



# Duane T. Schafer

MAR 19, 1947 - JAN 4, 2019



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**D**uane T. Schafer, 71, of Alliance, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

Born on March 19, 1947 in Canton, to Harry L. and Katherine S. (Harris) Schafer, he lived in Alliance all of his life and was a member of Regina Coeli Catholic Church.

A 1965 graduate of Alliance High School, he also graduated in 1996 from the University of Akron with a degree in Community Services Technology, fulfilling his desire to work in the Chemical Dependency Field.

Duane was a Vietnam Veteran, serving our country in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Navy Gold Star, TAPS and the VFW.

Duane enjoyed soap box car racing, race car driving, Indy Car races, writing, and drawing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo (Giordano) Schafer, whom he married on October 1, 1983; three daughters, Stacie L. Ferrante of Reno, NV, Katherine M. Schafer of SC and Molly E. Schafer of Kent; two sons, Patrick M. (Jaclyn Roszkowski) Schafer of St. Petersburg, FL and Scott T. Schafer of Alliance; two grandchildren, Jacob R. Ferrante and Oliver T. Schafer; a brother, Keith Schafer of Alliance; a sister, Lavelle Schmid of Alliance; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his son, Ryan D. Schafer - US Navy; and his parents.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Regina Coeli Catholic Church. His Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Regina Coeli Catholic Church, with Rev. Joseph Ruggieri, as celebrant.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Veterans Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), 3033 Wilson Blvd. Third Floor, Arlington, VA 22201 -

[www.taps.org/give](http://www.taps.org/give).

You are invited to view Duane's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories



## Obituary

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at [www.sharerfuneralhome.com](http://www.sharerfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.




# Events


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## Visitation


 **Friday**, January 11, 2019

 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Regina Coeli Catholic Church**  
663 Fernwood Blvd., Alliance OH 44601



## Mass of Christian Burial

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 4:00 PM ET

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# Tribute Wall

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**Katherine M Schafer** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dad, here's some of you and Gus (cat) over in the Panhandle:)



August 20 at 12:06 PM



**Katherine M Schafer** posted:

Hey dad, its Katie!!! I miss you so much. Not sure anyone ever sees these things. But I made it to your happy place by Washington state and following your wishes and ill put some of you here too.Love,Katie - ill keep laughing its good for my soul.

August 20 at 11:57 AM



**Katherine M Schafer** August 20 at 11:59 AM

Ashes to ashes daddy youre going in all the water, im feeding the fish 🐟 and birds too lol they shit everywhere. Im putting you everywhere!!!!



**Katherine M Schafer** August 20 at 11:58 AM

Im so close to Fairchild AFB and I promise that I follow wishes and ypure gonna very everywhere around here. It nearly killed me getting here, but I made it! Love,Your princess Katherine



**Katherine M Schafer** posted:

Hi daddy, its me Katie. I miss you amd sorry this is a day late for father's day. Just moms been very sick and I cant go home. I made an awesome steak for us and ive been working really hard to make you proud of me. Please guve grandpa Fred and Harry and Ryan a hug in heaven for me. Its gonna be a very very long time till I get up there. Dad, I have been on a mission to put in everywhere I go in the oceans and body's of water in the world as I promised. So we're in florida now. I took you to hawaii ans so many places. I even found Jacob's well In Texas and they let me have a private thing for you. Anyways, not sure anyone else loves you like i do, but ill always come here and let everyone know I live to spread happiness and love and help.Agaln I love you, tour princess Katherine.

June 16 at 2:36 PM



**Katherine M Schafer** posted:

Watching the Daytona 500 and thinking of You, Dad! Love you and miss you always and forever.Love,Katherine, Katie now in Houston.

February 19 at 11:57 AM



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KS

**Katherine Schafer** posted:

Hello Dad, I miss you so much. Life just isn't the same without you. I miss our conversations and all of your knowledge and wisdom, words of encouragement, hand written letters and your hugs, and much more. I am happy and in love. Wish you could meet him, to see the smile on your face again. God's speed dad, go as fast as can... I miss going to races with you. I keep your love and serenity in my heart each and every day. Miss everything about you. It hurts really bad sometimes. It's okay. You're in heaven now. Thank you for everything. Not sure I ever thanked you enough. I'm also sorry for any time I broke your heart. I never meant to. Love Always, Katie Bug

January 1 at 7:27 AM

KS

**Katherine Schafer** August 22 at 12:21 PM

cause frank said ryan was alive

KS

**Katherine Schafer** August 22 at 12:20 PM

i left that abusive paul matthews he pretended to be ryan!!!

KS

**Katherine Schafer** posted:

I miss you daddy, I pray you're with my brother Ryan and that I make you proud " up there" I'm sure you're both having fun and happy Memorial Day. Your Loving Daughter, Katie ( Katherine Schafer)

May 27 at 6:34 AM

KS

**Katherine Schafer** May 27 at 6:35 AM

I miss you so much and still cant believe you're gone.

JS

**Jim & Connie Sobotka** posted:

Jim and I were saddened to hear of Duane's passing. Prayers for Mary Jo and his children as they travel through this difficult time. We both have fond memories of our time with him. Prayers and thoughts coming for your healing at this time.

January 11 at 3:27 PM



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**Craig Murphy** posted:

Duane and I have been best of friends since meeting in school in the early 60's. Many memories I have of us track rabbit racing at Lake Placentia and our various escapades during junior and senior high days when we were invincible. Our "group" consisted of Gary Bradley, Mark Maholm, John Sherban, Bob Liebhart and Richard Searfoss. Usually playing pinball at Parkway Lanes before cruising State street and heading for the Airport Inn for 3.2 beer and BS. My thoughts prayers for all the family during this sorrowful time. Craig Murphy

January 9 at 4:36 PM



**Keith Schafer** January 9 at 7:08 PM

Thanks Craig. You guys were a great crew. I remember so easily.



**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Schafer family.



January 7 at 10:21 AM



**Paul Conlon** posted:

Duane was my best friend when we were 5 - 6 years old. We lived on Liberty and the Shafer family lived on Seneca. When Duane's family moved to Clark Street we lost contact. I can still remember the games we played as kids. May God rest his soul and the family find solace in this time of sorrow.

January 7 at 10:06 AM



**Neva Vizzuso** posted:

So sorry, Mary Jo....prayers for comfort for you and your kids 🙏🙏

January 6 at 2:59 AM



**Judith L Cross** January 7 at 2:49 PM

Prayers Mary Jo and family. 🙏🙏🙏



**Sandi Kennedy** January 6 at 1:43 PM

Prayers for strength and comfort. The class of '65



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**Lynn Raber** lit a candle in honor of Duane.



January 5 at 3:59 PM



**Lynn Rabet** posted:

I remember all of the baseball days that we shared with our boys! He was a pleasure to be around.

January 5 at 3:56 PM



# Media

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August 20 at 12:06 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Duane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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