



## Raymond Schettler

February 9, 1924 - August 10, 2017

Raymond Schettler, 93 of Carroll and formerly of Breda, died Thursday, August 10, 2017 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Fr. Mark Stoll. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Thomas Hart. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Ken Schettler. Gift Bearers will be: Laura Ludwig and Mary Jo Schettler. Casket Bearers will be: Justin Ludwig, Ryan Ludwig, Nikki Ludwig, Brett Ludwig, John Herbolsheimer, Holly Schettler, and Jordan Riesselman. The Catholic Order of Foresters will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be in St. Bernard Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Breda American Legion.

Friends may call at St. Bernard Church in Breda after 5 p.m. on Tuesday where there will be a rosary at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be left at the church for Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation or St. Anthony Hospital Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda and online condolences may be left for Ray's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on February 9, 1924 at Breda, Iowa, Raymond was the son of Ben and Emma (Hoebing) Schettler. He graduated from St. Bernard's High School with the Class of 1941. Ray served in the United States Army with the military

police and following his honorable discharge returned to the Breda area. On March 28, 1951 he was united in marriage to Rita Stevens at St. Peter and Paul Church in Carroll. The couple made their home in Breda where Ray farmed until 1989.

Ray had an appreciation for nature as he loved tending to his garden at home, caring for the flowers at St. Bernard Church and also cared for the bird houses along the Sauk Trail. Ray enjoyed volunteer work. While wintering in Texas Ray and Rita assisted with children's refuge mission and volunteered at New Hope Village Store in Carroll. Ray enjoyed visiting friends at nursing homes, playing cards, and socializing with his many family and many friends. Ray held a special place in his heart for Roger and John Hoebing, who at a young age came to live with Ray's family.

Ray was a member of St. Bernard Church, Breda American Legion and Catholic Order of Foresters.

Ray is survived by his wife Rita Schettler of Carroll; his children: Laura (Dale) Ludwig of Carroll and Ken (Mary Jo) Schettler of Omaha; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law; his siblings: Vincent Schettler, Cecilia Schettler, Leona Schettler, Georgia Schettler, Eugene Schettler, Leonard Schettler, Colette Grote, Cyril Schettler, Joe Schettler, Marcella Gross, Laurine (Sr. Karen FSPA), Lucile (Sr. Lucile FSPA) and Rita Lorenz as well as many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ So sorry to here about Ray, passing away. Margaret & I send our sincerest sympathy to My Aunt Rita

*With Love, Bill & Margaret Stevens*

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**Bill & Margaret** - August 18, 2017 at 09:03 PM

MF

“ *Mutual of Omaha, Law Operation Family purchased the Stately Croton for the family of Raymond Schettler.*



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**Mutual of Omaha, Law Operation Family** - August 15, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Schettler.*



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August 14, 2017 at 04:22 PM

BS

“ I have many great memories of Ray Schettler.  
I was fortunate to be able to spend many summertime hours on his farm near Breda as a boy. Ray was generous with pay & with his time. I would help with hay baling. We walked Beans, carrying machetes or hoes to chop weeds. And Ray always cared about the people first. His wife Rita was always there, with large wonderful lunches for the workers. Ray & I mixed & poured concrete for a corn bin floor. We shoveled corn. He taught me to kill rats when we shoveled corn from old cribs. Ray taught me to drive his '59 Chevy' pickup truck. He insisted. I learn. I was terrified, but I learned to enjoy the 3 speed manual transmission. Knowing that manual, later helped me get a part time job, with a local lumber yard. Ray was always a gentleman & a great mentor, the best type. Ray taught me countless lessons about farm life. How to shoot a jackrabbit, 'Lead him a little more!' Make sure hay is dry, before you store it inside a barn. I am very fortunate, to have collected fresh eggs at his place & to have helped with the animals. Ray was always generous with pay, with his time & conversation. He helped me & my siblings countless times. At times he Took us helpers to the state fair. We will all cherish these memories for ever. Ray, had been a military police but was a true gentleman. He taught me to have a respect for life & a respect for women. Thank You Ray & My god bless Ray & Rita. My Love to Ken & Laura & their families. Bill Schettler Mt. Vernon, Ia.

**Bill Schettler** - August 14, 2017 at 03:35 PM

LL

*Thanks for your beautiful memories. Dad always enjoyed you kids and your hard work and company. He liked to keep those rabbits out of his garden! He lived a full, long life and we feel so fortunate to have had so many years with him. We spent the past 10 days reminiscing and talking; saying our goodbye's. He did crossword puzzles for about 30 years every day--I think that was his key to keeping his mind sharp to the very end. Saturday he was playing cards in the hospital with his card buddies; he even marked because no one else knew how to!! Thanks again. Laura*

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**Laura Ludwig** - August 14, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond Schettler.*



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August 14, 2017 at 09:21 AM

AN

“ My sympathy to you Rita and your family at the passing of Ray. I am the youngest daughter of Irene Thiele-Richter and she spoke so highly of you and Ray over the years. What a good man! I was looking into our family history and am wondering if Ray's dad Ben was the son of Anna Lonneman and Ben Schettler? If so he would have been a half-sister to our grandmother who was Anna Schulte Thiele, daughter of Anna Lonneman and her second husband Ted Schulte. I was told that Ben Schettler died of heat stroke when Anna was pregnant with John Schettler. Such an interesting family history. I hope his memory brings you much comfort!

Sincerely,  
Annette Richter Seivert

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**Annette** - August 13, 2017 at 03:46 PM

LL

Annette,  
Yes, dad's father Ben was married to Anna Schulte Thiele. I remember him talking about the Thiele's. Dad was not ill very long and we were lucky to have him around for 93 years!! He lived a full life and we will miss him. Laura Ludwig, Ray Schettler's daughter.

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**Laura Ludwig** - August 14, 2017 at 05:21 PM



Rita and family, I know this is a very sad & difficult time for you. Ray was a wonderful man and one of the nicest people I knew. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest condolences.  
Bonnie Malm

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**Bon Malm** - August 15, 2017 at 08:03 PM

LL

Thank you so much Bonnie. Yes he was very generous with his time and loved to volunteer for things and keep busy! Thank you for your thoughts. Laura Ludwig

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**Laura Ludwig** - August 18, 2017 at 03:09 PM



*You and your family have our deepest sympathy, Rita.*

*Leona (Schettler) and Rich Onken*

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**LEONA ONKEN** - August 21, 2017 at 04:13 PM