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William "Bill" Paul Schultz, 92, of Vandalia, Illinois passed away peacefully at 5:48 AM, Friday, January 01, 2021 at SBL Fayette County Hospital with his daughter, Kathy, at his side.

Mr. Schultz was born on May 21, 1928 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the son of Robert Vernon and LaNeva Emma (Speck) Schultz, Sr. He married Emma Mae Martin on September 04, 1955. Together they raised two daughters and celebrated 55 years of marriage before her passing on February 16, 2011.

William obtained his degree in education in 1951 at Western Kentucky State College prior to enlisting in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. After his Navy service, he served as a member of the United States Air Force Reserve, eventually becoming a liaison for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Upon retiring in 1988, he had achieved the rank of Full-Bird Colonel.

Bill's career as an educator began when he settled in Vandalia in 1953 to teach at Vandalia Junior High School. In addition to teaching math, he coached basketball, track and field, and intramural football. "Coach Schultz" furthered his education by earning a Master's Degree in administration, eventually becoming principal for VJHS. After 32 years of teaching, coaching, and leadership, he 'retired' in 1985 to run Schultz Orchard in Shobonier, Illinois. He enjoyed selling apples, peaches, and apple cider for nearly two decades to area locals and many others who traveled from out of state. In his spare time, and after he sold the orchard, he enjoyed buying, rebuilding, and restoring MG and Triumph sports cars.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Vonnie (Yvonne) and husband Mark Albrecht of Tucson, Arizona, and Kathy Schultz of Vandalia; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Robert Vernon Schultz, Jr.; sister, Geraldine Dorothy Purcell; and nephew, Robert Foster Purcell.



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Services will be held at a later date with interment at Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia. Memorials may be made to Nourishing Greatness, Fayette County Health Department, or a charity of choice.

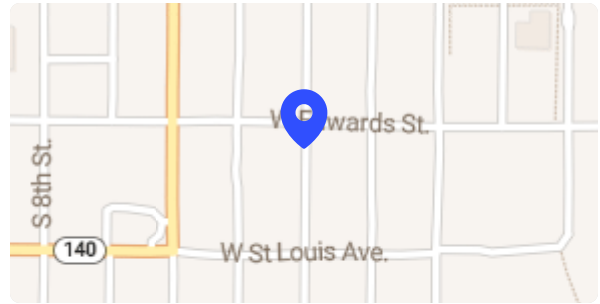


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Cemetery Details

 **Fairlawn Cemetery**
South 6th St, Vandalia IL 62471





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JB

Jane F Bell posted:

We moved to Vandalia in 1988 and the Happy Apple orchard was soon a favorite place to visit for our four children. They loved to visit Mr. Happy Apple and when our three-year old went for his first visit and he got an apple for the drive back to town. Once we got home I discovered there was nothing left - Michael had eaten the WHOLE apple - core and all - and said it was yummy. That story is part of our family lore. We admired Bill's attention to detail and the beautiful fruit that he provided for his customers. He was kind and hard-working. I sent our children Mr. Happy Apple's obituary and they shared their warm memories. Our sympathy to you, Kathie, and the rest of the family. He was a wonderful man. Dave and Jane Bell, Michael, Rachel, Drew and Daniel.

January 10 at 4:55 PM

HW

Haldon Warner posted:

I will anyways remember him a favorite junior high teacher. He did a great job with us Yahoo's. Rest in peace Bill.Haldon warner

January 6 at 9:07 AM

MR

Marilyn (Taylor) Rockow January 7 at 2:24 AM

I Marilyn & my sister Carolyn want to send prayers to you & your family. We both enjoyed having your dad as a teacher.He was kind & we both learned a lot from him. May God be with you all during this time & enjoy those memories in your hearts. From the (Taylor) twins Marilyn & Carolyn God Bless

ED

Ember Davis posted:

I remember Mr. Schultz as my math teacher at Vandalia Junior High. He made math interesting and enjoyable. Sometimes even today at the age of 73 he will come to mind.Prayers for the family.Ember Eakin Davis

January 6 at 5:49 AM

JE

Judith Davis Engelberg January 6 at 11:07 AM

Mr. Schultz was a kind, caring teacher and was interested in our understanding math. He gave us encouragement and I will never forget him..



Memories only last if you share them

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



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