



Raymond Scharnowske

April 18, 1936 - February 16, 2011

Raymond Dean Scharnowske, 74, died Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at his home in Bismarck, ND. Memorial services will be held at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes, MN, on Monday, February 21, at 1:00 pm and McCabe United Methodist Church in Bismarck, ND, on Wednesday, February 23, at 12:30 pm. Military graveside honors will be held at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. Raymond was born April 18, 1936, in Bismarck, ND, the son of Earle H. and Irene Hedstrom Scharnowske. He graduated from Bismarck High School in 1954. Raymond joined the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1953, where he served for over 40 years. During his service with the National Guard, Raymond held multiple positions. The two most significant were the first full-time State Command Sergeant Major and the first full-time NCO Commandant at the Regional Training Institute located in Devils Lake, ND. Upon retirement, Raymond moved to Detroit Lakes, MN, where he lived for 14 years. While there he was an active member and volunteer at First Lutheran Church. He also loved hunting, spending time outdoors at his lake home and using his carpentry and woodworking skills volunteering with The Helping Hands Organization. Raymond is survived by his wife, Carol, Bismarck; his daughters, Kerri Scharnowske and Kathy Kalvoda, both of Bismarck, and Karen Paul Munson, Shoreview, MN; his son, Robert Danielle, Bismarck; his step-children, Craig Jewel Lambrecht, Bismarck and Gene JoAnn Lambrecht, North Kingstown, RI; grandchildren, Kimberly and Kelly Kalvoda, Bismarck, Grant and Lexi Munson, Shoreview, MN, and step-

grandchildren, Tabatha, Aiden, London, Tovah and Afton Lambrecht, Bismarck; sisters, Joan Leland Skabo, Dickinson, and Kay Meland, Mesa, AZ; god daughter, Heidi Biederstedt, Fargo; Lyda Scharnowske, Bismarck; and many nieces and nephews. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James; son-in-law, Terry Kalvoda; brother-in-law, Bruce Meland; and niece, Paula Hartze.

Memorials may be given to the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Carol and family: Were sorry to hear about Rays passing. We just heard about it this past week, as we were busy with Linda's mom passing away on the 15th. Our hearts go out to you. Richard @ Linda Branden

Richard Branden - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Carol and Family, Dennis and I send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. We will be thinking and praying for you. Dennis and Kathy Kraft

Kathy Kraft - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Carol & Family, We extend our sympathy to your family on the loss of an outstanding soldier and friend.

Cynthia & Mike Schlosser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Carol and Family.Ray was a long time good friend. It was a pleasure working with him remodeling cabins and building garages. I will always remember those days and say to myself,"how would Ray do this?".Peace and God Bless. Ron Wasfaret

Ron Wasfaret - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our heart and kind thoughts to the Schnarnowske family. Doris Scharnowske, Bonnie and Derek Oldenburger

doris scharnowske - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Robert, Kerri Ann, Kathy & Karen, I want you all to know how much I loved my brother and I am so sorry I can't be with you but the weather just didn't allow it. Take care, be strong and I love you all.
Aunt

Kay Meland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry to read about Ray passing away, my condolences go out to you Carol and family. May God Bless.

Marlin Schneider - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Carol and Family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of CSM Scharnowske. Hard to believe, but he is in a better place! My heart goes out to the entire family during this tough time.

Shelley Yantzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Carol & Family: I'm so glad I had a chance to see Ray recently. He was a kind soul and an honor to the uniform. The lives he touched were changed for the better. May he rest in peace and in your hearts forever.

Jackie Yantzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I'm sorry to learn of Raymonds passing and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I met Ray when I worked for Culligan Water in Detroit Lakes. Ray would come in to buy salt and it usally took a half hour. Ray would tell me about his family, projects he would be working on and hunting storie in ND. I always enjoyed visiting with Ray. After I left Culligan I would see him around Detroit Lakes and as usual we would visit. I introduced Ray to my 2 young sons and they enjoyed visitng with him too. I'm going to miss our conversations and I feel very lucky to have known him.

BRUCE JOHNSON - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ His friends have lost a treasured companion and the country has lost a true patriot.

Phil Engmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ CSM Ray Scharnowske was a true mentor, a man with a vision that so many of us in the NDNG have benifited from. Our condolences go out to the whole family at this difficult time. Don and Cindy

Don and Cindy Kasper - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uncle Ray will never be forgotten as he lives on in the hearts of his family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone Uncle Ray touched.

