



Leif Auburn Schold

February 11, 2019

On February 11, 2019, Leif Auburn Schold, 66, beloved husband of 43 years to Judy (Lowery) Schold, passed peacefully into the next chapter. He was born December 14, 1952 to the late Jessey-Wayne (Gandy) Schold Davis and Warren E. Schold. Besides his wife Judy, he is survived by his son, Dustin Auburn Schold and his wife Sheree, and daughter Juliana; son, Jesse Vincent Schold; brothers, Maury Schold and his wife Yvonne Lanagan, and Eric Schold and his wife Kim; sisters, Lynda Schold, Lesley (Schold) Bourque and her husband Bob, and Jan-Maya Schold; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; and his beloved four legged friend Jack. He was predeceased by his step-father, Emerson B. Davis. Auburn attended school in the Town of Stafford, CT, where he lived for much of his life. Through Auburn's adolescent years, he was adventurous and often found himself in precarious situations, often of his own doing. When he entered high school, he was not interested in conformity or becoming another "cog in the wheel" from his accounts, as there were many. This way of thinking was not always well received by those in positions of authority. For this time period in his life, he lovingly received the nickname "freshman" from his friends and those closest to him. Auburn spent many of his formative years hitchhiking to the West Coast. Some of the places he often reflected on were times spent in California, where he lived in the caves over-looking Laguna Beach, the Red Wood Forests in Big Sur National Park, and Salmon Beach in Tacoma, WA, but he always returned from these grand adventures to Stafford Springs, CT. On one of those trips home, he met the love of his life, Judy Lowery, who he courted and later married on May 1, 1976. It was a rainy day in the back yard of Judy's parent's home in Marlborough, CT, but love that strong could not be interrupted by inclement weather. They made the best of it, and with nearly the whole Town of Stafford, it was a celebration that was not soon forgotten. After marrying his soul mate, together they embarked on this journey called life. They lived in a number of unusual but comfortable places, a school bus, chicken coup, the Orcutts Train Station, and a cabin on Spellman Road, to name a few. Now to some, these places might seem crude or uninhabitable, but for Auburn and Judy, they were affectionately known as home. Auburn held many jobs in construction, farming, and grounds keeping. It was at this time in his life that he rescued a down on his luck German Sheppard, and named him Skip. Skip was a true companion and would not be left

out of anything. Wherever Judy and Auburn went, Skip was going too. Eventually Auburn settled in with the Town of Stafford in the highway garage, and later the transfer station for 15 years. In the spring of 1987, Auburn and Judy took the next step. They finally achieved the lifetime goal of designing and later building a beautiful home on the Old Springfield Road in Stafford Springs, CT. In the time leading up to this on June 7, 1983, Auburn and Judy brought Dustin Auburn Schold (35) into the world. Six years later, they again brought a life into the world, Jesse Vincent Schold (29) on February 24, 1989. In the years to come, Auburn spent countless hours molding the property on Old Springfield Road like a piece of clay into a utopia, complete with a man made pond, beach, and elaborate shrubbery. The adventure wasn't over. Twelve years later, Auburn, Judy and the family sold their house in Stafford Springs, CT, and purchased the "Pika", a 45 foot wooden boat and moved to Cocoa Beach, FL. Auburn and Judy loved the warm weather, but the draw to Stafford Springs, CT, our quaint country town, could not be forgotten that easily. In the winter of 2002, Auburn and family would return to Stafford Springs, CT, where they again began to put down roots, and this time on Wales Road in Stafford Springs, CT. At first glance, the house was a distressed, rundown cottage nestled into the bank consumed by years of overgrowth along Staffordville Lake. But Auburn didn't see what most people saw. If you remember, Auburn didn't like the words "you can't". In fact, I think if you told him that, it would just fuel him to prove you wrong. Auburn looked at this distressed cottage and had a vision, "a diamond in the rough". He knew what it could be. With hard work, he would take this blank canvas, as he would commonly refer to it, and transform it into what it is today. Auburn would spend the remainder of his years, and up until he could no longer sit on his tractor, completing his masterpiece. With that being said, Auburn lived a pretty extraordinary life, and was an inspiration to all. Even with all his health issues, he was not going to let even a doctor tell him "you can't". He loved his wife and his two sons more than any series of words could ever describe. His words and memories will live on in his son's forever. As most who knew my father would agree, he was not one for formalities. His final wishes were to not mourn his death, but to celebrate his life, and in the summer to come, the Schold family will host a memorial gathering at their home on Staffordville Lake, to celebrate the life of Auburn Schold. "It may be important to great thinkers to examine the world, to explain and despise it. But I think it is only important to love the world, not to despise it, not for us to hate each other, but to be able to regard the world and ourselves and all beings with love, admiration and respect." – Hermann Hesse (Siddhartha) In lieu of flowers or memorial donations, the family asks that you "pay it forward" by performing a thoughtful and meaningful act of kindness. In doing so, the positive impact will make a difference in the world as Auburn's life on earth has made to all of us. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

