“ Dick was an apprentice for my Dad, and then I was an apprentice for him. This chain of the three of us couldn't possibly be closer, and will never be broken. All that is broken is my heart. I will so much miss our monthly breakfasts with my Dad. I have never met a fairer, or more generous man. He loved and respected his family so much. Dick always bragged of his family in so many areas, from golfing, to tennis, to the preparation of fine cuisine. I can assure you Nancy, Steve, and Jerry he was very proud of you all. As anyone who knows Dick is aware, he would do anything, for anybody, at any time. This was the hallmark trait, of this great man. His professionalism and dedication to Jim Mitchell and the F.J. O'Toole Company, was legendary. He loved the electrical industry, and even after retirement continued to be a significant contributor to so many of us in this field. Dick, thanks for all you have done for me. You will always be a hero to me, and how proud I am to have had you as my friend. I miss you so much. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. Your legacy is your decency, integrity, and fairness to all. If only the world could have more Dick Schmidts. Goodbye old friend.##imported-begin##Norm Newton##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 08:15 PM



“ In almost fifty years of friendship, I have never once been mad at him. Of all of the people that I have met in the electrical industry, Dick is the one who I most respected.##imported-begin##Buck Newton##imported-end##

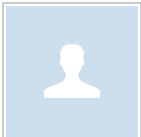
December 25, 2004 at 08:08 PM



“ Jerry and Christine,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Vicki and Larry Rickard
Reynolds Plantation
Church of The Redeemer##imported-begin##Vicki and Larry
Rickard##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 01:55 PM



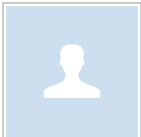
“ "Dick" was one of our Ushers at St.Kieran's ,Shelby Twp.,a lively fun loving man .We will miss him. Tony Pilat St Kieran,Usher##imported-begin##Anthony "Tony" Pilat##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 01:51 PM



“ Dear Dick, Our wonderful brotherinlaw.
How You will be so sadly
missed by Mike&Me.
You were so kind to take me everyday to be with Mike at the
hosiptal,But thats how you were. You helped everyone in need. We
spent so much time together and we talked all day
long. No One could ever fill your shoes.Now your with the Big Man
up above working in that Garden.Mike and I will look after your
"MOPS" and little HEIDI>
We will always
love you and you
will be with us everyday
in our daily lives.
MIKE & DIANE##imported-begin## MIKE AND DIANE
KOZLOWSKI##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 12:34 PM



“ Dearest Dick, my wonderful brotherinlaw. How you will be sadly
missed by me and Mike.
You were so great and kind
to take me everyday to the hospital so that I can be with Mike. All
the hours that we spent together.
Yapping like we did and liked so well
No One could have fill your shoes.
I know that your busy with th big Man in his garden, Everything that
you did you did with Love. You were loved by so many people.We
will take care of
your "MOPS"& Your Heidi too.So don't worry.

I love you Dick
Diane and Mike##imported-begin##Diane and Mike
Kozlowski##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 12:03 PM



“ Dick Schmidt was a co-worker and a real friend. Dick was one of the nicest people I've ever known with a very kind heart. He would literally do anything to help someone. I particularly remember his great big smile and the little stories that he loved to tell about his days working at the downtown Hudson's store. God will bless Dick and may God continue to bless his family.##imported-begin##James French##imported-end##

December 25, 2004 at 10:58 AM