Janet Kay Mueller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Carol and Family, We are saddened by the loss of Ray. He was a leader, a soldier, a mentor, but most of all, a friend and will be missed. We will not be able to be with you today due to the weather but our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ken & Sandy Hiltner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My deepest sympathy to you Carol and family. Ray was such a blessing to me and so many others. He had a heart of gold, always willing to help and serve. I will miss him & the twinkle in his eye & always having a kind word to share. My love and prayers are with you.

Joy Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Joy Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Carol and Family, How many years pass, and the lives of friends, even family, go in different directions, some never to meet again, others under situations of pain and grief? In our case, many years. We can only hope you grieve appropriately the passing of your loved one, and be prepared to move on, storing the images of past days in the preciousness of memory. After all, we have had to do this with the many we never planned to see again, or even know of. I store the memory of you Carol, in the cast of wonderful beings that served so well the community of Wishek, and am happy I can at least recall those days when we were family, now dispersed to yonder places, yet not losing our human connectedness. We hope you will be well during, and beyond this period of grieving. With great empathy and care, Robert aka-Bob and Sonja Shannon

Robert Shannon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Carol & family: You and Ray have been and will continue to be in our prayers at home and church. We do extend our sincere sympathy to you all. It was my privilege and pleasure to work with Ray when he was a stalwart part of my Executive Council of EANGUS in 1978/1979. His dedication to our country as well as the ND Enlisted Assn. cannot be measured and will always be appreciated by all of us who knew and respected him. May God's peace sustain you all at this time. Sara and Bryce

Sara & Bryce Hendricks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Ray will never be forgotten. We will always remember him as a great an caring friend. Many memories and fun tims were had with him. What a privilege it was to have known Ray for many years. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you, Carol and family. Chris and Jo Barke

Chris Barke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Carol and family, My sympathy to all of you. Ray will be truly missed by so many in this world. Ray had not only become one of my best friends but he was my mentor, guiding me through life and work with his wisdom. I miss the morning talk with Ray in my office...I feel a loss every morning. I also feel blessed to have had Ray my adopted dad in my life. I also received another gift....my friendship with Carol. You are both a blessing to me, I am always there for you Carol. I am so thankful for my friendship with you and Ray and love you both. Judy

Judy Aafedt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

1R

“ my condolences to the families of CSM Ray Scharnowske especially you Robert. It is never easy losing a loved one especially a parent, my prayers are with you and your family.

1SG Herman Galster ret - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I will remember how Uncle Ray was always so helpful. He went above and beyond to help me a few times, most recently in getting Paula's house cleaned up and ready for sale. He will be in our memory as we return this spring to the lot at Lake Tschida that he enjoyed years earlier.

Jay Skabo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Ray was always such a pleasure to share a conversation with. His faith showed during his illness with his attitude. Our Deepest Sympathies to Carol and his family. Our Prayers go out to you.

Kathy and Kevin Klein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Ray and Audrey were classmates and members of the BHS Class of 54. Our sympathy to the the family.

Fran and Audrey Ely - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are deeply sorry for the Loss of Ray. He was a mentor, a friend and a great leader. He will be deeply missed. Prayers and thoughts to the family. Jane & Corey Walth

Jane Walth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ A time has passedâ? CSM Ray Scharnowske will always be someone to emulate. He was always willing to listen, provide encouragement and advice. In these past few years, I have learned he was someone I can count on with the right answer. I can still see CSM Scharnowske in his Dress Blues, breaking up brawls at the Camp Grafton NCO Club on bossâ?s night, and handing out token gifts to retiree weekend briefers. Iâ?ve been one of the lucky ones as Iâ?ve followed the furrow he plowed and reaped the grain from the seeds heâ?s sewn as RTI Commandant and State CSM. We all lose someone in our lives that means a lot to us, but we never really lose them as it is our memories that keep them alive in our hearts and minds. Linda and I extend our deepest sympathies to the extended Scharnowske Family, may god bless and keep you all. SCSM Gerald and Linda Miller

SCSM Gerald and Linda Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Carol. I was shocked to hear about Ray today, I am thinking of you and will keep you in my prayers, Hugs, and God Bless Jo Vilhauer

jo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Carol and Boys, we are so sorry to hear of your loss, please know that we are thinking of you all. we will be out of state next week, will be unable to attend service, will keep in touch.

