



Mr. John A. Gottschalk

April 10, 1930 - September 14, 2010

GOTTSCHALK, MR. JOHN A., of Saginaw, Michigan passed away Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper. Age 80 years. John was born on April 10, 1930, in Saginaw to the late John F. and Gertrude (Salbenblatt) Gottschalk. He married Mona J. Schwalm on January 16, 1954. She survives him. John had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. John had worked in banking for 36 years, retiring as V.P. of Michigan National Bank in 1988. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Surviving besides his wife, Mona, are one son, one daughter and their spouses, John C. (Connie J.) Gottschalk, Kathryn (Paul) Mason; five grandchildren, Chris, Matt, Anna, John, and Kayla, all of Saginaw; and one sister, Lois Polley, Hemlock.

John was a very special guy. Besides his faith and his family, his other true loves were hunting and fishing. He loved to fish on Owl Lake and deer hunt with his good friend Wilmar in Northern Michigan. He was a father that made sure the bath tub wasn't too full and the lights were never left on, but thought nothing about spending \$100 to buy family and friends dinner at one of his favorite restaurants. His favorites were The Royal Palm and Treasure Island and all the way back to the old High Life on the Dixie. In recent years he loved the perch at Berger's Restaurant and the corn beef hash at the Riverside in Freeland. Thanks one more time to his hunting and fishing buddies, some of which are with us and some that are not. Thank you Wilmar, Gary, Ron, Bob, Arnie, Uncle Willard and Uncle Carl. He will also be missed by his favorite

Boston Terrier Abby and Buddy his favorite stray cat.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18, 2010, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate with burial in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery, where military honor guard will be conducted under the auspices of American Legion Post 439. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Holy Cross Lutheran Church "Beyond These Walls" or Holy Cross Lutheran School "Tuition Assistance Fund". Memories and sympathies of John may be shared with the family on his obituary page at www.WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John A. Gottschalk*

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EJ

“ My cousin John was a great guy and I know he will be missed by everyone. I remember all the kind things he did for my mother and dad (Earl and Mary Gottschalk.)

He was the kind of person who came through for you in tough times. Many years ago, my dad had a stroke and was being treated at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. I flew home from California to see him. When I arrived at Tri City Airport late at night, I wondered how I would get to the hospital this late at night. I was surprised to see that John was there to pick me up. "You are to come with me and go directly to the hospital," he said, putting my bags in his trunk. When I arrived in the hospital room, Mom and Dad were glad to see me. No one asked John to do that. He just did it on his own. On many occasions, John looked in on our parents, Earl and Mary Gottschalk, to see if they were O.K. when my sister and I were no longer living in Michigan.

I always enjoyed talking to my older cousin John. I still remember today his being a very good baseball player in high school. He was so respected by the coach that the gym class teacher allowed him to avoid all the push ups, jumping jacks and rope climbing in class and let him and few other members of the baseball team play catch while the other kids were sweating out the hard stuff. As a boy, I remember fishing for bass and blue gills on Owl Lake with John and going to get ice cream cones with John and Lois at Lake George. He was a fine family man, a good person and he had a great attitude. I am going to miss him very much.

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“ Rest in Peace Uncle John...Love Pam & Greg Schwalm.....

PAMELA SCHWALM-ENEIX - September 16, 2010 at 10:20 PM

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“ *PAMELA SCHWALM-ENEIX lit a candle in memory of Mr. John A. Gottschalk*



PAMELA SCHWALM-ENEIX - September 16, 2010 at 10:19 PM

JC

“ *Jack Lorraine Cummings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John A. Gottschalk*



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“ *Andrea Orr lit a candle in memory of Mr. John A. Gottschalk*



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