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Robert John Schalk

February 4, 1958 - December 1, 2023

Robert "Bob" John Schalk, age 65, passed away on December 1, 2023, after a courageous battle with serious health challenges over the past several years.

Bob was born on February 4, 1958, in Muskegon, Michigan, to the late Robert J. and June D. Schalk. He spent his early childhood on Temple Street in Muskegon Heights, attending Roosevelt Elementary School, before the family moved to Mary Avenue. Bob was a graduate of the Fruitport High School Class of 1976.

A dedicated professional with a lifelong passion for the automotive industry, Bob began his career working for Jim Feldt at Fruitport Automotive on Airline Road.. Over several decades, he climbed the ladder of responsibility, building a reputation for his expertise and commitment to his local customers. Later in life, he realized a personal goal by opening Lakeshore Auto Supply in Grand Haven, which he successfully owned and operated for many years. Beyond the shop, Bob was also a familiar face in the Norton Shores Fire Department, where he served as a volunteer firefighter for years before his business became his full-time focus.

Bob was a man of simple pleasures who cherished the outdoors and found great peace working in his yard or spending weekends at his "Get-a-Way" cabin in White Cloud. These trips were shared with his long-term employee and close friend, Jerry Cuddohy. He also had a deep love for his dogs, who were his constant companions.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Robert and June Schalk; his older brother, James Schalk; and most recently by his brother, Charles "Chuck" T. Schalk, on January 3, 2026.

Bob is survived by his sister, Kathleen (Jack) Carlson, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob will be remembered as a loving son, brother, uncle, and loyal friend whose life focus was his dedication to his business and the many customers he served throughout the years. He is loved and missed dearly.



The Schalk family - Robert, upper left, and Charles, upper right

Charles Thomas Schalk

January 14, 1949 - January 3, 2026

Charles Thomas Schalk, lovingly known as Chuck or Charlie, was born on January 14, 1949, in Muskegon, Michigan. He passed away on January 3, 2026, at the age of 76, just days shy of his 77th birthday, after a long and courageous battle with multiple health conditions.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and June Schalk, and his brothers, James and Robert J. Schalk. He is survived by his sister, Kathy (Jack) Carlson. He grew up in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, where he formed lifelong roots and friendships.

Chuck is survived by the love of his life, Judith Anne (LaNore) Schalk. Together, they shared 56 blessed years of marriage, marked by devotion, faith, and family. He was a devoted father to his daughter, Rebecca (Christopher) Lund, and his son, Jason (Aram) Schalk. He was a proud grandfather to Jacob (Meagan) Lund, Mackenzie Lund, Isaac, Malachi, Adelyn, Eden, Titus, and Zarah Schalk, and great-grandfather to Elijah and Carolyn. Chuck is also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Chuck graduated from Muskegon Heights High School in 1967, where he played football. He then graduated from Muskegon Community College and later attended Ferris State University. Over the years, he worked in the maintenance department at a local foundry, later as a sales representative for industrial supply, and ended his working career in the maintenance department at Sanctuary of the Oaks, as well as doing delivery work at his brother's auto parts store.

Chuck was a quiet and sensitive man with a gentle sense of humor. He had a true gift for hospitality and service. Chuck and Judy's home - complete with a backyard pool - became a cherished gathering place for family celebrations and togetherness over many years.

A man of deep faith, Chuck believed in Jesus and lived out his faith daily. He was faithful to a daily prayer ministry for many years and often shared words of encouragement with others. Especially toward the end of his life, he would say with peace and assurance, "It's all good, reflecting his confidence that all was well with his soul.

Chuck loved being outdoors. He found joy in gardening, artistic landscaping, and even weeding. He also enjoyed customizing and painting cars and vans, expressing his creativity through hands-on work.

One of Chuck's lasting messages to those around him was a simple but powerful reminder: "Are you keeping your eye on Jesus?" - often pointing to a picture of Jesus he kept in his garage or gave to others, encouraging them to place their faith and all their cares in Him.

Chuck will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for his quiet strength, faithful heart, and unwavering love for his family and his Lord.

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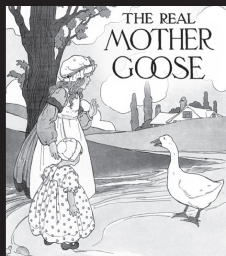
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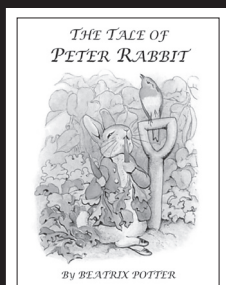
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