



## Ralph A. Schonholz

August 25, 2021

Ralph A. Schonholz went to be with the Lord on August 25, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in 1938 in Peoria, Illinois to Morris and Isabelle Schonholz.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia D. Schonholz; his daughter and her husband, Natalie and Larry Sjelin; his son and his wife Mark and Cyn-Dee Schonholz; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Ralph was a patriot serving 30 years, retiring as a Sergeant Major of the US Army, and dedicated another 14 years in civil service. He was devoted to his family and friends. Those who knew him always commented on how he had a smile and a friendly demeanor for everyone. His passions in life were dancing and music. When he took his beautiful wife on the dance floor, everyone enjoyed watching them gracefully glide to the rhythm of a waltz or swirl to a polka.

Ralph loved music of all kinds but spent many hours collecting German music. He would tape music from the radio, borrow music from friends, and carefully add and organize music to his extensive collection. He would smile from ear to ear while announcing how many tens of thousands of songs he had in his music library. Ralph was engaged in the community, he volunteered over 3000 hours at BAMC, participated in various clubs and sang with the New Braunfels Gemischer (mixed) Choir Harmonic. He was also very active with home

projects and landscaping often commenting on which tree or bush he planted, removed, or replanted under the supervision of his wife.

Ralph had a full life, never wasting a moment. He will be missed and never forgotten by so many who have had the great pleasure to know him and call him husband, dad, Opa, family, or friend.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the choir "New Braunfels Gemischer Chor Harmonie", a 501(c)3 organization, and sent to the attention of Erna Dietert at 783 Timber Drive, New Braunfels, 78130.

## SERVICES

A Visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 5:00p.m. The Funeral Service will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Friday, September 3, 2021, at 11:00a.m.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH  
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230  
(210) 349-1414

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Interment

OCT 4 (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ *Ralph and Sylvia were always first on the floor during polka dances at many German/Czech communities across central and south Texas. Our last time to see Ralph and Sylvia was in Schulenburg on July 3 for a "Polka On" dance. We always enjoyed dancing and visiting with them. We will miss seeing them on the floor together. Ralph, you will be remembered. Norman and Sharon Blackmon*

N & S Blackmon - September 15, 2021 at 05:08 PM

PV

“ *Ralph. Would come into BAMC Ob/gyn to see Sylvia and pick her up for lunch. Got to know him there and also in internal medicine funny guy and a sweetie pie. God bless the family... Peggy*

Peggy Venner - September 03, 2021 at 07:56 AM

CF

“ *Cogar Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ralph A. Schonholz.*



Cogar Family - September 02, 2021 at 12:48 PM

TJ

“ *Wonderful memories we remember knowing him and his family in Augsburg. He was a wonderful man who is gone but not forgotten. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to the family. From Harry, Erika, Tammie and David Jarrell*

Tammie Jarrell - September 02, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph A. Schonholz.*



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September 02, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Gerry Cogar** - September 01, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *Ralph always had a smile. He was a good friend always ready for a cup of coffee when I visited. I'm sorry our families never got to go on that cruise together. My heartfelt condolences to Sylvia and her family. I will miss Ralph.*

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**Gerry Cogar** - September 01, 2021 at 11:51 PM

MP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May Ralph have eternal peace with our Lord. God bless!*



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**Maria Pattison** - September 01, 2021 at 11:21 PM

ML

“ *Martin & Karola LeMieux purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ralph A. Schonholz.*



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**Martin & Karola LeMieux** - September 01, 2021 at 05:09 PM