



Connie Schoessler

February 6, 1936 - July 29, 2024

Connie Schoessler, age 88, of Westside, died Monday, July 29, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. Friday, August 2, 2024 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Vail. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Music will be by Irene Feilmeier and the St. Ann's Choir. Lector and Eucharistic Minister will be Paulette (Schoessler) Spriggs. Gift Bearers will be Ashley Ann Ricke, Courtney Anne Ricke, Torri Lynne Ricke, and Peter Joseph Stodolak. Casket Bearers will be Jay Robert Ricke, Matthew Joseph Ricke, Steven John Ricke, Christopher Conrad Schoessler, Patrick Thomas Schoessler, Alyssa Erin Schoessler Haefner. Burial will be in the Westside Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at St. Ann's Church in Vail. A Prayer Service will be held at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Friday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to St. Anthony Hospice, or Westside Fire Department.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Connie's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Clarence Conrad (Connie) Schoessler was born Feb. 6th, 1936, in Carroll, Iowa to parents Arthur Conrad and Edith (Kracht) Schoessler. Connie grew up on the family farm on the edge of Westside, IA homesteaded by his grandfather Henry Schoessler. He was raised with his two brothers, Paul and Clayton. Connie attended Westside school, graduating from Westside High in 1954. He continued working with his father, learning about farming, livestock, and blacksmithing, among other things. Connie loved to do anything with his hands: wiring, fixing, building, or planting trees.

After growing tired of milking cows twice a day, and carrying feed by hand to livestock, Connie decided to do what he always loved, working in the shop. He formed C+D Electric with friend Denny Maasen. They were eventually joined in the business by Connie's son Rolly, which made Connie very proud. They provided quality electrical work in commercial and residential buildings, large and small jobs, traveling extensively over western Iowa, making friends on every job. Connie retired from the electrical business in 2005, turning the business over to Rolly, who ran Schoessler Electric until July of this year. Rolly then turned the reigns over to his son Patrick, another source of great pride for Connie. The tradition continues.

Connie married Rosalie Powers in 1955 and continued living on the farm, which was his lifetime home. Connie and Rosalie had three children, Mary, Rolly and Julie, but always had a house filled with neighbor kids, friends, kissing cousins, and anyone needing a helping hand or boost. They enjoyed being around younger people, and there are many great stories about parties at the Schoessler farm. Rosalie died suddenly in 1993. Connie's life took a new direction in 2002, with his marriage to Deanna (Dee) Staiert Ricke on October 11, 2002. He was back to attending high school events and activities for Dee's sons, Jay, Matt and Steven. He made many new friends and valued the interaction with other parents at football games and wrestling matches.

While Connie may have retired from the electrical business, he did not retire from life. His interests turned to restoring Allis Chalmers tractors. He could dismantle an entire tractor, work on the engine and moving parts, strip, grind, paint, and reassemble, with great patience. Dee and Connie made many road trips going after the next "Allis". Every auction or private purchase of a tractor had a story about the nice people he came across. Connie was a friend to everyone. Connie's many years of working with tractors came together under one roof with the building of a tractor museum on his farm, which houses well over 60 farm tractors and garden tractors: a testament to hard work and dedication.

Connie died 88 years young on Monday July 29th on the farm where he was born. Up until June 1st of this year, Connie could be seen mowing his huge yard, digging post holes, repairing fence, working on tractors, cutting down trees, or stacking firewood. He leaves a legacy of hard work, kindness, loyalty, friendship, integrity, and love.

