



Ronald "Dutch" Schwieger

October 3, 1937 - January 6, 2018

Ronald L. "Dutch" Schwieger, 80, of Grand Island, died on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at CHI- Health St. Francis.

Celebration of life service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Kelly Karges will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Military honors rendered by the United States Marine Corp and the United Veterans Honor Guard.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Dutch was born on October 3, 1937 to Don and Junetta (Mintken) Schwieger, in North Platte. He was raised and received his education in Grand Island, graduating from Grand Island Senior High in 1956. From there, Dutch served two years active duty in the United States Marine Corp from 1956-58.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Roe on October 17, 1959. Dutch and Dorothy made their home and raised their two sons in Grand Island, where Dutch first worked with his father in construction. He joined the Grand Island Fire Department in 1964; was appointed training officer in 1971; Deputy Chief in 1974; and Fire Chief in 1984. He retired in 1994.

He is a past member of the VFW, Platt Duetsche Society, Grand Island Saddle Club and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Dutch loved fishing, hunting, golfing, and horse racing. He spent some of his retirement working at Fonner Park in the Club House during race season. He was also the Junior

National Champion in the Vandalia, OH National Trap Shoot. Some of his fondest memories include spending time at Harlan County Reservoir, his fishing trips with his granddaughters, and his breakfast club at the Cow Palace.

Those that will forever cherish his memory include his wife of 58 years Dorothy; children, Bob (Penny) Schwieger of Grand Island, and David (Hedi) Schwieger of Howard City, MI.; brother, Charlie (Kay) Schwieger of Georgia; four grandchildren, Ashley Schwieger, Lindsey (Brandon) Burch, Jacy Schwieger, and Sunny Schwieger; and two great grandchildren, Braxton and Bentley Burch.

Dutch is preceded in death by his parents, Don and Junetta Schwieger and grandparents Charles and Marie Haley and Henry and Lucy Mintken. Memorials are suggested to the comfort dog ministry or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald "Dutch" Schwieger*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Dutch. I remember the time when Bob, Dave, Dutch and I went golfing 20 some tears ago.*

Bill Brandt - January 11, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ *My sympathy is offered to Dutch's family. What a true professional. Pleasant, knowledgeable, dedicated. He assisted me in many ways over a long association with the Fire Service. A special time was when time allowed visiting over coffee.*

Respectfully

J. C. Mitera, Retired Hastings Fire Chief

J. C. Mitera - January 10, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *I can remember my Dad Emmett going fishing at Harlan with Dutch. I truly know that the fish at Harlan are breathing a sigh of relief. I know my entire family are heartbroken to hear the loss of Dutch. - Todd Arnett*

Todd Arnett - January 09, 2018 at 08:53 PM

J)

“ Sorry to read of another one of My GHS class of 1956 class mates leaving this earth Heaven bound.....RIP Dutch..... that's two in recent times...We were a close class, all of us knew one another...back in the day. I left GI in 56 moving to KS so i kinda lost track of some of them..... You are in my heart.....all of you left behind who cherish his Memory.....Isaiah 40;31 Julie Pulliam Schultz rural Alma KS.

Julie J.(Pulliam)Schultz - January 09, 2018 at 02:45 PM

JL

“ Jim And Jackie Little lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Dutch" Schwieger



Jim and Jackie Little - January 09, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JL

I enjoyed working with Dutch at the GIFD.

Jim and Jackie Little - January 09, 2018 at 10:53 AM

DP

We were sorry to hear about the loss of another friend. Our heartfelt sympathy to Dorothy and family. So glad we were able to see you both at the last class reunion. Rest in Peace, Dutch. You've earned it! Dick and Jean Preisendorf

Dick & Jean Preisendorf - January 11, 2018 at 01:07 PM

DT

“ Words cannot even express the sadness I’m feeling right now over Dutch’s passing. My heartfelt prayers and condolences to all of you at this very sad time. Dutch and Dorothy were always very special people to me. Dutch was one in a million. RIP Dutch!!!

Deb Thuernagle - January 09, 2018 at 10:26 AM

RB

“ Bob and Penny and family so sorry for the loss of your father. May he rest in peace and may God bless you and your family.

Rick and Jan Brown

Richard Brown - January 09, 2018 at 09:23 AM