



## Troy Scattarella

December 11, 1923 - August 19, 2025

Troy Scattarella, 101 year old resident of Burtrum, MN, formerly of Minneapolis, MN, passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at the St. Cloud VA, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and service. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, with a visitation starting at 9:30 AM on Saturday at the church. Burial will be in the St. John's parish cemetery. Caring for Troy and his family is Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

If you ever found yourself at the shores of Long Lake early in the morning, you might have seen him — coffee in one hand, fishing pole in the other, a peaceful smile on his face as the mist lifted off the water. That was Troy Scattarella's happy place. It's where he spent his life after retiring from the Minneapolis Public School Board at the age of 55, trading school halls for the quiet lapping of waves. Born in Minneapolis in 1923, Troy grew up in a world that was quickly changing. When his country called during World War II, he answered with courage and honor, serving in the United States Navy. Those years of service shaped the man he would become — steadfast, dependable, and always willing to put others before himself. After the war, he returned home, he met and married the love of his life, Patricia Moore, in 1946. Together they raised four children and built a life rooted in faith, family, and community. He was a proud charter member of the Knights of Columbus, living out their values of charity, unity, and fraternity every day. But it was at

the lake where Troy's light truly shone. He could coax tomatoes to grow in the most stubborn soil, reel in the best catch of the day, and keep the laughter going at a card table well into the night. Friends and family will forever remember his legendary pancake breakfasts and his spaghetti dinners — served in generous portions with seconds encouraged. He was a man of simple joys: a well-buttered stack of flapjacks, a good hand of cards, the pride of a well-tended garden, and the sound of children's laughter drifting in from the dock. But more than anything, he cherished people — his family, his friends, and anyone lucky enough to cross his path.

Troy is survived by his children, Daniel (Mary), David, Julia Patnode (Richard), Timothy (Maribeth); grandchildren, Elizabeth, Matthew, Sara, Amy, Katie, Samuel; 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Herbert (Judy) and sister, Lucille DuBay (Thomas).

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia; parents, Lucille and Louis; and brothers, Donald and Robert.

And if you listen closely on a quiet morning at the lake, you might still hear it — the soft clink of a coffee cup, the gentle splash of a line hitting the water, and the easy hum of a man who knew that a life well lived is not measured in years, but in the love you give away.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St John's Catholic Church  
12 1st St  
Swanville, MN 56382  
(320) 547-2920

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville  
12 First Street  
Swanville, MN

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Sending love and prayers to all of the Scatterella's. Pat and Troy were so beloved by the Dunne family. We will never forget how special it was to have Pat and Troy come visit as in Dallas or in Padre Island or at Lake Texoma. Likewise, it was so special to us to go visit all of you in Minneapolis and at the lake. I have so many memories and pictures to count the many fun times shared between our parents and our families. Troy will forever be famous to us for his spaghetti dinners , ( even freezing batches of his delicious spaghetti sauce for us to enjoy later), his fabulous garden at the lake, the arguments between Rosemary and Troy about politics, the weddings of all the kids, and just the overall love shared between our parents. I feel so blessed to have known him and had him as my godfather. What a role model! So happy that he was able to be with all of you for such a very long time. He will always hold a special place in my heart and in the heart of everyone in my family. Lots of love to all. Bridget Dunne Buell.*



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**Bridget Buell** - August 23, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LM

“ *Love, Matt,Meg,James,Scarlett,Millie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Troy Scattarella.*



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**Love, Matt,Meg,James,Scarlett,Millie** - August 22, 2025 at 11:47 AM

JO

“ May your cherished memories of the beautiful life he lived give you comfort. Sharing your sadness.

Joyce - August 22, 2025 at 11:16 AM

KS

My Uncle Troy lived an amazing and awesome life and was proud to be his nephew. I'll always remember when my Dad (Don) and he would talk on Skype and in parting he would encourage by saying- remember "The world is an oyster". Kim Donald

Kim Scattarella - August 25, 2025 at 08:30 PM

KS

That should have read "The world is your oyster"

Kim Scattarella - August 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Troy Scattarella.



August 22, 2025 at 09:55 AM

SM

“ Stan and Deb Talbott Glenwood Maryland purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Troy Scattarella.



Stan and Deb Talbott Glenwood Maryland - August 21, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JF

“ Joyce Arens and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Troy Scattarella.



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**Joyce Arens and family** - August 21, 2025 at 01:19 AM



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**Katie Marie** - August 20, 2025 at 09:13 PM

BR

“ Rest in peace, From Cathi and Gary Gustner (Joyce Hall's daughter) - AND Brian and Michelle Bottenfield (Cathi's son and Herbie Scattarella was my God father) - I recall a very nice man named Troy at my Grandma Joyce's birthday party making us all laugh about grandma -

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**Brian** - August 20, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**julia** - August 20, 2025 at 06:43 PM



*This is one of my twins with Great Grandpa Troy- it is the hand of a 100 year old and a 3 month old!*

**Katie Marie** - August 21, 2025 at 01:58 AM

JU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Julia** - August 20, 2025 at 06:24 PM



*This is Great Grandpa Troy with my son Michael Q Lesyinski- one of the twins*

**Katie Marie** - August 21, 2025 at 01:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Troy Scattarella.



August 20, 2025 at 03:45 PM

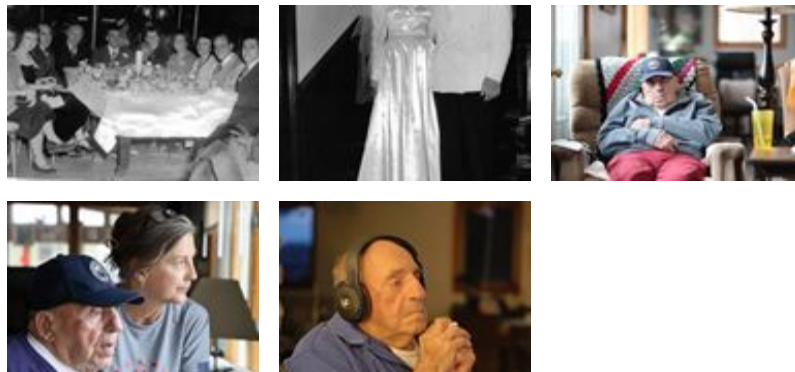


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Troy Scattarella.

August 20, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ 62 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - August 20, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DL

“ I remember best Troy working in the garden and sharing some of the fruits of his labor--A GOOD man -the BEST that one could be!  
Duane G. Lorsung

Duane G. Lorsung - August 20, 2025 at 12:20 PM

KK

“ I wish I could have met Troy along my path in life. He sounds like a very wonderful man. Prayers to the family in their healing of his loss  
Kathy



kathy garrison kloss - August 19, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
Troy Scattarella.



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August 19, 2025 at 07:30 PM