



Carl "Smokey" Schools

September 14, 1932 - November 5, 2023

On November 5, 2023, Carl (Smokey) Frederick Schools passed away at Albany Medical Center surrounded by loved ones. Born on September 14, 1932, to the late Clarence and Martha (Knitt) Schools, at home in Stuyvesant Falls, he was the second youngest of nine children. Carl served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, with deployment to England to two bases where he served as a cryptographer. He was then married to Diana Ronsani for 29 years, with whom they had four children, Jody Schools (Stuyvesant), Craig Schools (Stuyvesant), Gary (Cynthia Hart) Schools (Lexington, SC), and Gina (James) Armstrong of Valatie, NY. He worked 31 years at Greenport Building Supplies Inc. managing sales and operations, where he was a key contact for contractors and homeowners. After retirement he enjoyed a variety of interests doing land surveying, fishing, and teaching others the skills of skiing and golf.

Carl enjoyed hiking, hunting, nordic and alpine skiing, and especially golfing with his family and many friends. He was a skilled wood carver and carpenter, including building furniture and tools using techniques from the 1700s and 1800s. He served as Commodore for the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club and was a member of the Greenport Historical Society. As an avid reader, he consumed many topics from architecture to Westerns.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Alice; step-daughter Shelby Ensign (Philmont), grandchildren Joshua Schools, Allison Groom, Gregory Schools, Benjamin Schools, Daniel Schools, Olivia Armstrong, Alexandra

Armstrong and step-granddaughter Marrisa Ensign, and four great grandchildren: Gemma, Scarlet, Mackenzie and Hank, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his stepsons, Jason and Daniel Ensign, and his eight siblings.

A private memorial will be held at the family's convenience.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our most sincere condolences dear Alice.*

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“ *Jody and family, we are sorry to hear about Smokey. Mary and Jim Zanutelli*

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