



Christian R. Schwarz

April 28, 2009 - December 18, 2025

Christian Richard Schwarz, age 16, of Highland, IL, died Thursday, December 18, 2025, at his home in Highland, IL.

He was born on April 28, 2009, in Breese, IL, the son of Kevin and Kristina (nee Spihlmann) Schwarz.

Christian was born in Breese, Illinois, and grew up northeast of Grantfork on the family farm. He attended All Saints Academy and was currently a junior at Mater Dei High School. Christian was a member of Mater Dei FFA, as well as their Chaplain. He was also a member of Grant Prairie 4-H and St. Gertrude Catholic Church. Christian loved working on cars, trucks, and tractors; and antiques. He enjoyed working on the family farm and going hunting.

Survivors include:

Father - Kevin John Schwarz, Highland, IL

Mother - Kristina Ann Schwarz, nee Spihlmann, Highland, IL

Sister - Elizabeth Rose Schwarz, Highland, IL

Sister - Katherine Marie Schwarz, Highland, IL

Brother - John Leo Schwarz, Highland, IL

Grandmother - Emily Rose Schwarz, nee Knebel, Highland, IL

Grandmother - Kimberly J. Spihlmann, nee Mathis, Carlyle, IL

Grandfather - Steven N. Spihlmann, Carlyle, IL

Great Grandmother - Rosemary Spihlmann, nee Fuehne, Damiansville, IL
Aunt - Tina Marie Schwarz, Mason City, IL
Aunt - Debora R. Schwarz, Jacksonville, IL
Aunt - Brenda S. (Greg) Teakert, Chesterfield, MO
Aunt - Mary S. (Joe) Jackson, Pierron, IL
Uncle - Chris L. (Kim) Schwarz, Highland, IL
Aunt - Jacquelyn R. Spihlmann, Hiawatha, KS
Aunt - Lisa E. (Phillip) Stoltzfus, Shelburn, IN
Uncle - Stephen "Nick" (Mackenzie) Spihlmann, Albers, IL
And numerous cousins, family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by:

Grandfather - Christ J. "Sonny" Schwarz (died 3/5/2015)
Aunt - Jane F. Schwarz (died 9/11/1979)
Great Grandfather - Richard V. Spihlmann (12/25/1994)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 22, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Grantfork, IL.

Interment will be at St. Gertrude Catholic Cemetery in Grantfork, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Gertrude Catholic Church or Mater Dei FFA.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Visitation

DEC **23**. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home
1501 9th
Highland, IL 62249
info@spengel-boulanger.com
<http://spengel-boulanger.com>

Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gertrude Catholic Church
202 N. Locust Street
Grantfork, IL 62249

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Our very deepest sympathies to Kevin & Kristina and family!! And to all of Christian's friends!! Dave Plocher and Alan Metzger

Dave Plocher & Alan Metzger - December 28, 2025 at 08:14 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy...Dennis and Lyn Buchmiller

Dennis Buchmiller - December 23, 2025 at 07:48 AM

LS

“ Our Thoughts & prayers to your family, friends, & school mates.
May God comfort you.
Earl and Lori Stocker

Lori Stocker - December 22, 2025 at 05:31 PM

MN

“ Michael N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

Michael N. - December 22, 2025 at 03:22 PM

TC

“ The Carlyle Lake DU Committee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

The Carlyle Lake DU Committee - December 22, 2025 at 07:25 AM

TC

“ *The Carlyle Lake DU Committee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.*



The Carlyle Lake DU Committee - December 22, 2025 at 07:25 AM

AH

“ *Amanda H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.*

Amanda H. - December 21, 2025 at 05:50 PM

ND

“ *Nick, Jennifer & Maddox Dwyer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.*



Nick, Jennifer & Maddox Dwyer - December 21, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JF

“ *Jennifer (Kerl) Schutte and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.*



Jennifer (Kerl) Schutte and family - December 20, 2025 at 09:52 PM

MF

“ *Mater Dei Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.*

Mater Dei Friends - December 20, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.*



December 20, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JF

“ *Jason and Alison Davison and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.*

Jason and Alison Davison and family - December 20, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.*



December 20, 2025 at 12:39 PM

CA

“ Concorde Colleges - Academic Affairs purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.



Concorde Colleges - Academic Affairs - December 20, 2025 at 11:03 AM

MF

“ Mansfied & Kern family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

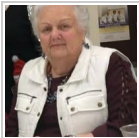
Mansfied & Kern family - December 20, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Sweet Snacks Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.



December 20, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Christian Schwarz



Rita Rinderer - December 19, 2025 at 11:31 PM

AT

“ Anne T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

Anne T. - December 19, 2025 at 11:21 PM

JL

“ Jeffery L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

Jeffery L. - December 19, 2025 at 10:47 PM

TF

“ The Hobson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

The Hobson Family - December 19, 2025 at 10:17 PM

TF

“ The Hobson Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.



The Hobson Family - December 19, 2025 at 10:17 PM

EV

“ Emily Deiters, Cheyenne & Shawnee Voss purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.



Emily Deiters, Cheyenne & Shawnee Voss - December 19, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.



December 19, 2025 at 08:52 PM

HL

“ Heath, Stacy, Hannah, and Leo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

Heath, Stacy, Hannah, and Leo - December 19, 2025 at 08:52 PM

SM

“ TO the family of Christian, my deepest sympathy. Ever since he helped me at the chicken dinner, I always said, “keep that smile”. From that moment every time we would see each other I would smile and he would acknowledge by a quick nod of the head. He will always be in my heart. Sue Messerli

Sue Messerli - December 19, 2025 at 06:11 PM

OP

“ Oscar Prater lit a candle in memory of Christian Schwarz



Oscar Prater - December 19, 2025 at 06:07 PM

JL

“ Christian, thank you for the 2 v 4 bolt education. The many conversations about engines, even though 3/4 of the time I had no idea what you were talking about but I could see/hear the passion in it for you so I'd listen as long as you wanted, at least now I know blinker fluid is not a real thing. Trent and I will miss you, as will everyone who ever had the privilege to meet or hang out with you. Fly high with those geese we so recently spoke of. To the Schwarz family my deepest condolences.

Josh L - December 19, 2025 at 05:30 PM

SM

“ Stacie, Kelly, Christy, and Melanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christian R. Schwarz.

Stacie, Kelly, Christy, and Melanie - December 19, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christian R. Schwarz.



December 19, 2025 at 05:30 PM