Connie is survived by his wife Dee of Westside, his children Mary (dec. Mark Haefner) of St. Louis Park, MN, Rolly of Westside, and Julie (Peter) Stodolak of Boynton Beach FL; grandchildren: Christopher (Kalie) Schoessler, Des Moines, IA, Patrick (Joanne) Schoessler of Manning, IA, Alyssa Haefner (special friend John) of Minneapolis, MN, and Mia Stodolak of Amherst, OH. Six great-grandchildren: Rollins, Dax, Jack, Charlie, Rhett and Ridge Schoessler. Additional sons are Jay (Courtney) Ricke of Runnells, Matt (Ashley) Ricke of Arcadia, and Steven (Torri) Ricke of Sioux City, Ricke grandchildren: Rogan, Emma, Louis, Joslyn, Bennett, Charlotte and Theodore; his brothers, Paul Schoessler of Lake of the Ozarks, MO, and Clayton Schoessler of Lewisville, TX; in-law's Dave and Jeanne Staiert of Carroll, and Doug and Linda Staiert of Des Moines IA; numerous nieces and nephews, extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rosalie; son-in-law Mark Haefner; sisters-in-law, Rose Marie Schoessler, Neva Schoessler, and Patsy Schoessler.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
102 5th Ave
Vail, IA 51465

Tribute Wall

GP

“ When I think of Connie, I think of his generosity. I believe he would give you the shirt off his back. I always remember my husband, Joe Powers, telling me about Connie giving him his first bicycle. I pray they get together in heaven. I love you, Connie. Gina Powers

Gina Powers - August 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM

EL

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Such a kind guy.

EILEEN M LANGENFELD - August 01, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DN

“ Danny and Erin Niehaus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Connie Schoessler.



Danny and Erin Niehaus - August 01, 2024 at 02:48 PM

DN

“ Danny and Erin Niehaus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.

Danny and Erin Niehaus - August 01, 2024 at 02:48 PM

BD

“ Brad, Kellie, Daniel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.

Brad, Kellie, Daniel - August 01, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BD

“ Brad, Kellie, Daniel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Connie Schoessler.



Brad, Kellie, Daniel - August 01, 2024 at 01:21 PM

MK

“ Michael and Kellie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.

Michael and Kellie - August 01, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Connie Schoessler.



August 01, 2024 at 11:40 AM

MW

“ Marti Family, Jeffrey K & Sara W purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Connie Schoessler.



Marti Family, Jeffrey K & Sara W - August 01, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Connie Schoessler.*



July 31, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ *Brad, Kim, Austin and Max Knott planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Connie Schoessler.*

Brad, Kim, Austin and Max Knott - July 31, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ *Jeff and Cheryl Vetter planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Connie Schoessler.*

Jeff and Cheryl Vetter - July 31, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Jeff and Cheryl Vetter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Connie Schoessler.*



Jeff and Cheryl Vetter - July 31, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to Connie's family!!!*

Cecelia Thelen - July 31, 2024 at 05:31 PM

JJ

“ Jeffries J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.

Jeffries J. - July 31, 2024 at 05:08 PM

ST

“ Soup, Krissy and Thomas purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Connie Schoessler.



Soup, Krissy and Thomas - July 31, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Schoessler.



July 31, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JF

“ Joe & Jennifer Norton and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.

Joe & Jennifer Norton and family - July 31, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Connie Schoessler.*



July 31, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of the family. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Special hugs to you, Dee. Rest in peace, Connie.*



Retta Williams, Ken Meiners, and Jason - July 31, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Nancy K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.*

Nancy K. - July 31, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.*

Mary L. - July 31, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JH

“ Juli H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.

Juli H. - July 31, 2024 at 11:45 AM

BV

“ My sympathy Dee and family. May he rest in peace.

Bev Vonnahme - July 31, 2024 at 11:20 AM

RB

“ Randy and Terri Beckley purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Connie Schoessler.



Randy and Terri Beckley - July 31, 2024 at 12:23 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Connie Schoessler.



July 30, 2024 at 07:06 PM

LL

“ *Such a great man, always so kind. Rest in peace Connie! Lou Leiting*



Lou Leiting - July 30, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Connie Schoessler.*



July 30, 2024 at 04:18 PM

GM

“ *Grant, Cherine, Ava, Jack Michelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Schoessler.*

Grant, Cherine, Ava, Jack Michelson - July 30, 2024 at 04:18 PM

JS

“ *Jolene &Mark Stoelk lit a candle in memory of Connie Schoessler*



Jolene &Mark Stoelk - July 30, 2024 at 11:56 AM