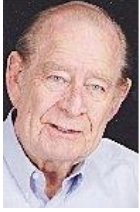

Merrill E. Schelich(1932 - 2015)

Merrill E. Schelich, 83, Washington, passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, in Washington.

Merrill, son of the late Edward Schelich and wife Mathilda, nee Becker, was born Dec. 15, 1932, in Washington. He received his education from St. Francis Borgia High School, the University of Missouri, Columbia, Washington University, and also attended [Harvard University](#). He was united in marriage to Frances Balch April 9, 1976, in St. Louis. Merrill was the owner of Riechers Truck Bodies, Washington.

Merrill was a past board member of the Mercy Hospital Foundation, Washington, and was a contributor to the American Heart Association in many ways. He was a member of St. Gertrude^Church, the [Elks Lodge](#), and Franklin County Country Club in Washington. Merrill served his country honorably as a member of the U.S. Army.

Among his survivors are his wife, Fran Schelich, Washington; one brother, Ardell Schelich and wife Laverne, Washington; one sister, Marilyn Engemann, Washington; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Marcus Balch, and Maggie Farmer and husband Jerry, all of St. Louis. He loved his friends, children, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Curtis Schelich.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Jan. 2, at St. Gertrude^Church, with the Rev. Bernard Wilkins officiating.

Entombment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be given to St. Gertrude Grade School.

Arrangements were in care of Nieburg-Vitt Funeral Home, Washington.

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