



## John R. Schultz

September 3, 1958 - July 4, 2020

“You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice” -  
John’s favorite quote by Bob Marley

On July 4, 2020 John R. Schultz, “Schultzie” age 61, peacefully passed away at home with his devoted, loving wife Judy holding him in her arms. He bravely fought cancer for three years with all his strength.

He was born in Gary Indiana, the much- awaited son of Big John and Rita (Egan) Schultz. His mother Rita, and loving sisters, Maureen and Patty doted on him his entire life. John was a man who changed his friend’s lives; he made lifelong friends all over the world. He was a kind, thoughtful, and hilarious man of great faith who had a passion for life and a firm belief that loving his friends, family and Judy, was all that mattered.

John’s love of life was only surpassed by his work ethic. He diligently worked over 42 years until his illness would not allow it anymore. He worked 24 years at Eagle Foods in the produce department before and after graduating from Merrillville High School in 1976. He then worked for Teamsters local 142, and finally 18 years for U.S. Steel at East Chicago Tin.

John had many passions, he loved the music of Jackson Browne, traveling to Jamaica, and the Caribbean, Notre Dame football, the Chicago Bears, the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life, his dog, Newman, and cooking. Of all his passions the greatest was golf. He was a superb golfer and knew everything about the game. He could recite every detail about the players remembering

shots from rounds years before. Every year he wore his green jacket for the Masters and he and Judy gathered with friends to celebrate the tournament. The double eagle he scored on hole number 5, a par 5 on the red course at River Pointe Country Club was his finest hour in golf.

His love affair with Judy began 20 years ago. They married on April 21, 2007 at River Pointe. She completed his life and he hers. Rarely apart, they traveled, golfed, and worked, seizing life, and enjoying every minute together. When John got sick Judy was there every day becoming an expert on his illness. Her love for him and his for her, willed him to live. He had found her and wasn't leaving her without a fight.

He fought hard to stay with us and was never bitter. He told stories and made you laugh through his tribulations. He put his own needs aside. To say he will be sorely missed is an understatement. He filled our lives with joy and humor, but most of all love.

Waiting for John in heaven are his parents, John and Rita, his sisters, Maureen Scudella, and Patricia Ruthkay, his mother-in-law Betty Robinson, brother-in-law Herman Marres, and his adored dog, Newman. He is lovingly survived by his wife and soulmate, Judy, dear brother-in-law Robert (Beverly) Scudella, cherished sisters-in-law Cheryl (Phillip) Perkins and Joyce Marres, cousin Mary Kay, and other cousins, brother-in-law Bill Ruthkay, special friends in the St. Germain family, Robert Roganovich and Dan and Melissa (Cohen) Sawochka.

His wife Judy welcomes you to attend a celebration of John's wonderful life on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, July 10, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. A Memorial Service will commence Friday at 10:00 a.m. with Father Pat Kalich officiating. Please come with your favorite and funniest story about John. That is all John would want. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
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## Celebration of Life

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To all who love John R. Schultz. Your love is given to a man who accepted that love, returned it, and spread it all around. He was a man who was selfless and generous in helping others. He did not always say what you wanted to hear, rather he said what you needed to hear in a way that inspired you to be a better person. I worked closely with John at East Chicago Tin and loved all of that experience. I wish I had met him earlier in life, then I could have gained that much more from knowing him longer. Judy, may you find peace in the memories of such a good man. He is missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Condolences

Brian Murray

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Brian Murray - July 11, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.



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July 09, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.



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July 08, 2020 at 03:35 PM

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“ John, your passing is a tremendous loss for humanity.. Schultz and I hired in together at USS.. we met in safety training, ended up as colleagues in Gary Works Business Planning, and transferred together to ECT where we worked together in the maintenance dept. for 7 years. From our initial meeting we became fast friends. He was a hard worker, genuinely caring, and could roast your socks off! Many a day he'd have me in stitches; his satirical wit brightened the room and helped make tough times bearable. He was a hard worker, a man's man and a loyal friend..He loved his family; especially his wife and “son” Newman.. he was my bud!! and he'll be genuinely missed.. to all who knew and loved him, please accept my heartfelt prayers and condolences in his loss, and take comfort in the blessing that he was in your life.. praying his eternal peace,  
Brenda Rae Morgan

Brenda Morgan - July 08, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.



July 08, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.



July 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.*



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July 08, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautifully written obituary. John was such a wonderful person, so friendly, always laughing, and never missed a hug. We are deeply saddened of this news. Our deepest sympathy to Judy and his family and friends.  
Bruce and Carol Spires.*

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**Carol Spires** - July 08, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.*



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July 08, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**chuckles** - July 08, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.



July 07, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ John Schultz was always a hard working and helpful person. John was our clerk at East Chicago Tin. I was a millwright there for over 12 years and am retired now. Every time I needed to have help scheduling or rescheduling a vacation or days off he would try to accommodate me. He was always pleasant to be around and very smart. I am sorry for his loss and my deepest condolences to his wife and family.

Paul Mills

Paul Mills - July 07, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ John "Dutch" Shultz was always a friendly face ready to have a good laugh. He is responsible for my nickname, "bobo the clown" and I will wear that proudly to the day I check out.

What a great guy.

Mark "Bobo" Trinoskey

Mark Trinoskey - July 07, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Schultz.*



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July 07, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *Dearest Judy, and Family:  
We will miss Johnny more than words can say. He worked so hard all his life. He was a great man- funny, sweet, and charmingly unaware of his deep intellect and insight. We are heartbroken about the loss of our dear friend, and your most beloved husband.*



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**Melissa B. Cohen** - July 07, 2020 at 05:41 PM



*Schultzie, 'Until we meet again, May the Good Lord Hold You in the Palm of His Hand'. Brian Shaw*

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**Brian Shaw** - July 08, 2020 at 10:52 AM



*turkey creek memories the best*

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**pirate strong** - July 13, 2020 at 10:27 PM