



Joseph Francis Schira

March 18, 1921 - December 16, 2011

Born in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada March 18, 1921, to William and Anna Schira, Joe passed away Friday, December 16, 2011, surrounded by his loving family.

A graduate of Tiffin Calvert High School, he graduated from the former DeSales College in Toledo and lived in the Old West End over 55 years and was active in the Old West End Association.

He served in the United States Air Force during WW II as a linguist and taught English to Chinese pilots at Cornell University, then worked for the Dana Corporation 32 years as Director of Labor Relations retiring in 1978.

During his college years, he worked at the former St. Anthony's Orphanage. He married Mary Rita Cole in 1942 and she passed away in April 2006.

A very active member of Rosary Cathedral, he generously volunteered his time as an usher and carpenter for the church and school and was proud of the many projects and repairs that adorned the Cathedral.

Surviving are his children, Mary Lourdes (Tim) Harshman, Kathleen (Richard) Burnett, Christine (Jim) Croll, Susan (Dave) Rashleigh, Tim (Barbara) Schira, Mark Schira, Laurie (Jeff) Potrzebowski, Carolyn (Walt) Harris, Angela (Dave)

Obee, Peter (Laura) Schira Elizabeth (Tim) Puleo and Tom Schira. Also surviving are 31 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren along with his sister Peggy Vieth. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles J. Schira, and sisters, Mary E. Bender, Bernadette Ahrens and Angela Schira.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday from 2-8 p.m. where a Service will be held at 7p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the mortuary followed by the funeral mass in Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Calvary Cemetery will be private. Memorials may take the form of contributions to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, 2535 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, OH 43610

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dysfunctional family*

Tom Schira - July 27, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ *Frequent thoughts of aunt Rita and uncle Joe have been on my mind. Trying to remember the address of the house on Scottwood down from grandma Malone in the 2500 block, just north of Delaware. Miss those day. Where did life go so fast. Till we meet again. House at 2527 still looks good*



patty malone - November 01, 2021 at 05:12 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are focused on you, my cousins. Love, Jane##imported-begin##Jane Vieth janevieth@gmail.com##imported-end##*

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Schira family,

Joe was a tremendous person and he will be sorely missed.

Our deepest condolences to the members of Joe's family.

*Douglas and Nora##imported-begin##Douglas Kidd and Eleanor
Hutton dkidd@bex.net##imported-end##*

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss Aunt Susie and for not being able to make it to the funeral home. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please give my condolences to Uncle Dave, Mark, Ken, and Marty.

Regards,

Tim##imported-begin##Tim Rashleigh##imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ TO THE SCHIRA FAMILY.
WE SEND OUR SYMPATHY AND HEART FELT FONDNESS AND
MEMORIES OF YOUR FATHER. HE WAS A GREAT MAN.
MANY GOOD TIMES IN THE "OLD WEST END" BACK IN THE
DAY!
ANY OF YOU PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE EMAIL LISTED
BELOW.
WITH MUCH LOVE, MARTY AND BRIDGET HUFF AND THE
HUFF BROTHERS.##imported-begin##MARTY AND BRIDGET
HUFF AND THE HUFF BROTHERS.
HUFF1913@AOL.COM##imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Schira Family,
You have my support and prayers at this time with the death of your dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather.
I remember the old West End festival I always ended up on the Schira porch. We had some good times. He always had a kind word and wonderful smile on his face. I know Rita and Joe are happy being with each other again.
My prayers are for you all.
Sister Ann Marie Mc Manus###imported-begin##Sister Ann Marie Mc Manus irishmcmamus@yahoo.com###imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to read of Joe's passing. We had just received his Christmas card saying how happy he was, and how well he was doing. He was a great neighbor and friend and we will miss him greatly. We apologize for emailing this but we are out of town and could not stop by to pay our respects in person.###imported-begin##jack and mary lindberg jmlindb@bex.net###imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Cousins,

We'll never forget our kind Uncle Joe. Alav hashalom, may his memory be for blessing.

Debi###imported-begin##Debi Cole puwiffy@yahoo.com###imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pete,
Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with Laura, you and
your family.
Mark, Deb, and Family##imported-begin##Mark and Deb
Pawlaczyk##imported-end##*

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pete,

So sorry for loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your
family.##imported-begin##Kris
Kristofly11@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##*

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peter, Brenda and I were so sorry to read of your Dad's passing.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you're family. I hope to
see you soon maybe the 28th, and if not I'll just look froward to our
next get together.
Jim and Brenda Bates##imported-begin##Jim and Brenda
Bates##imported-end##*

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am certain Joe is with God at this time, and we continue to pray for the family as they handle the death of Joe.

Last Thursday, St. Joan of Arc celebrated the Christmas Mass at Swan Creek Nursing Home. We knew Joe was hospitalized, and as we celebrated Mass, our celebrant Father Tony Recker used the chalice and ciborium that Joe had crafted. A fitting tribute to Joe. Father Tom Wehinger will be utilizing these vessels as he celebrates monthly Masses at Swan Creek.

God's Peace to all of you.

Gene Lesak###imported-begin##Gene Lesak###imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Very shocked to hear of Uncle Joe's passing. I have fond memories of the good times we all had with the Schira cousins in the good old days. Too many memories this time of year. My condolences to you all. The memories of your Dad will help you through the days to come.###imported-begin##Jeanne Ahrens Isley###imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Blessings and Prayers to the family--Joe was a great man who gave so much to the Old West End in many ways.###imported-begin##Judy Stone judy@judystone.com###imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Cousins;

One of my best memories as a child was to go to visit Aunt Rita and Uncle Joe and the kids in Toledo. There was a milk machine in the kitchen! It was such a warm and loving home that were cherished every visit. We will miss uncle Joe, he was a wonderful, caring and giving man.

*Linda Cole Barrows##imported-begin##Linda Cole Barrows barrows
l@msu.edu##imported-end##*

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