Comments



“ My mother Dorothy Saunders, a Schold neighbor, loved all the Schold children. We had a fabulous life back then. My memories of Auburn were of him walking everywhere he went. He was, I think, living in a small cabin up Leonard Rd. My mother loved his name Auburn and often said what a "free spirit" he was. He was always kind, gentle and handsome as ever. I was so sad to learn of his passing at such a young age. My condolences go out to his family and friends. What a wonderful obituary about his life and a beautiful guide on how to live, enjoy life and to not worry about material things but to realize all the wonderous gifts we have in our own back yard. Thank you for that! I will pass on many selfless deeds as he did and will think of him and our carefree lives back in the "Hollow" often. Please say hello to the family from all of the Saunders family.

Kathleen Smith - April 20, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ Can't remember the last time I saw Auburn but that doesn't diminish my memories of him. He was a guy that was hard not to like and regret not touching base with him on my visits to Stafford as he was a good friend many years ago. My condolences to family and friends.

David Gregori

David Gregori - March 09, 2019 at 08:10 AM



“ My Sincere Condolences, I still tell the story of how Auburn gave me the best cave locations to live in when I was thinking about moving to Calif. Even though I have lived in Florida for many years, I still remember Auburn and his friendship. He was certainly one of a kind man. I will pass along many good deeds in his memory. Rest Peaceful My Friend.

Always in My Prayers,
Bob Molloy

Bob Molloy - March 08, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ Judy, Jesse, Dustin, Sheree, and Juliana,
We are so sorry for your loss. What beautiful words Dustin shared to honor Auburn's life. I remember following those stories through Christmas letters and marveled at how brave and exciting it was when you left on the boat adventure. How wonderful to have had such courage and insight to take on those adventures.
With sympathy,
Michelle and Paul

Michelle Brown - February 21, 2019 at 07:39 AM



“ Reading these words resonate in me my life's dreams, how blessed was he to have lived such an adventure. Auburn was a childhood neighbor on the Old Springfield Road and a freshman classmate. I recall the stir he evoked when refusing to cut his hair. He was expelled from school and there were protests. This world needs more people like him who refuse to conform and who question baseless rules that lack substance. What a wonderfully written tribute to an inspirational man. My condolences to the family.

Christel A Barry - February 17, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ What a wonderfully well written eulogy! Judy, we all had some wonderful times together. Auburn will be sorely missed.

Robbin Patten - February 16, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ Susan and I were so blessed to visit Auburn the last time we were in Connecticut and have fond memories of times we spent at their home with Auburn, Judy, Dustin, and Jesse. Our love to all of his family. Susan and Michael Gandy

Michael Gandy - February 16, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ Auburn was an amazing bright light in this world. He shared his big smile and loving heart with many of us and will never be forgotten.

Lynn Talamini - February 15, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ A beautiful tribute about who he really was. As his neighbor for the last 15 years, seeing him walk the dog daily and transform your house into a beautiful home that speaks “family”, it was truly an inspiration for me! I am sorry for the family’s loss...

Kathy Possardt - February 15, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ The entire Schold family helped mold me into who I am today. You all have a special place in my heart. I am so sorry that this world has lost someone who paid attention to a little Stafford Hollow neighborhood girl, 7 yrs. younger, and always made me feel important when I knew I was a nuisance. I love you Schold family...

Rhonda Reed - February 15, 2019 at 05:38 AM



“ Judy and family,
We were so saddened to hear of Auburn's passing. Though it's been a long time, we will never forget the times with him and you and the friendship we had. Auburn was Auburn, one of a kind....and one of the few who dared to live life the way he wanted to! What interesting and wonderful memories you have. We send our best to you.
Frank and Joan Formeister

Joan Formeister - February 14, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ Auburn was my very first friend, living next door on Old Springfield Road in the 1950s and early 1960s. We were the same age, born just weeks apart, and spend many many hours together at each others' houses and at school. He was a fun-loving and kind-hearted child. That is the way I will always remember Auburn.

My condolences to Auburn's family, brothers, and sisters.

Crystal Ross - February 14, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Auburn's passing. May he rest in peace.

Nancy Richens - February 14, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ Dear Judy, Dustin, and Jesse,

Your hearts broke for me, and now mine breaks for you. My heart is full of love and memories of Auburn. Paul and I thought the world of both of you, we enjoyed all the fun times we had together and can see them both laughing and reminiscing as they begin their next journey where ever it takes them.

Our sincere condolences. Love Donna, Paul III, and family.

Donna Parrow - February 14, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ Mary "Brisson" Ojeda lit a candle in memory of Leif Auburn Schold



Mary "Brisson" Ojeda - February 13, 2019 at 11:33 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Leif Auburn Schold.



