



## Paul F. Schrad

April 3, 1917 - December 16, 2014

NORFOLK — Services for Paul F. Schrad, 97, of Norfolk will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk with military rites and burial at 1:45 p.m. at St. Frances Catholic Cemetery at Randolph. Military rites will be by American Legion Post 0113 and VFW Alvin Kessler Post 5545 of Randolph.

The Revs. Michael Swanton and Dave Andrews will officiate. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with a 7 p.m. rosary. He died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014, at Heritage of Bel Air.

Paul Frank Schrad was born April 3, 1917, on a farm near Randolph to Anton (Tony) and Josephine (Reker) Schrad. He was baptized and confirmed at the St. Frances de Chantel Catholic Church in Randolph, where he also received his education at the church school.

Both of Paul's parents died when he was young. He worked on various farms in the area until entering the Army Air Corps in July 1941, where he was a cook and baker in the medical department. He was stationed at Ft. Grant, Ill., Dodge City, Kan., Randolph Field at San Antonio, Texas, Williams AFB at Mesa, Ariz., and Fort Worth, Texas.

On June 3, 1945, Paul married Leona Obst at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City, Iowa. He was discharged from the service in December of 1945 at Chanute Field, Ill. The couple then made their home in Sioux City for a short time.

Paul was employed at the Henry Claussen farm northwest of Randolph for

two years before farming on his own for eight years near Randolph. The couple were blessed with three children: Gary, Dianne and Cheryl. They moved to Minnesota in 1956 and returned to Nebraska in 1958, making their home in Laurel, where he was employed by John Deere and Leona opened her beauty shop. Tragedy struck the family in 1965, when son Gary died as a result of a car accident.

Paul and Leona moved to Norfolk in 1973. Paul worked as a custodian for Norfolk Public Schools until his retirement in 1988. He also worked part time at Lutz Inc. and at Blueberry Hill Farms.

He was known for helping out their neighbors with lawn mowing, snow removal and transportation and also for feeding the neighborhood squirrels and birds. He and Leona also had a huge garden and did lots of canning and freezing together. He especially liked to help make rolls and pastries.

Paul and Leona resided at The Meadows in Norfolk for several years before moving to Heritage of Bel Air. Paul loved music and seldom missed a program or a bingo game. He was known for cruising around the halls in his wheel chair, exchanging banter with the staff, scrapbooking and showing off his joke gadgets. He was a member of Sacred Heart St. Mary's Parish in Norfolk and the American Legion Post 0113 at Randolph.

Mr. Schrad is survived by his daughters, Dianne Lamb (Terry) of Kearney and Cheryl Johnson (Kevin) of Norfolk. His grandchildren are Heather (Lamb) Roubicek and husband Eric of Kearney, Christen (Johnson) Watts and husband Mike of Hartville, Ohio, Allison (Lamb) Selk and husband Nathan of Minooka, Ill., and Eric Johnson and wife Amber of San Antonio. He is also survived by great-grandchildren Cierra and Zachary Roubicek, Michaela and Jackson Watts, Owen and Avery Selk, Joslyn and Landen Johnson; brother-in-law Richard Pfeifer; and special nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Leona in 2012, son Gary, brother Alouis (Louie) Schrad, sisters Cecelia Wintz and Carolyn Goddard and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Pallbearers will be Mike Wintz, Eric Roubicek, Dennis Schmidt, Nathan Selk,

Eugene Elliott and Richard Pfeifer.

Memorials are directed to Friends of the Public Library, Box 307, Randolph, NE., 68771. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Cemetery - Rural Randolph

Rural Randolph  
Randolph, NE 68771

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Rosary

DEC 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

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DEC 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Norfolk  
204 South 5th Street  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
<http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul F. Schrad*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Too many memories of Paul. He was living, onery, full of life and pranks. One of the best neighbors our family ever had !!!!! Love to Dianne and Cheryl*

**Julie Thorell** - December 19, 2014 at 07:38 AM



“ *Sister Marita Schweiger, OSB lit a candle in memory of Paul F. Schrad*



**Sister Marita Schweiger, OSB** - December 18, 2014 at 07:53 AM



*Dear Family of Paul,  
Now, he is united with Leona! I visited the couple all these months.... , since they were at BelAir, admired their wedding photo, shared stories and the weekly Church Bulletin of Sacred Heart, Norfolk. Last Monday, I saw and prayed with your dear Father.... and had to see, that he was ready for meeting His Lord. During the following night, I repeatedly prayed for him, that the Lord may console and strengthen him at these trying hours... Now, I ask, that YOU may be comforted and rewarded for your faithfulness!*

*Sr. Marita, from the Monastery in Norfolk, 300 N 18th.*

**Sister Marita Schweiger, OSB** - December 18, 2014 at 08:04 AM

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“ *Dianne and Cheryl,  
How we remember your Dad...always ready with a smile and a joke;  
hard working...a good and honest man. What a great and long life  
he lived and the many memories he leaves not only with family but  
the friends he made(and there is a bushel basket full of them!)  
Shirley and Marlen Kraemer, Laurel.*

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**Shirley A Kraemer** - December 17, 2014 at 03:01 PM