



## Mr. Michael Schutze

January 30, 1950 - July 25, 2024

Michael Schutze, 74, passed away on 7/25/24 at Rockledge Regional hospital. He is the husband of Kathleen Schutze. They shared 51 years of marriage together. They met in 1972 at SUNY Brockport, while preparing to go into the Peace Corps after college graduation.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey. Grew up in Wayne, NJ with 6 siblings. Graduated from Don Bosco Technical High School; then SUNY Brockport with his B.S. in Physics. Served 1 year in the Peace Corp as a teacher in Liberia, West Africa. Then after teaching for a few years at his alma mater; he worked for General Dynamics as an acoustic engineer for 10 years in Groton, Connecticut. He was employed with Lockheed/United Space Alliance since 1988, finishing the shuttle program as a Senior Reliability Engineer until the center's closure in 2011. Then he finished out his career at URS/Pfizer chemical as Lead Reliability Engineer. Retired in January 2015 to pursue other passions.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament church in Port St John, Florida. Many people knew him as a bingo caller for the church and member of Knights of Columbus. As well as his bagpiping performances around Brevard county and other events throughout the state. As a loving father he was also a long time volunteer for Boy Scouts of America. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends and Scottish games.

He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen, His Daughter Jeanine Lopez, Son-in-law Stephen Lopez, Son Christoph Schutze, Daughter-in-law Lindsey Schutze, Daughter Yuko Hamlett, Son-in-law Lando Hamlett , Grandchildren Isabelle Lopez, Avery Schutze, Robert Marier. 3 brothers William, John and Vincent, sister Claire Marie. He was predeceased by two younger brothers Bernard and Timothy along with their parents.

Vigil will be held Friday August 2nd, 2024 6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m. at Funeral Solutions on U.S. 1 in Port St. John, Florida. A Memorial Mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church on US 1 in Port St. John, Florida at 11:00 am followed by a reception.

in lieu of flowers the family asks that all donations be made to:

The Cleveland Clinic for research on curing GPA Vasculitis  
<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/giving>

Or

Blessed Sacrament church in Port St. John, Florida renovation fund  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHC2/home>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Funeral Solutions  
5455 North U.S. 1  
Cocoa, FL 32927  
(321) 638-1373  
info@funeralsolutions.net  
<https://www.funeralsolutions.net/>

## Mass

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
5135 US-1  
Cocoa, FL 32927  
(321) 632-6333

# Tribute Wall

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“ A few of my memories of Mike.

*Mike worked with me while at Electric Boat in Groton, CT. He was my right hand during the early development of special technology and then monitoring its implementation by the shipyard.*

*Subsequently Mike took this experience with him to work on a related technology for the Space Shuttle Program.*

*Outside of work we joined in harvesting wood for heating our New England homes, discussing how to rid his yard of an invasive grapevine and dining at a restaurant favored by Mike and Kathy, thereby introducing me to what has become a favorite cuisine, Lebanese. Mike related to me that while he and Kathy were Peace Corps volunteers assigned to Liberia that when they and other*

*volunteers had some free time they would gather at a Lebanese restaurant in Monrovia named the “Diana” after the proprietor’s daughter. Imagine his surprise that after beginning work at Electric Boat he found a new Lebanese restaurant with the same name in Groton. It had been opened by the same proprietor who had moved to Connecticut to be near his daughter, now attending college in the area. I remember Mike as being a very outgoing individual who always had interesting things to share.*

*Although I hadn’t seen him since he visited me in Connecticut about 10 years ago it was always interesting to hear what he had been doing, particular his learning to and excelling at playing the bag pipes. I will remember him as the “Happy Piper” who introduced me to Lebanese cuisine.*

*John Krause*

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**John Krause** - August 14, 2024 at 12:19 PM

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“ *I remember the good times we had in Connecticut, especially the fondue which may have had just a little to much wine.* ”



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**Wynette Morton** - August 02, 2024 at 05:53 PM