



Arthur James Schuetze

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After just over 90 years and a life well lived, Art Schuetze left us and transitioned to his heavenly home. He was reunited with his parents, Art and Regina, and his two sisters, Janet and Barb. He was born in 1931 and passed away recently at his home in Lakeland FL. He was married for 64 years to the love of his life, Bonnie, who survives him along with 3 children Jamie Schlachter (Neal), Kim Schuetze (Nelson Lemmon), Scott Schuetze (Kristine) and one bonus son, Antonio Sanchez-Cappuchino (Jackie Newman) who came into our family as an exchange student and has been our beloved son/brother since then. Also missing him are seven grandchildren, Kyle Schlachter (Lisa Todd), Evan Schlachter, Tricia Endres (Tony), Kaitlyn Schuetze (Race Bottini), Alec Schuetze, Javier Sanchez and Jaime Sanchez and three great children (Ben, Bea and Nora).

Art was fortunate to have many experiences in his life. He proudly served in the US Navy on the USS Robinson and later was privileged to experience the Flight to Honor in 2015 in commemoration of his service. He loved Wisconsin and enjoyed sharing outdoor sports on the lake and in the woods with family and friends. He had season tickets since the early days of his favorite team, The Green Bay Packers. Since moving to Florida, he became a Tampa Lightnings fan.

After working, for many years in health care management, Art fully embraced retirement by immersing himself in golf and made two “holes in one.” It looked like so much fun that Bonnie soon joined him in retirement. They traveled to many of the places on their bucket list including a River Boat cruise in Fall 2019 through Eastern Europe. Good friends often accompanied them on their trips for fun and frolic!

His kids remember him as having a generous heart and supporting us in our adoptions of as many pets as we/he could take care of. This makes for great stories, memories and laughs! He always was active in our lives by coaching, teaching and



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encouraging us in our endeavors. He remained a cornerstone for us by providing a helping hand on our projects, visiting each of us often and sharing our joy as our families grew by loving his grandkids and great grandchildren. We especially appreciate his 'mostly' calm response to whatever damage we caused or crisis we created.

Although he enjoyed many accomplishments in his life, the one that brought him the most joy was his family. Whether you called him Husband and best friend, Dad, Art, Arthur, AJ, Grandpa, Papa, Big Papa or Friend, we will all miss him and love him. A Catholic service will be Friday, April 16, 2021 at St. Anthony's Church, Lakeland FL 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at 12:30 PM at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. If Art touched your life, please consider a donation to St. Jude's Children's hospital or to a charity of your choice in Lieu of flowers. The family will plan a celebration of life at a later date.




Events


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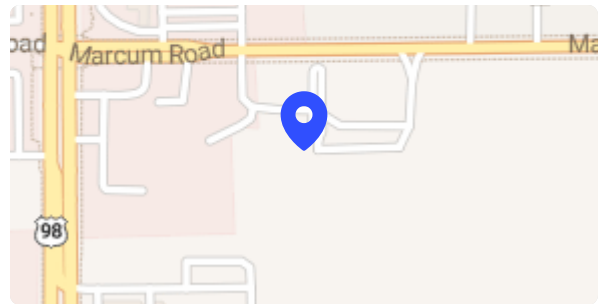
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Funeral Mass

 **Friday**, April 16, 2021


 10:00 AM ET


 **St. Anthony's Catholic Church**
820 Marcum Road, Lakeland FL

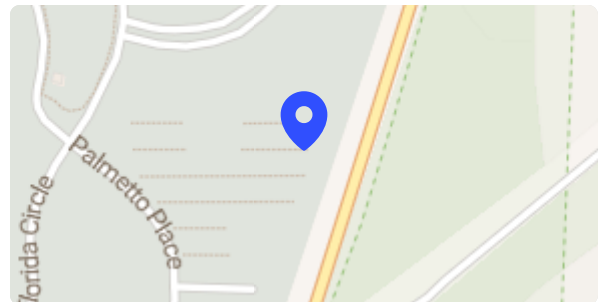


Burial


 **Friday**, April 16, 2021

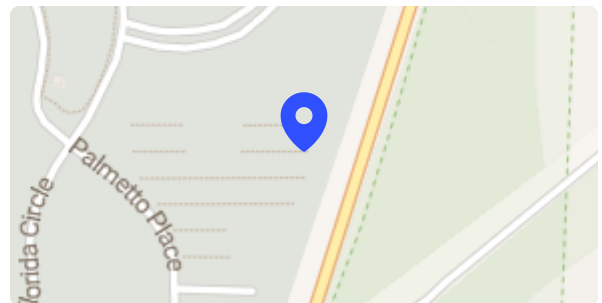
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 **Florida National Cemetery**
6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell FL 33513



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Schuetze family.



April 13 at 12:31 PM



Lenia & Jerry Dennis posted:

Art was a gentleman and friend. Always had a smile on his face. He will be missed. Bonnie may your memories bring healing and peace to your heart. Hugs to my friend.

April 12 at 6:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Schuetze family.



April 12 at 12:33 PM



Renee Querey posted:

Bonnie, Ray and I met you and Art at USS Robinson reunion in St. Louis. We immediately connected as friends. Sometimes you just know instantly when you meet good people. I value all the memories we shared through the years . I am so sorry for the loss of your soulmate, Art

April 12 at 9:00 AM



Love, Hank And Linda Schwartz sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Schuetze family.



April 11 at 8:19 AM



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SD

Sharon Daugherty posted:

Bonnie and Art were our "bowling buddies" for the Sandpiper bowling league! What great fun we had!! Not only did we bowl, we played cards, and always had a bid assortment of snacks. Art always told me "you can sniff out the joker". Of course we always would go out to eat after bowling. He had great stories about his tour in the Navy, and about his ship(not a a boat.). A wonderful family man, and a friend to many. Bonnie, I know you will treasure all the many memories you have made together. We will miss him, but I know that he will be giving everyone a lesson about Navy ships in heaven! With much love, Jack and Sharon

April 10 at 4:26 PM

KJ

Keith And Jeannie posted:

Bonnie, he was a great guy and enjoyed the times we spent with you both. We spent a New Years Eve or two with you and went to Minocqua. He will be missed. 🧑❤️

April 10 at 11:59 AM

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Tricia Endres shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Art / grandpa / big papa, got to come visit and meet his newest great grandchild for her first birthday. We all had the pleasure of enjoying a wonderful last visit him before he left us. My family and I will forever cherish this time with him. Grandpa, you're already so missed.



April 10 at 10:43 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arthur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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