

Anton Schan

October 5, 1927 - June 23, 2015

Schan, Anton "Tony", Age 87, June 23, 2015. He was born October 5, 1927, in Verendry, North Dakota to his late parents Andrew and Clara Schan. He married Donna E. Strok on November 26, 1960 in Farmington, Michigan. Anton served and was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving in the Korean War with the 45 Reconnaissance. He retired after 25 years with Cadillac Gage Company. Tony was an avid wood worker, enjoyed traveling and spending the winter months in North Ft. Myers, Florida for 15 years with his dear wife, Donna. Beloved husband of Donna E. for the past 54 1/2 years. Dear brother of Barbara (Bill) Feidler, Katherine (late Carl) Klein, Joseph (June), and Rosella (Dan) Bruner. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his siblings: Helen, Mary, Leo, Selma, Ben, and Ann. Family will receive friends at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica, Friday 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. His Funeral Service Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Family request donations to Leaders Dogs for the Blind. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Detroit Wilbert Cremation Services, LLC

44481 Groesbeck Hwy.
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Funeral Services

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WA

“ To the family of Anton Schan: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.

Wanda - June 29, 2015 at 07:08 AM

JO

“ Donna, Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back at your wonderful life with Tony help comfort you tomorrow. My prayers are with you,
JoAnn (Mendenhall) Lang



JoAnn - June 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

“ Uncle Tony was my father’s best friend for more than 60 years. I was in my late teens before I realized that Uncle Tony was not really my father’s brother, nor, was Aunt Donna my father’s sister. I was disappointed to find out that Uncle Tony was not my “real uncle”; I had always believed that he was my father’s brother because of how very close they were.

For as long as I can remember, they were always there, through good times and bad. I cannot think of a single event in my life that they weren’t a part of. They were, and are, a permanent a fixture in my family, in my life & all of my memories. They were always so happy to see me & that always made me feel special to them. I know that I am special to them both, but, as I grew older, I realized that they made every one of us feel that way. How incredible it is to have such a gift like that.

My father & Uncle Tony became friends after they both got out of the service in 1952. Both men served in the Korean War. As the story was told to me by my dad, or at least how I remember it, Uncle Tony & my dad met through Pappy (John). They were like kindred spirits the two of them...birds of a feather...two peas in a pod. They were of the same mind. I believe that the two of them could an entire conversation without ever uttering a single word. I idolized my dad, for me, the sun rose and set upon him. My father felt the same way about Uncle Tony.

Many years ago, while driving my dad home from Aunt Donna’s & Uncle Tony’s, after Uncle Tony cut his hair & many games of Euchre, I asked my dad if he and Uncle Tony had ever had an argument or a fight. He said, “No, never. Not once.” I asked how that could be because I was really impressed that two people could be friends for more than 50 years (at that time) & not have one disagreement. My father told me that he had never admired or respected anyone more in his life than Uncle Tony & that whatever Uncle Tony said, that’s what he would do. For those of you who knew my father, you will understand the magnitude of his statement. For those of you that didn’t know my father, well, let me just say this, my father was his own man, who was immensely private & did not defer to anyone’s opinion, except his own. So for him to make such

a statement was a pronouncement of how strong he felt about Uncle Tony and his opinion.

When my father was sick, Uncle Tony & Aunt Donna were there for me. They sat by my side, giving me the support that I needed. My father passed away a little over two years ago. I had the funeral & the mass & many people were there. But when it came time for the actual internment, which happened five days later, at Fort Custer, there was a very select few that I invited to come, as it was immensely personal for me because it would be the very last act of saying goodbye to my father. Of course they were there. It was one of the saddest days of my life, but it is also one of my most treasured memories. I will forever hold that moment dear in my heart. As they lowered my father's casket into the grave, Uncle Tony & my cousin, Denny Robson, both veterans of war, honored my father by saluting him one last time, with tears streaming down their faces. For as long as I live, I will never forget that moment. I was burying my beloved father & Uncle Tony was burying his lifelong friend.

During these last few weeks, many people asked who I was and they would say, without hesitation, "This is Katherine, our niece". I know that most people consider family being defined as related by blood. My father considered Tony his blood. I don't know if heaven exists or not, but I'd like to believe that when Uncle Tony left this world, that my dad was waiting for him on the other side with a shot and a beer.

Thank you for being my father's best friend & my uncle. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your niece. I will always miss you Uncle Tony.

Katherine (Kudla) Hanley - June 26, 2015 at 09:37 AM

FP

“ Frank & Roxey Podpechan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Anton Schan .



Frank & Roxey Podpechan - June 25, 2015 at 06:29 PM

MG

“ Donna, Tony was such a loveable and jolly man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill and Margaret Garrard

margaret Garrard - June 25, 2015 at 03:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anton Schan .



June 25, 2015 at 03:07 PM

AP

“ Donna, My thoughts and prayers are with you.

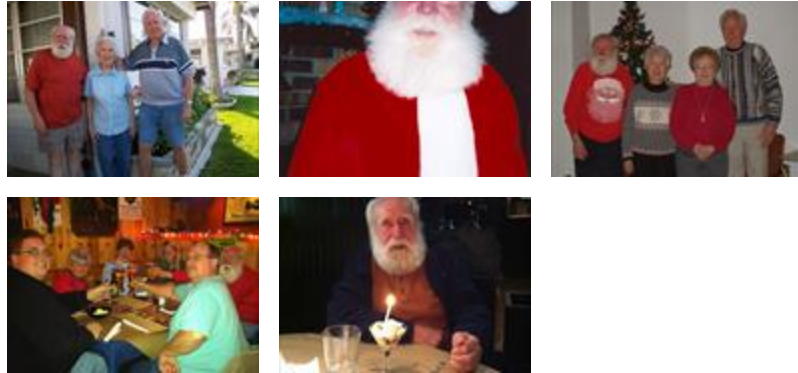
Arline Parker

Arline Parker - June 25, 2015 at 02:43 PM



Matthew Cipa

“ 15 files added to the album *Family Memories*



Matthew Cipa - June 25, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Anton Schan .



June 25, 2015 at 11:37 AM