



## Don R. Scheller

November 6, 1935 - April 17, 2015

Don R. "Ape" Scheller, 79, of Evansville, Ind., passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Deaconess Hospital.

He was born November 6, 1935, in Evansville, Ind., to Leo and Lucina (Schafer) Scheller.

Don graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1954 where he was on the wrestling team all four years. He served in the United States Navy post-graduation. Don then worked for George Koch & Sons for 40 years in the Metal Craft Division and the Vanderburgh County Surveyors Office for 6 years. Post retirement he assisted his wife in running the Burdette Park Campground. He was a lifetime member of the Am Vets Post #84, a lifetime member of the Riverbend Association, and a member of the Sacred Heart Knights of St. John Hilltop Grove. He enjoyed camping and wood cutting parties with his family and friends, riding around on his Gator, and feeding the fish in his pond.

Surviving is his wife, Judy (Vitzdamm) Scheller, of Evansville; children, Lee Ellis and husband, Chris, of Chandler, Anthony, of Washington, D.C., and David and wife, Lisa, of Flower Mound, TX; brother, Richard, and wife, Mary, of St. Philip, IN; sister, Janie Schroeder, and husband, Jim, of Evansville; sisters-in-law Jenny and Betty Sue Scheller, Cathy Vitzdamm, and Pam

Jenkins; brothers-in-law Ronnie Crowe and Kenny Jenkins; four grandchildren, Kenzie Marolf, Dannette Schutz, Lexington Ellis, and Cawood Ellis; many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents; siblings, Joe Scheller, Bob Scheller, and Margie "Lowie" Crowe; and brother-in-law, Jim Vitzdamm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Rev. Simon Natha officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Monday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service conducted by the church at 4:00 P.M. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:30 A.M. until service time on Tuesday at St. Agnes Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1600 Glendale Ave, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

APR **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Agnes Catholic Church  
1600 Glendale Ave  
Evansville, IN

## funeral

APR **21** (CT)

St. Agnes Catholic Church  
1600 Glendale Ave  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don R. Scheller*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *The halls at Mater Dei High School were filled with laughter when ever Ape Sheller was around. Mater Dei - Class of 1954 - many joyful memories.*

**Carolyn Wooton** - April 22, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ *Remembering planting cypress trees around A.P.'s lake and transplanting a holly tree from his house to my dad's farm. Lots of good conversations to go along with much wisdom learned. Never forget all those "sayings".*

*Bryan Austill*

**Bryan Austill** - April 22, 2015 at 12:24 AM



“ *Some of my best childhood memories came while swimming fishing and riding the zip line at uncle Ape's. He will be missed. He will be treasured for all the wonderful childhood memories he made possible. My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to Judy, Tony, and Lee. I wish I could be there to help you say goodbye.*



*Daniel Mertell*

**Daniel Mertell** - April 20, 2015 at 11:21 PM

DS

“ *Deb Scheller lit a candle in memory of Don R. Scheller*



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**Deb Scheller** - April 20, 2015 at 03:42 AM



“ *He always told me I was his daughter, Shelley Scheller. And that I was always so proud to be. Sure will miss ya. Dad!*

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**Shelley Buchanan** - April 19, 2015 at 06:27 PM

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“ *MY HUSBAND JIM BECK AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A LOT OF YEARS. MOST OF OUR MEMORIES ARE OF CAMPING IN BURDETTE PARK. HE AND JUDY ALWAYS MADE US WELCOME. SITTING AROUND THE CAMPSITE THEY WOULD COME BY CHECKING ON EVERYONE AND TALKING FOR A WHILE. WE WILL SURELY MISS HIM. OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. GEORGIA AND JIM BECK*

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**GEORGIA BECK** - April 19, 2015 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Bill and I met Ape through my sister and brother-in-law, Terry and Larry Joe Campbell when we came from Los Angeles to visit. We had family reunions at Burdette Park and Ape and his Wife, Judy, made us all feel very welcome. Our deepest condolences to Ape's family. We know he will be missed very much.*

*Brenda and Bill Oster  
Los Angeles, CA*

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**Brenda Oster** - April 19, 2015 at 01:43 PM

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“ *Judith Scheller lit a candle in memory of Don R. Scheller*



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**Judith Scheller** - April 19, 2015 at 11:12 AM