

Frederick Henry Schmelz

November 27, 1935 - February 2, 2017

Frederick H. Schmelz quietly slipped away on Thursday, February 2, 2017. He was surrounded by family and friends as he left to be with his beloved "Shatz", Lola M. Schmelz, the love of his life and his wife who predeceased him in 2014. He is survived by his children, Jaye Schneider, Bruce Schmelz, Gary Schmelz, Lori Schmelz, and Adam Schmelz and their families. Jaye and her husband John Schneider blessed Fred with 4 grandchildren, Catherine Stackhouse, Ian, Philip and Scott; Gary and his wife Caroline added to the grandchildren with Zachary, Gregory and Jade Rose. Lori Brower and her daughters, Ashley Schmelz-Brower and Rebekah Brower, and Adam. Fred is also survived by great grandchildren: Brandon and Nathan Stackhouse, sons of Catherine and Brian Stackhouse; Sierra Schneider, daughter of Philip and Trish Schneider and Ian Schneider and Kelly Henry added Ava to the family. Fred's sister, Barbara Carcich, and her children, Cheryl Ogden, Jared Carcich, Jason Carcich and Kristen Marra and Daren Sartori Carcich have also blessed their uncle with an extended family of spouses, nieces and nephews, and Fred's brother Joseph, who predeceased him, gave him loving nieces Susan Marshall (predeceased), Karen Rack and David Schmelz and their children. Through Lola, Fred was blessed with nephew George Adelhock, Yvonne Magill, and Marlene Hults, Susan Terpin (predeceased) and her sister, Karen Brunner and their families.

Fred was a Renaissance man in an age of specialties. Amongst the many hats he wore, he was an US Army MP, Lead mechanic for USAirways, having started with the company that was Mohawk Airlines. He worked as a milkman, a locksmith with his own business: Fred's Lockup, and both a bus driver and a personal driver for a Colonel in the Army prior to becoming an MP.

Some of Fred's greatest passions were his over 40-years of teaching Hunter Education in 2 states, being Santa for family and the community of Quinton, where he will long be remembered riding the local fire truck to officially light the Quinton Township Hall Christmas tree each year. He also dedicated time to several area hospitals delivering presents to the children as Santa, giving hope as well as presents to the kids he came to love on sight each time he visited.

Fred was an avid believer in our National Bill of Rights and was a Lifelong Member of the NRA. Many in the community will remember him running for the office of Quinton Constable with only a memo in the paper with his photograph. He won a good amount of votes for not even campaigning for the office. Always willing to lend a hand, it seemed everyone knew to call him to help lead them through fixing everything from plumbing to car troubles, and the local delivery companies would explain to their new drivers to "go past Fred's place" to get to a new address on their routes.

Fred will be sorely missed by all. Please remember him with joy and not tears, because it is the way he would want to be remembered. Father. Brother. Grandfather. Uncle. Friend.

For service arrangements, please private message Jaye or Lori at the below facebook addresses.

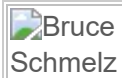
<https://www.facebook.com/tantejaye>

<https://www.facebook.com/lori.schmelz>

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Tribute Wall

 Bruce Schmelz

“ *It would be impossible to think that no one would share a memory of my father so I will start by saying that my father was the man who taught me ethics, generosity to others and was the biggest major influence on every positive thing I have ever known. From my love of my country to the way I treat other people, I can reflect on the huge shadow that will ever be cast over me by this giant of a man. - Bruce Schmelz, Son*

Bruce Schmelz - February 09, 2017 at 01:37 AM

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*R.I.P. Hero Frederick "Fred" Schmelz ... We thank you for Your Service to our Country.
Warriors Watch Riders
"RedBeard"
P.S. Your passion for Playing Santa and interacting with children says so much about the kind of Man you were. A Real Life Hero.*

RedBeard - February 10, 2017 at 07:06 AM

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*So truly sorry to learn of Fred's passing. He was a really nice guy in all respects and I think of him these many years after he and I car pooled together to PHL airport back in the 1990's meeting in Swedesboro. It was just the two of us so it was easy to know what a wonderful person he was. I also once ran into him at K Mart in Glassboro when he was dressed as Santa Claus and we had a good laugh together. I'll never forget Fred! RIP
Jim Lawrence, Mullica Hill, NJ (retired American Airlines A/C maintenance supply crew chief)*

James Lawrence - December 02, 2017 at 08:36 PM