



## Richard LaRue Schneckenberger

May 2, 1927 - October 5, 2020

Richard L. Schneckenberger, a hard-working, kind man loved by all, died peacefully at his home with his two daughters at his side on October 5th, 2020. Dick, 93, of Charlotte, was born May 2, 1927 in Charlotte, the son of Ray and Ruth (Crozier) Schneckenberger.

Dick farmed with his uncle, Carol Elliott, whom he lived with after his mother passed away when he was 13 years old. During his High School years, along with farming, he played 4 years of football and was an avid hunter. Before graduation in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was called to serve aboard the USS Sable during WWII. After a medical discharge he then worked for the Navy as an Armored Guard transporting the payroll in Chicago. Dick married the love of his life, Mary Lou Terwilliger, on July 31, 1949. He then hired into Fisher Body GM in 1950 where he continued to work and retired after 37 years as a General Forman and Supervisor.

Dick enjoyed an active life with family and friends of camping, waterskiing, go carts, horse showing and hunting. A highlight of his life was not only being a member and President, but helping to establish the Eaton County Sheriff Department Mounted Division (Sheriff Posse).

Dick is survived by his 3 children, Patti Wright, Mike (Carol) Schneckenberger and Nancy (Kevin) Fullerton; grandchildren, Summer (Vinni) Ingalls, Kalyn Schneckenberger, Sonny (Jeff) Grendel, Ryan Schneckenberger and Tyger (Caitlyn) Fullerton; great-grandchildren, Katie Spotts, Shelby Ingalls, Wyatt Ingalls, Brogan Fullerton, Charley Grendel and Brynlee Fullerton; great-great-

grandchildren, Raven and Hazel Siefert; brother-in-law, Wayne (Lin) Terwilliger; niece and nephew, Marcie and Steve Terwilliger; and his beloved dog, Max. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 68 years, Mary Lou; infant son, Richard Mikell Schneckenberger; and grandson, Nicholas Michael Spotts.

Friends are encouraged to honor Dick by attending his Funeral Service at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 10, 2020 in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, also in the garden. Mask and distancing guidelines will be practiced. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dick on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Richard LaRue Schneckenberger*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 10, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard LaRue Schneckenberger*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 09, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *My family had such a good time showing horses and attending the Eaton county fair with Patty, Mike, and Nancy. Being around their family was a pleasure and a unique experience. Something I'll never forget. Thanks so much for sharing such good times. You with the Circle C Riders, and my family with the Sunny Crest Riders. Amazing memories.*

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**Terry Glenn Jackson** - January 27, 2021 at 07:42 PM

PE

“ I am late getting here, but am very sorry to hear of your loss just the same. Scrolling through Pray's on occasion to see who I missed turns up surprises and this was one of such a surprise. I believe the last time I talked to your father and mother was at Mary's funeral. It was always good to run onto to your parents, the conversation was worthwhile as usual. I am certain you cherished your time with both of them and hope the memories help you through the difficulty of healing.

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**Peter Edick** - November 20, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CB

“ Nancy and family, I just heard about your Dad's passing. I'm very sorry for your loss and wanted to send you light and love from South Florida. Maybe I'll get to see you at our class reunion next summer.  
Cheryl Dunn Bychek

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**Cheryl Dunn Bychek** - October 14, 2020 at 04:42 PM

EL

“ Pattie and Family, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you  
  
Dave and Elaine Martin

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**Elaine** - October 11, 2020 at 07:32 AM

DC

“ Dick was one of the favorite people that I and my daughter, Julia, visited weekly with while he was at Hope Landing. When the virus restrictions were imposed we visited weekly by phone. He was always upbeat and eager to communicate. I regret that we are unable to attend his services but know that he is involved in his new adventures. God bless.

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**Darrell Clements** - October 10, 2020 at 11:07 AM

JS

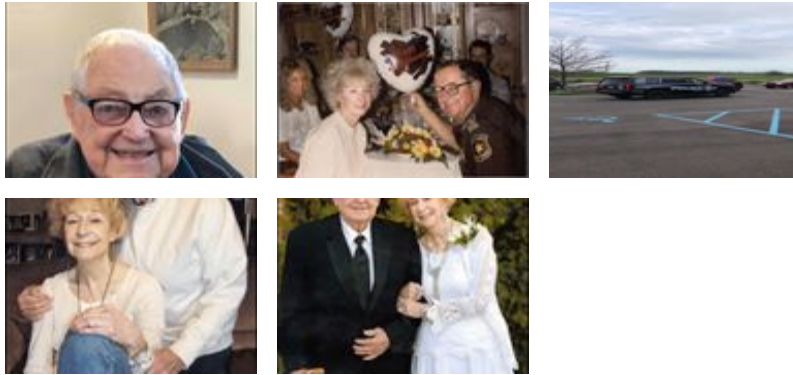
“ I just wanted to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father, grandfather,... You are blessed with a large and loving family, and many friends, stay strong.

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**Jim Shattuck** - October 10, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 09, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. The last time I saw him was at my Dad's Service (Clarence Betts). It was so special to see him. I grew up with the family. Patti and I took vacations with each others families and I have the best memories from my youth with the Schneckenbergers and Terwilligers. Those memories make me smile.

*You are all in my thoughts, especially Patti. I hope to see you next summer my friend.*

*Love to all.*

*Diane Betts*

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**Diane Betts** - October 07, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard LaRue Schneckenberger.*



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October 07, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of Dick and Mary Lou. I was always proud to call them family. I have set up memorials on FindaGrave.com for both of them, as well as connected them to their parents & siblings that I had information for.*

*I encourage family and friends to add photos to their memorials.  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/216445644/richard-larue-schneckenberger>*



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**Joey (Grier) Morales** - October 07, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Richard LaRue Schneckenberger*



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**Chuck Brandon** - October 07, 2020 at 03:28 PM

SP

“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences to your family. We have so many fond memories from our horse showing days. So glad we were able to share our love of horses with such amazing people. 🤔*

*Sherri & Dick Peffley  
Sue Ream*

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**Sherri Peffley** - October 07, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Richard LaRue Schneckenberger.*



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October 07, 2020 at 11:55 AM

NB

“ *Dear Patti, Nancy and all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was such a wonderful man. He was always upbeat and positive. I loved hearing his stories on being on the posse, working at GM and helping to defend our country. He was a true red blooded American and very proud of his family and their accomplishments. It was an honor for me to be a part of his life. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Natalie Brocieus** - October 07, 2020 at 09:58 AM

MC

“ Praying for peace and strength upon Patti and Nancy and your families. What a beautiful soul, hard working and talented man. His smile and personality were a strong presence in the lives of so many. An advocate and supporter, a humble man who truly made an impact on our community. What a blessing his daughters were to him. He will be missed.

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**Monique Colizzi** - October 06, 2020 at 10:07 PM

KM

“ I will always remember Dick. He was always very friendly to me. We spent several years together on the Posse. He was a very nice man. So sorry for your family.

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**Karen McGlaughlin** - October 06, 2020 at 10:04 PM

KV

“ Nancy,Patti,Sonny, Tyger and the rest of the family I am so sorry for the loss of a great father,grandfather and a genuine great man. I am so glad I got the opportunity to care for him and meet all you. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. He will truly be missed. With my deepest sympathy Kelly.

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**Kelly Vermillion** - October 06, 2020 at 08:03 PM