

Thomas J. Schlichting

May 5, 1948 - September 20, 2021

Thomas J. Schlichting, 73 year old resident of Rice, MN passed away Monday, September 20, 2021 at the St. Cloud Hospital. An Outdoor Funeral Service will be held at 1:30 PM on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Community Country Church in Holdingford, MN. Burial will be at the South Elmdale Cemetery, rural Holdingford. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Friday at the at the Community Country Church in Holdingford, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. Caring for Thomas and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN.

To join in on Thomas' live-streamed funeral, please click the following link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/thomas-schlichting>

Thomas was born on May 5, 1948 to George and Agnes (Trutwin) Schlichting. He married Linda Kasper on August 29, 1970. With the help of his wife, Thomas became the third generation to operate the Schlichting family dairy farm in Brockway Township, where they raised their four daughters and son. During his dairy farming years, Thomas extensively remodeled and updated the farmhouse. He also designed and built an elaborate flower garden with a rock waterfall and fountain to beautify the yard. After selling his dairy herd, Thomas raised a large and lavish vegetable garden annually. All his life, Thomas loved making firewood and cutting lumber with the sawmill he built. He summarized his lifelong work outdoors as, "I was born in overalls with a chainsaw by my side." Thomas was blessed with a rare combination of

innovative engineering skills and creative gifts, such that it seemed he could fix everything and build anything. Trees on the farm were transformed by Thomas' craftsmanship into furniture, sculptures, musical instruments and more. He converted the old granary into a wood workshop, where he had just completed his third intricately carved dining table. In 2001, he re-purposed parts from 13 different retired farm machines to build a large cement mixer, only one of his many mechanical creations. As an artist, he blessed many with handmade gifts of personalized carved wood boxes and welded wedding candle holders. The consummate renaissance man, he loved poetry, music and learning, and was known as the indomitable champion on the family croquet court. Thomas loved to help others and was especially generous in sharing his time and talents with his children, whom he referred to as his greatest gift. Regarding his willingness to help them, he told his children, "I wasn't looking for a reward, you were the reward." From a young age, Thomas served God and loved the Scriptures. After years filled with hard work and many accomplishments, Thomas reflected in his last days, "It's so amazing that everything in life loses value without Jesus." His faith was paramount and unwavering. Thomas journeyed to his heavenly home with his Creator on September 20, 2021.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Erika (Darryl) Egli, Candace (Justin) Kronholm, Maria (Paul) Shrake, Sara (Eric) Lieser, Joseph (April) Schlichting; and his precious grandchildren, Charlotte, Esme, Abigail, Madeline, Paul, Sophia, Ezri and Moses. He is also survived by siblings, MaryAnn Czeck, Theresa Roehl, Lorraine Warzecha, Delores (Dave) Czech, Marci (Marv) Nelson, Jeanette (Larry) Brixius, John (Dianne) Schlichting and David (Debbie) Schlichting.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, George and Agnes (Trutwin) Schlichting; and brothers-in-law, Milo Czeck, Ray Roehl, Donald Warzecha and Donald Rerecich.

Cemetery Details

South Elmdale Church Cemetery

9980 20th Street
Holdingford, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Community Country Church
42457 171st Ave
Holdingford, MN 56340

Visitation

SEP **25.** 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Community Country Church
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Holdingford, MN 56340

Outdoor Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Schlichting*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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“ I would like to share the following reflection in remembrance of my brother Tom.

We Remember Them’ by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

“At the rising sun and at its going down;

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends;

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength;

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make;

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share;

We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.”

Thank you and blessings to all.

John Schlichting - September 24, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.*



September 24, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.*



September 24, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.*



September 24, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.*



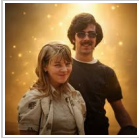
September 23, 2021 at 10:30 PM

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“ *Schlichting, Markison & Dingman Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.*



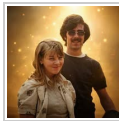
Schlichting, Markison & Dingman Families - September 23, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Barry Konsor lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Schlichting*



Barry Konsor - September 23, 2021 at 04:41 PM



Tom was a high school classmate, all those many years ago. I remember him as a kind, gentle soul. My sincere condolences to Tom's family.

Barry Konsor - September 23, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.*



September 23, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Schlichting.



September 23, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss💙.

I’ll never forget “interviewing” Tom and Linda for a paper on what makes a marriage last. They shared their journey and how God had held them together through the ups and downs in life. I was honored to just sit in their kitchen and listen to their testimony of faith, strength, and perseverance.

Tom walked closely with God and it was evident to those around him. What a blessing to have gotten to know this artistic, wise, and humble man of God. A beautiful soul has gone to meet Jesus!

Amanda P. - September 23, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ To me Tom was a wonderful role model and example of how to be humble and kind.

He was an example to many men on how to walk faithfully as a man of God, how to cherish their wives and love their children.

He will be greatly missed but until we meet again let us not forget all that Tom has taught us.

Amanda - September 22, 2021 at 05:08 PM