Sherri Rolfe Heroux - February 13, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ Wendy West



Wendy West - February 13, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ Another Friend

As an old hippy
And why I'm still here
We'll all have to wonder
Before I disappear

But my friends in heaven
Are a special group
Now Auburn Schold
Just joined the loop

His journey has been
And will continue to be
An old hippy on the trail
We'll no longer see

So Auburn, on your journey
Look back where you've been
We'll all meet in heaven
Now I can say Amen

I'M HURT

Hewey and Debbie
2-12-2019

Hewey n Debbie - February 13, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ Judy, Dustin, Jesse and all of his family, What a beautiful life Auburn lived. Our heartfelt condolences to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lori & Steve Gianantoni

Lori - February 13, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ Lori & Steve Gianantoni lit a candle in memory of Leif Auburn Schold



Lori & Steve Gianantoni - February 13, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leif Auburn Schold.



February 13, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ What a wonderful obituary to take a walk down memory lane!
Auburn's mother-in-law, Rita Lowery, always said "Auburn always tells it like it is."
She said you could ask him anything. Auburn was Rita's hero after he removed a garden snake from a bush at her front door.
We remember the strong opinions we shared with Auburn. We also remember laughing whenever we visited. Although we will miss him and feel a sadness, we are following Auburn's advice to "Party On" in his memory.
Love,
Linda Lowery & Debbie Hamilton

Linda Lowery - February 13, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ Laura Nielwocki lit a candle in memory of Leif Auburn Schold



Laura Nielwocki - February 13, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Auburn truly was one of a kind. He used to make me laugh so much. I've had some interesting conversations with him in the past. I'm sure he will be missed by many! My condolences to all of his family.

Michele Herring - February 13, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ What a wonderful tribute to a man true to himself, and his family! As he embarks on his 'new adventures', may his family find comfort and inspiration in the memories he left behind. Wishing you Peace.

Joanna Warner

Joanna Warner - February 13, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ My sympathies to the family of Auburn Schold. I have many fond memories of his mother and the rest of the family.

Beverly Tellefsen - February 13, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ Judy and Family,
My sincere condolences on your loss of Auburn. Given his life story, it seems the world is simply more mundane and way less interesting at his passing.

Mike Enright

Mike Enright - February 13, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ Denise Reynolds Corcoran lit a candle in memory of Leif Auburn Schold



Denise Reynolds Corcoran - February 13, 2019 at 07:19 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Condolences & Many Prayers to The Family...

Donna Bennett/Hnatiuk - February 12, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ Judy, Dustin and Jesse - Our times spent with Auburn, your husband and father, are ones we will never forget - always gentle, kind and humble. His strength and perseverance over the years was admirable. He will be missed.

Our deepest sympathy to all of you,

David and Diane Perko

Diane - February 12, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ Judy, Dustin, and Jesse:
Our sincere sympathies on Auburn's passing. He was an interesting man and I wish I had known him better.

Mike and Ginny Rioux - February 12, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ Judy, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Dustin and Jesse. May peace be with all of you.

Bud and Suzanne Kostic - February 12, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ Gary Reynolds And Alice DeTora lit a candle in memory of Leif Auburn Schold



Gary Reynolds and Alice DeTora - February 12, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Judy and family. Auburn was the best of the best and It was a honor to be his friend. He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Gary Reynolds

gary reynolds - February 12, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ Auburn changed my life, what more can I say.

Gene Julian - February 12, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ What a beautiful obituary! And what a dude! I wish I had known him.

Craig Cheyne

Craig Cheyne - February 12, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ Mary (Tarcho) Plasse lit a candle in memory of Leif Auburn Schold



Mary (Tarcho) Plasse - February 12, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ Auburn lived a full and adventurous life! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Judy, Dustin, Jesse and all his family.
Love, Bob and Andrea

Bob & Andrea Brunelle - February 12, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Judy, Dustin & Jesse we send truly heartfelt condolences. Auburn always had a soft smile and a good story to share.
Deb Fisher & Ralph Botnick.

Debra Fisher - February 12, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ So sorry for your loss our prayers are with you just know he is in a better place doing all the things he loved looking down on all of you with a big wonderful smile on his face love you all Bill & Kim Blanchard

Bill & Kim Blanchard - February 12, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ So sorry Judy, Dustin and Jesse. My thoughts are with you all.

Love Deb and Guy

Debra Martorelli - February 12, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to a beautiful man. He was truly one of a kind, bringing smiles to all of us. Judy, Dustin, Jesse and family our hearts are with you. Love, Patte & Dick

Patte & Dick Schlamel - February 12, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Judy, Dustin and Jesse. May he rest in peace. The memories live on



Sherri Rolfe Heroux - February 12, 2019 at 12:50 PM