



## Delbert "Del" R. Schultz

February 4, 1936 - February 12, 2022

Delbert R. Schultz entered eternal life on February 12, 2022.

On February 4, 1936, Del was born to Viola (Raddatz) and Reuben Schultz in Oshkosh, WI. After spending time as a child living in Omro, WI, he moved with his family to Chilton, WI in 1947. A 1954 graduate of Chilton High School, Del received his Bachelor of Science Degree from UW-La Crosse in 1958 with majors in science and physical education.

Del's teaching and coaching career began in Mauston, WI in 1958, and on July 3, 1960, he married Bonnie J. nee Hedrich in Chilton, WI. They resided in Mauston until 1962 when Del accepted a teaching and football/track coaching position at Sabish Junior High School in Fond du Lac, WI. In 1965 he received his Master of Science Degree in Physical Education and in 1970 earned his Master of Science Degree in Secondary School Administration. From 1970 to 1989 he served as the Assistant Principal of Theisen Junior High School and in 1989 became the Principal of Sabish Junior High School. Del served as an inspiring, kind, and caring educator for thirty-six years with many former students acknowledging their appreciation of his demand for excellence.

In addition to Del's educational responsibilities, he was co-founder and co-operator of Mr. Steak and Dairy Queen West in Fond du Lac.

Sports were important to Del, and he played football in high school and college. Even though the Pittsburgh Steelers invited him to their football camp, knee surgery as a senior in college ended his football career. He spent twenty years as a member of the South Shore Officials Association and worked as an

official of football and basketball games during that time.

As a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Del served in numerous capacities: President of Hope Congregation, Sunday School Superintendent, Bible Class teacher, Church Elder, Men's Club member, and chairman of many committees. His love of God was evident throughout his life in church, school, and community as he worked for the benefit of others.

Del and Bonnie travelled extensively throughout the United States and foreign countries. Their love of learning led them to take each of their grandchildren on an Intergenerational trip sponsored by the Road Scholar program and to participate in numerous adult trips available through the same group.

When Del retired in 1994, an article in the Fond du Lac Reporter concerning carving classes at the Fond du Lac Senior Center attracted him. He attended carving classes in the senior centers in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh. Eventually, bird carving became his area of expertise, and his family became the delighted recipients of his talent in carving various birds.

Surviving Del are his devoted family members: Bonnie, his wife of 61 years; his daughter, Kerry (Don) Brandner of West Bend, WI; daughter, Lynnette (John) Hoch of Columbus, WI; son, Callan (Brenda) of Oshkosh, WI; and son, Andrew of Fond du Lac. He cherished his grandchildren: Anthony Brandner, Sarah (Jason) Baron, Cassandra Hoch, Francesca (Kyle Neuman) Hoch, Calla (Alex) Springer, Mason (fiancé, Jennifer Rowinski) Schultz, Sydney Schultz, Caleb Schultz, and great-grandchildren Lane Neuman and Annie Baron.

Del's parents, Reuben and Viola (Raddatz) Schultz, and sister, Lorraine Schultz, preceded him in death.

**VISITATION:** The family will greet friends from 9:00 - 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Hope Lutheran Church, 260 Vincent Street, Fond du Lac.

**SERVICE:** Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February

19, 2022, at Hope Lutheran Church, with Rev. Phillip Enderle officiating.  
Inurnment will be held at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial  
Park.

Memorials may be directed to Hope Lutheran Church or a recipient of your  
choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Ledgeview Memorial Park

Fond du Lac, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church  
260 Vincent St  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church  
260 Vincent St  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I apologize for the lateness of my condolences, as I just found out about Del's passing. Del was my assistant principal at Theisen Junior High (now middle school) when I began my career there in 1985 and we had many discussions about classic cars when he found out I was a car nut. Del could always be counted on for good advice and he was always generous with his time. I loved seeing him around town in his little Olds convertible (a '62, I think) and how that car made him smile, especially when his family was with him. He was one of many people at Theisen who helped to guide me, and provided support when the going got tough. I learned a great deal from Del, and when he went to be principal at Sabish I really missed our fun discussions about life, teaching and old cars. We didn't run into each other every day, but always managed to chat here and there. I know he did for many others what he did for me, which was to help me become a better teacher and provide a friendly, safe place for me to become a colleague. Rest In Peace, Del and thank you for being so kind and generous. Well done, good servant.

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**Denise Clumpner** - March 28, 2022 at 12:19 AM

TE

“ Sincere sympathies to Gloria, family and friends. Prayers and hugs as you morn Del's passing.



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**Theresa Eimerman** - March 01, 2022 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ Thinking of Del's family during this time and extending our deepest sympathy. Del was a wonderful man, so gentle and kind. We were lucky to be able to spend time with him at the center. Thank you for sharing him with us. May your many memories of him give you comfort and peace. Julie Schwartz and the team at SSM Adult Day Services

Julie Schwartz - February 26, 2022 at 08:57 PM

HK

“ Del was my friend, administrator and business partner. I just found out today of his passing. He was the nicest person. God bless his family always. Hans-Peter Kohlhoff

Hans-Peter Kohlhoff - February 22, 2022 at 08:15 AM

AT

“ Allan, Jean, Wolf and Rachael Thielmann purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Delbert "Del" R. Schultz.



Allan, Jean, Wolf and Rachael Thielmann - February 17, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" R. Schultz.



February 17, 2022 at 11:09 AM

JB

“ *Mr Schultz was my first football coach at Sabish. Not only was he a great person but a great role model for every student in that school. I was fortunate to have taught his son, Cal, at Evans Elementary. Del forgave me for chipping Cal's tooth during a game of dodgeball! My deepest sympathies to the Schultz family. Jim Bond*

Jim Bond - February 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM

BK

“ *I remember Mr. Schultz from being childhood friends with Kerry, he was so nice to us kids. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Barb (Kleist) Kramer - February 17, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" R. Schultz.*



February 16, 2022 at 08:02 PM

DK

“ *My condolences to the Schultz family. I was fortunate to have spent time at their house growing up since I was a good friend of Kerry. May your memories help you during this difficult time. Hugs! Diane Kabat*

Diane Kabat - February 16, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" R. Schultz.*



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February 16, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *We would to extend our sincerest sympathy to the Schultz family on Del's passing. May he Rest In Peace and may you always have the fondest memories of him.*  
*Chuck & Jeanne Bloedorn*

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**Chuck Bloedorn** - February 16, 2022 at 06:38 AM



“ *I worked with Del at Theisen and later at Sabish. He was a supportive administrator with a kind heart. He was a good listener and always had time for his staff and students. He was a true gentleman.*  
*Penny Lamb*

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**Penny Lamb** - February 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delbert "Del" R. Schultz.*



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February 15, 2022 at 08:37 AM

VD

“ *During my years of working as a social worker with Fond du Lac county I had many contacts with Del. He was always a kind, caring and respectful man. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends. God bless all of you. Vonni Dunn*

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**Vonni Dinn** - February 14, 2022 at 07:50 PM