



Anthony "Tony" Schmitz

December 11, 1930 - May 18, 2026

The Mass of Christian Burial for Anthony "Tony" Schmitz of rural Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday May 23, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Jean-Claude Duncan as celebrant.

Visitation will be held on Friday, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena with Prayers at 6:00 p.m. and a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in St. Fredericks' Catholic Cemetery in Verndale, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Facebook Page or YouTube Page

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With family at his side, Tony passed away at the age of 95 on May 18, 2026, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, MN.

Thoughtful care was provided by the staff and Moments Hospice of Brainerd.

Anthony "Tony" Schmitz was born to Nicholas, Sr and Lucille (Reiger) Schmitz on December 11, 1930, in Wadena, MN. He attended first grade at a nearby country school before completing second through eighth grade at St. Ann's Parochial School in Wadena. In February 1952, Tony entered the U. S. Army and served as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in November 1953.

On September 6, 1955, Tony married Eva Mae Moller at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarissa. They made their home east of Wadena and raised their 11 children. Farming was in his blood, and he became a successful dairy and crop farmer. When time allowed, Tony liked to be outdoors observing nature and wildlife, refinish furniture, or go for a ride to check on the neighborhood crops; a trip that often ended with a Dairy Queen treat. In retirement, Tony enjoyed fishing with neighboring buddies.

Preceding Tony in death were his parents, Nick Sr and Lucille; brothers, Nick Jr, Leo, and Albert; son-in-law Ted Butler; parents-in-law, Adolph and Elsie (Halbrehder) Moller.

Blessed for having Tony in their lives, are his wife, Eva; children, Carol (Leon) Boehland of Bertha, Daniel (Cindy) Schmitz of Verndale, Barb (Frank) Piecek of Wadena, Teresa (Roy) Perish of Long Prairie, Duane (Greta) Schmitz, Tom (Mary) Schmitz both of Wadena, Cathy (Mark) Wiese of Verndale, Vern (Ann) Schmitz, Rita (Tim) Nolte, both of Sebeka, Dale (Lora) Schmitz of Wadena and Laura (Brian) Trout of Ely; 40 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, & one great-great-grandchild; sister, Gertrude Roggenkamp of Breezy Point; along with a host of extended family, friends, and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tyler Butler, Steve Schmitz, Jed Butler, Aaron Perish, Tanner Schmitz and Derek Wiese.

Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Prayers

MAY 22. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Rosary

MAY 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann Catholic Church
514 1st St SE
Wadena, MN 56482-1803
(218) 631-1593

Mass

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann Catholic Church
514 1st St SE
Wadena, MN 56482-1803
(218) 631-1593

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 19 at 09:14 PM

JU

“ *John Uselman lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



john uselman - June 21 at 02:10 PM

WR

“ *Great man. Always remember Mass at St Frederick's in Verndale, as well as him cultivating our fields with his iconic Allis Chalmers tractor. Condolences from the Roggenkamp family.*

Wyatt Roggenkamp - May 29 at 06:38 AM

DW

“ *Sending condolence to Eva and family.*



Debbi Derby Williamson - May 26 at 06:37 PM

BM

“ *The entire Schmitz family is in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*
Brad Macklem & Family



Brad Macklem - May 26 at 05:53 PM

BC

“ *Our prayers go out to the family to remember all the precious times spent together. Eternal rest grant to him.*



Beth Colby - May 23 at 01:48 PM

CR

“ *Chris and Audrey Randall lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Chris and Audrey Randall - May 23 at 12:47 PM

LF

“ *Love, Jim & Pete Moller and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz.*



Love, Jim & Pete Moller and Family - May 22 at 05:09 PM

TS

“ Tony and Rhonda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Tony and Rhonda Snyder - May 22 at 12:19 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz.



May 22 at 10:18 AM

JC

“ Our sincerest condolences and sympathies to the Schmitz family. Our prayers are with you with hopes that all of your wonderful memories bring you smiles in the days to come ♡



Jim and Janell Carr - May 21 at 07:31 PM

BB

“ Our deepest sympathies.



Ben and Kim Butler - May 21 at 04:13 PM

C(

“ Cooperative Network Services (CNS) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz.



Cooperative Network Services (CNS) - May 21 at 04:07 PM

SW

“ Sharon Wutzke lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Sharon Wutzke - May 21 at 12:23 AM

GB

“ My Condolences to the families of Tony. My prayers are with all of you , May God grant you peace and love. Trust in the Lord.



Geralyn Butler - May 20 at 09:57 PM

EF

“ Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Esther and Alan Freitag - May 20 at 09:11 PM

LM

“ Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Linda McIntire - May 20 at 07:57 PM

LM

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Linda McIntire - May 20 at 07:53 PM

 Kathy Hastings

“ Kathy Hastings lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Kathy Hastings - May 20 at 05:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz.



May 20 at 03:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 20 at 01:40 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz.*



May 20 at 09:12 AM



“ *Lifting the families in prayer!*



Barb Brown - May 19 at 10:54 PM



“ *Tom and Christy Berscheit lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Tom and Christy Berscheit - May 19 at 09:13 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 19 at 09:12 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - May 19 at 08:02 PM

NB

“ Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz



Neal & Leona Bowman - May 19 at 07:04 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Gene & Mary Denny - May 19 at 05:41 PM

BD

“ *Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Bob and Kathy Derby - May 19 at 04:00 PM

CD

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the Schmitz family*



Chad & Dana - May 19 at 10:17 AM

LW

“ *Louis and Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Louis and Tina Wegscheid - May 19 at 09:35 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Patty Desrocher - May 19 at 09:23 AM

LG

“ *Lyle and Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Lyle and Cindy Goeden - May 19 at 08:33 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Jon Johnson - May 19 at 06:44 AM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless you all with peace and comfort until we meet again as our LORD has promised. Deepest Sympathys. Jackie Perius and families*



Jackie perius - May 19 at 12:42 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Marladene Heinen - May 18 at 11:24 PM

DA

“ *My sympathy to the entire family.*



Debbie Anderson - May 18 at 11:21 PM

LC

“ *Larry & Ruth Clark lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Larry & Ruth Clark - May 18 at 09:49 PM

RS

“ *Rick & Deb Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Rick & Deb Schwartz - May 18 at 09:05 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Leo Haisman - May 18 at 08:28 PM

LH

“ *Larry and Jodi Hackler lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Larry and Jodi Hackler - May 18 at 07:50 PM

KT

“ *Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Schmitz*



Karen Treangen - May 18 at 06:34 PM