



## Arthur R Schubert

June 12, 1932 - November 12, 2017

Arthur 'Art' R. Schubert, 85, of Traverse City passed away peacefully Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Cherry Hill Haven Senior Living.

Art was born June 12, 1932 to Arthur and Ruth (Featherly) Schubert in Petoskey, MI. As a young boy Art lived in the Upper Peninsula, before moving with his mother and sisters to East Lansing following the death of his father in 1940. There, his mother met and married Harold Hunsberger. His stepfather's service in the FBI during WWII required the family to make several relocations to Miami, Brooklyn and Long Island, NY and the Detroit area before settling in Traverse City in 1946. He graduated from Traverse City Senior High School in 1950. During high school Art built and flew model airplanes, took up water and snow skiing, drove and rebuilt a Model T Ford and joined the Sea Scouts.

After graduating from Michigan State University, Art married Suzanne 'Sue' Cowell on August 7, 1954 in Traverse City, beginning a lifetime of romance and adventure. In September of that year he was stationed in Germany at Nuremberg (Furth) with the United States Army, with Sue joining him some months later. He rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant, before returning in 1956 to Traverse City and civilian life. There, Art became a high school history teacher, and spent the next thirty years in the Traverse City Public Schools, as a teacher and administrator, including as principal of Traverse City Senior High School from 1966-78. Art finished his career in 1986 as principal of Bertha Vos elementary school. Early in his career, he coached the high school ski team, and was involved with Hickory Hills ski area.

Art and his family traveled far and wide throughout his adult life, including a year-long stint in New Zealand as an exchange teacher, multiple van trips throughout the U.S to national parks and western ski areas, as well as two lengthy drives to Alaska. After earning his pilot's license in 1977, he made cross country flights by private plane to various U.S. destinations as a charter member of the "Acme Squadron", a group of 18 private airplanes flying out of the grass airstrip in Acme, MI.

Art loved deer hunting, and made several hunting trips to Wyoming and the Upper Peninsula with his best friend Walt. He was a gifted wood turner and a talented craftsman, building among other things, the family boat, the "Kiwi" (1965), and a homebuilt Kitfox aircraft (1990).

Art found his greatest joy with his children and grandchildren, attending most school events, sporting contests, and performing arts productions, making long distance visits, and taking great pride in their personal and professional lives. Most of all he enjoyed family gatherings, especially on holidays and birthdays, at his home, at the cabin on the Pine River and at Cathead Beach.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Suzanne (Cowell) Schubert; sons, Art (Linda) Schubert and Mike (Debbie) Schubert, daughters Penny (Jim) Sweeney and Kathy (Mickey) Kibler; sisters Sue (Hank) Johnson, Karen (Ted) Foley, Mary (Dan) Link and Helen (Tom) Johnson; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation with the family will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, and memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy are encouraged to direct contributions to Disabled Americans Veterans and/or Hickory Hills Ski Area.

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial Gathering** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ We send our deepest sympathies to Mike, Debbie and your whole family for the loss of Mike's father.

Sincerely,

Bob and Barbara Robertson, North Carolina.

**Barbara Robertson** - November 26, 2017 at 05:56 PM

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“ It is with a sad heart that I share memories of my friend, Art Schubert. We were friends during our high school years at Traverse City Central. When my sister, Ruth, and I lived with my grandmother my senior year of high school, Art would stop by and have a game of Gin or Canasta with me and my grandmother. Then we parted to go to Michigan State University and on to another adult life. We reconnected years later whenever we came back to vacation in Traverse City. Our visits together were so joyful. Art had a lot of stories to share and Oh, how he loved to have his dog perform the tricks that Art had taught him. A visit with Art and Sue were always happy experiences. Sue was a wonderful cook when we shared a meal together. He shared his interest in the woodworking and gave us one of his bowls. Then he and Sue came to visit us in Conroe, Texas in their travel van to attend Red and Thelma Johnson's wedding. Now Tom and I have happy memories of our past times with Art and Sue. We send condolences to Sue and the family.

from Tom and Ginnie (Harris) Huckabay

**Ginnie (Harris) and Tom Huckabay** - November 25, 2017 at 04:07 PM

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“ I always stood up a bit taller around Mr. Schubert, even as an adult. He commanded respect but was very kind at the same. I am so glad to have seen him recently. I cherish the spalted maple bowl he turned for our wedding gift; we use it almost daily. I will be with you in spirit today as you celebrate Art's very full life. Sending thoughts and prayers to Sue, Penny, and the entire Schubert family.

Tammy Hagerty

Class of 1977

**tammy hagerty** - November 25, 2017 at 03:44 PM

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“ I graduated from TCHS in 1975, and my brother and sister a few years later. I got to know Mr. Schubert a little in high school, and well recall him attending the monthly student council meetings. I thought that considering the position he was in as principal (whose ideas often differed from what some of the students wanted) he was a really decent guy. I am glad that he had such a long life in the great Traverse City area. I am sure he is well remembered by literally thousands of people.

**Tom Rombouts** - November 23, 2017 at 02:58 PM

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“ I had great respect for Art as a person and educator. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time.

**Jim Rossi** - November 21, 2017 at 10:40 AM

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“ Mr Schubert was one of my teachers at TCHS. I enjoyed his take on history and I have been a history professor at North Central Michigan College (Petoskey) for 48 years. And I ain't retiring!

RIP Mr Schubert

**Igcummings** - November 20, 2017 at 02:57 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Sue and family. Being a member of the class of 1960 I have had the pleasure of knowing Art as a teacher, a mentor, and a friend. Mr Schubert earned our respect in the classroom and in outside life through his teaching, guidance and example. As a class we all feel that Art had a very positive impact on our many accomplishments. He will be very much missed at our next reunion and beyond. I often talk about some of the classroom 'teachings' Art did in his first year at the old TCHS.

David Pink class of 1960

**David Pink** - November 19, 2017 at 12:09 PM

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“ I am the email coordinator for the TCHS class of '60. I sent Art's obituary to my class and have already heard comments of sympathy. Art was a favorite teacher and administrator later to my kids. He taught econ, history, international relations and government. He was my neighbor. I often saw him in his yard working on his big boat. Art, you will be missed.

Mickey Fivenson, TCHS Class of '60.

Mickey Fivenson - November 18, 2017 at 06:06 PM

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“ We first met Art and Sue in 1969 when we moved to Traverse City. We are so grateful for this wonderful friendship of a generous, joyous, loving man. The inspiration and introduction of new activities from his experiences gave some exciting times in the 49 years since. Back packing and camping in the Tetons, tent camping in the wilderness, cross country skiing, our numerous flying/camping trips from the east coast to the western states and sitting by a campfire or a Tv, sharing meals with other friends and Art's love of life can never be forgotten. That is who he was, and still is...to us, his family and many, many friends. The true measure of a man's life is what he expresses to others and what he holds dear in his heart. Art loved life! He dearly loved his family! He resolutely loved his friends too. These qualities and attributes cannot be lost or forgotten. He will always have a special place in our hearts. Herb and Ellen Allen

Herbert Allen - November 16, 2017 at 09:22 PM

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“ My sympathy to the entire family!  
Art Schubert was the very first history teacher who impressed me as a student, enough so that I followed his tracks by becoming a history teacher and a school counselor. He was a delight to have known and I hope that his mentoring helped me become an equally proficient teacher too.  
Sheryl Weitz, Class of '62

Sheryl Weitz - November 14, 2017 at 01:16 PM