Pete and Marge Keaveny - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My heart aches for all of you. I wished I would've known Ray for longer than the 14 years I did. You guys are the lucky ones to have been close to him. He was a great man who helped me out many times with both his crafted hands and his wisdom. I will miss him alot! Carol, I will be anxious to see you on Monday.

Beth Gailfus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ray's death, he was a damn good man and a fine solider.

Dave Glaspell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I sat across from Ray for a number of years at the coffee shop. We had many great talks.I found, years ago that he was a great person and I was very lucky,to have Ray for a friend.

Don Hukee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Carol and Family We were sorry to hear of Ray passing away. I know that he is in better place. Ray was not only a great soldier, but also a great friend. Some one that I could always talk to. Ray had outstanding career in his life, not only as soldier but in his retired life, He was always ready to help anyone who need help. Sorry that we can't be with you at this time, but you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave & Mary Cichos - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Wonderful man, great guy and proud soldier. We Love You Ray! Your missed sorely our friend. You have a wonderful family-a testament to your life. Your memory lives in all of us.

Gene and JoAnn Lambrecht - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ CSM Scharnowske was a true dedicated soldier and statesman who had the talent to command the enlisted soldiers of the Army National Guard in North Dakota in a capable, effective manner. I served almost my entire career with Ray and he was always the person to go to for advise on how to best manage my career. He had a gift of foresight in which way was best for making the NDNG the best of the best. I had the opportunity to work with Ray in securing the Regional Training Center at Camp Grafton and am certain our State would not have been selected had it not been for the tireless pursuit by him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and his family. He will serve the Lord well in heaven.

Don & Anita Baglien - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was a good friend to me as well as many in the ND National Guard. I knew him for many good years. It was Ray, in part, for my being promoted to 1st SGT as well as Sergeant Major. I will always remember him.

SGM - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Vonnie & Harvey Haakenson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ We are saddended to learn of Ray's passing. Ray was one of the finest soldiers we have had the honor to serve with. Margaret and I are grateful for the day we spent with him and Carol at their beautiful lake home in October. He will be missed by all that knew him. Our condolences to Carol and family as they go through this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Vern & Margaret

Vern Fetch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Carol and family - it is with great sorrow that we have heard the news of Ray's passing. He was a great man and a truly professional patriot. I'm glad that we had time to talk about the 'old days" and also what life brings our way while we were sitting in the waiting room of the Roger Maris Cancer Center this last summer. Linda and I are in Arizona for the winter but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom & Linda Larson

Tom Larson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray's family. Always enjoyed working with Ray there was never a question on where he stood on issues that affected the troops or mission.

Tim & Judy Zimmer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Ray was a wonderful man. We have good memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Carol and the family. God Bless Beck and Jan Becklund

T.E Becklund - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family

Ron and Marlys Balkowitsch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Ray was a fine and caring man and I am very proud to have had him for an uncle. I always looked up to him as he seemed to know how to fix anything. My deepest sympathies for my cousins and Carol.

Tom Meland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Ray's passing is a sorrowful loss of a great soldier.

COL R & Mrs. James D. Kieley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My Sympathy is with Rays family.

Myron Lahti - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with all the family members.*

Tony & Marge Schwartz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I will always remember the good work Ray did at the NDMA He was a fine soldier. Col J. Marschke*

Jerry Marschke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Ray, was great soldier as well as a model citizen. He always cared for his troops, on the local, state and national level. He was aspiring to be with and had new ideas to care for the soldier. Our condolences go out to Carol and the family.*

CSMretW. Wayne Willson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *CSM Scharnowske was a true friend and mentor. I always knew I could count on him for guidance. Carol and family, our deepest sympathy during this difficult time...he will be deeply missed!*

Darcie & Beth Handt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *We send our prayers to Carol and family. Gary & Jill Riffe*

Gary M. Riffe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ray was truly one of the best men that I have ever had the privilege of calling my friend. He was one of the most sincere, honest, caring people that I have ever met and he left a huge imprint on my heart. He will be missed greatly by many. My sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to Carol and the rest of his family. May he rest in peace. Jeanie and Cory Moor and family

Jeanie Moor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ CSM Scharnowske was one of the GREATS. He was a leader, mentor and friend who I looked up to and admired. My prayers are with you. Rest in peace. LTC Daryl Roerick

Daryl Roerick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM