



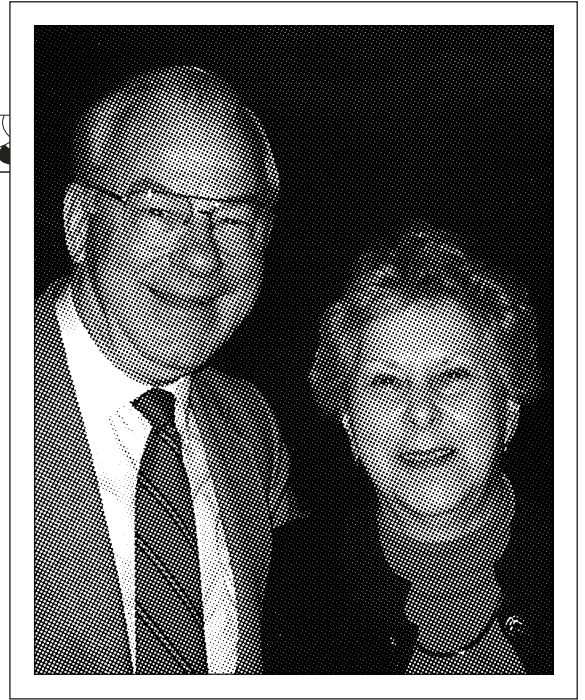
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Art Schmuckal

and

Mary (Hoffer) Schmuckal

1922-1999



Since their marriage in 1945, Art and Mary Schmuckal labored to improve their community. Education, particularly Catholic education, has benefited from their hard work, leadership and generosity as they put their faith in God into action.

Art served on the first Catholic school board in the area while Mary was on the St. Francis board committee for continuing education. Art was a part of the advisory committee for the new St. Francis High School in 1963. Three decades later, Art and Mary were active in planning and building support for the new St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School. They are honorary chairs for the Gladhander Auction. The Schmuckals served on the committees to build the new St. Francis Church in 1977 and St. Patrick Church in 1985. As of this date, their four children, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren have graduated from or are attending Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.

Mary served on the Board of Education for the Rennie School and worked with Fr. Kohler and Traverse City Schools Superintendent Glenn Loomis to provide bussing for Catholic school students. Mary also served on the board for the Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Art was the Blair Township Supervisor and chair of the Grand Traverse County Board of Supervisors from

1956–60, and a member of the GT County Road Commission for 24 years. He is a longtime member of the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce and served a term as president. In 1987, Art was the recipient of that organization's Distinguished Citizen Award.

The formation of Northwestern Michigan College in the early 1950s was a truly visionary project and the support of the Schmuckal family has been instrumental in the development and improvements of NMC through the years. Art and Mary have raised funds and support for Northwestern Michigan College, the University Center, and the Dennos Museum. Art serves as a member of the NMC Foundation which he and other community leaders helped form in 1980. The Art and Mary Schmuckal Family Foundation supports important community causes including health care and education, as well as the endowment of numerous scholarships for students at GTACS and NMC.

Art and Mary's work ethic is rooted in the soil that they farmed in southern Grand Traverse County. That work ethic, combined with their vision, has benefited many in our community and our Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.