



## Joseph Merle Schurbrock

June 27, 1921 - December 1, 2020

SUNBURY, Ohio – Joseph Merle Schurbrock, age 99, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, died Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at his daughter's home with his family by his side.

Joseph was born on June 27, 1921, in Centerville, Indiana, to Francis and Marie Roberts Schurbrock. He served in the United States Coast Guard during WWII. Joseph worked at Alcoa for 34 years, before retiring in 1982, and belonged to the Alcoa 25-Year Club. He proudly built a home in Indiana where he resided with his wife and children for many years. Joseph will be fondly remembered by his family and friends as an avid gardener, golfer, fisherman, woodworker, and Cincinnati Reds fan.

Survivors include his daughters, Sherry (Paul) Whitehead of Sunbury and Jane (Craig) Southwell of Nebraska; daughter-in-law, Mette Schurbrock of Indianapolis, Indiana; grandchildren, Alison, Amy, April, Brittany, Andrew, Michelle, and Erik; and great-grandchildren, Izabela, Lilyana, Victoria, Robert Junior, Landen, Eric, Cameron, Reginald Jr., Rosalia, Mylah Quintyn, Erika, Rachael, and Kennedy.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Ruth Belle Clunk Schurbrock; son, Steven Schurbrock; and siblings, Harriet Thompson, Franklin Schurbrock, Barbara Ach, and Betty Farr.

The family would like to kindly thank Capital City Hospice for their compassionate and respectable care.

A private graveside service for Joseph Merle Schurbrock will be held at Greens Fork South Cemetery with military honors provided by the Wayne County Honor Guard. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at <http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com>.



# Cemetery

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## **Greens Fork South Cemetery**

Mineral Springs Road

Greens Fork, IN,

# Comments

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“ I met Joe when I was working for Alcoa 60 years ago and was always impressed with his expertise running the grinder and making small, intricate parts. We moved to our home across the road from Joe and Ruth in 1974 and we became good friends. In October of that year he knocked on the back door at dinner time. There he was with 3 small, bare-rooted maple trees. We left the table and planted them. They are still growing.

Over the years, Joe was always sharing the bounty of his garden and his raspberry patch. Every year he had a nice garden that produced lots of vegetables. He had the touch.

After I bought a snow blower, I would get up early to clear Joe's driveway so that Mary could have easy walking when she came. No matter how early I got over there, Joe had always cleared one shovel width so that he could get the morning paper.

I have missed Joe since he moved away. He was a unique individual. I was hoping he would make it to 100.

You are in our prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort you in your grief and give you hope in the resurrection.

Phill Conarroe

**Phillip Conarroe** - December 05, 2020 at 07:47 PM

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“ Joe worked at Alcoa with my Dad and they also worked on other projects together. As a child, I loved going to Joe and Ruth's house. I remember an amazing garden and always kittens. Two of the nicest people I ever knew. They were both always so sweet and kind and always had a warm smile. I will always remember them fondly

**Susie Riesen Ecker** - December 04, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Joe and Ruth both had a heart to give. To make life easier for someone else. Determined and steadfast, what true Christianity looks like.

**Anita Penhorwood** - December 05, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ I thank God for Joseph and the life he lived. He always had a positive attitude and really lived a life of contentment. He loved God’s creation with a passion and had such a soft spot in his heart for children. I enjoyed having the privilege of exercising with him to maintain his balance and leg strength and he always gave his very best each session. Thankful that Joseph has the hope of Jesus Christ as his Savior and is spending eternity with Him today. We miss you Joseph and thank God for your life!



**Dave** - December 03, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

**Bob Clark and the Staff of Doan & Mills** - December 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ Prayers for your family. We are so sorry for your loss

**Chris** - December 02, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ We are praying for you as you grieve and celebrate Joe's life. Love you!

**Julie Morgan** - December 03, 2020 at 12:29 PM