



Jerry C. Scholten

September 8, 1935 - March 12, 2022

Jerry C. Scholten of Cadillac passed away, Saturday, March 12, 2022, in his beloved home surrounded by family.

Jerry was born September 8, 1935 in Cadillac to Carl and Florence (Turnblom) Scholten. He was a lifelong resident of Cadillac, and was proud of his Swedish heritage as a second generation son of immigrants. Jerry attended the former Cass Elementary School, and graduated from Cadillac High School in 1953. After high school, he joined the United States Air Force and spent his time in Alaska and Texas. Jerry married the love of his life, Mary Devereaux in 1957 at Saint Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac. Together they had four children: Thomas, John, Catherine and Peter.

After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Jerry attended Ferris State University, studying tool design and drafting. He was employed by MDOT, Northwood Manufacturing of Cadillac and for 31 years at Kysor of Cadillac in the shop and engineering department. He also worked as a Patent Drawing Artist which showcased his artistic ability. He retired from all manner of work at age 59. Jerry and Mary were then free to pursue the things they loved, included outdoor activities, travel and grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by parents, Carl and Florence Scholten; sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Sam Ferrari; a son, Thomas Scholten;

grandchild Chad Schappa and in-laws, Marvin and Helen Devereaux.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Scholten; children: Dr. John (Barb) Scholten of Petoskey, Catherine (Mark) Stilwell of Cadillac; Peter Scholten of Charlevoix; grandchildren: Dr. Courtney (Curtis) Phillips, Jonathon (Jess) Byrd, Daniel (Nick) Byrd, Carl (Kristen) Scholten, Dr. Hannah Scholten, Dr. Kellen Stilwell, Cody Stilwell, Kylee Scholten, Abbey Scholten, Megan Scholten, Claire Scholten; several great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and friends.

Jerry will be remembered in so many ways, but foremost was his love and dedication to his wife and family. He had a keen sense of humor, a kind heart and an ability to “lighten the load” of those around him. He loved his family above all things, and was quick to share his pride and affection toward them. Many wonderful moments were spent in his company, enjoying the delicious homemade soups and sandwiches he was known for. Jerry knew and loved all the best things in life including the beach, baseball, bike rides, good music and cold beer. One of Jerry’s unique talents was bestowing his family and friends with unique nicknames, many of which continue to endure to this day. He had a deep and abiding love for his wife, and was truly the best dad and grandpa that anyone could ask for. We will miss him each and every day, but take consolation in all of our wonderful memories of him and the promise of seeing him again one day in Heaven.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11:00 AM Monday, March 21, 2022 at Saint Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Father Michael Janowski as Celebrant and with military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at church. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Rhonda Fowler and their

Hospice of Michigan family, especially Jen and April. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan Cadillac Chapter. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
800 W 13th St
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-2471

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jim McCullagh and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry C. Scholten.



Jim McCullagh and family - March 20, 2022 at 07:43 AM

JM

“ So sorry for the loss of Jerry. What a great guy and cousin. I wish we had spent more time together. I loved visiting and hearing about the beer can collection. God bless you all. Love, Jim McCullagh

Jim McCullagh - March 20, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry C. Scholten.



March 19, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.petersonfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Jerry C. Scholten.

March 19, 2022 at 11:05 AM

MB

“ My God be with all of you during this time of loss. I am lucky enough to have met Jerry and have many great memories of him. I pray strength and blessing over all of you and know I will see him again in Heaven. Rest in Peace Curtis...

Bushrod

Michael Bush - March 18, 2022 at 11:32 AM

DB

“ During my 40 years in Cadillac I never met a nicer person than Jerry. He always had time for me with that contagious smile. He was blessed with a wonderful wife and family. R.I.P., Jerry My sympathy to all the family.

Daniel Brooks - March 18, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jerry C. Scholten.



March 17, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry C. Scholten.



March 15, 2022 at 03:26 PM

LM

“ It was my privilege to be able to spend time with Jerry and Anne and talk with Jerry about the time he spent working with my deceased spouse Lyle. I also feel it an honor to be able to go to their house and develop a relationship with Anne and to spend time with Jerry so she could feel free to have a few minutes of time without stress. They made a wonderful impact on my life.
Lois Matteson, Hospice of Michigan Volunteer

Lois Matteson - March 15, 2022 at 09:38 AM

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Truly the world has lost a great man. It was truly a privilege to have known Jerry and shared many wonderful times with him, Mary and their family. Offering up prayers for comfort and peace for the family during this difficult time.
Sherry and Dan Stafford

Sherry Stafford - March 15, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry C. Scholten.*



March 15, 2022 at 01:18 AM

ST

“ *Extending the Lord's Blessings to the Scholten family and all of Jerry's friends through the years. I'm honored to have known him and blessed myself to be close friends for decades with all of you. To know that he's now at peace in Heaven after his body wasn't keeping up with his mind is comforting.*

This website suggests sharing a memory--I'll offer up "THE Baseball Trip," of which I understand Jerry reminisced often, even recently per Pete. He indeed mentioned it when I last saw him at one of Megan's CMU soccer matches this past fall.

Sending prayers to all of you, and reliving many great memories of conversations I had with Jerry throughout the years myself. ~~ God Bless, Stan "the Man"

Stan - March 14, 2022 at 05:11 PM