



## Conrad Schmidt

February 25, 1922 - April 7, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Conrad Henry Schmidt of Wadena, will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Friday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Prayers at 5:00, A Time of Sharing at 6:00, and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. At the age of 92, Conrad passed away on April 7, 2014, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

Conrad was born in Hebron ND, on February 25, 1922, to Jacob and Anna (Glass) Schmidt. He grew up in western North Dakota and has been called the last of the cowboys. Having only attended school through 6th grade, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps at the age of fifteen. With the CCC he traveled through Wyoming, worked in Leach lake MN, and Itasca State Park. Conrad was united in marriage with Viola Krein on June 4, 1946, at St. Anne's Church in Hebron ND. His career throughout his life was farming. He loved horses and especially enjoyed riding army remounts as well as going to cavalry stations with his daughter. Favorite horses of his were Thunder and Lightning. Conrad and his family moved to MN in 1955 to a farm about 1 mile away from his brother's farm. His favorite dog, Laddie, saved his life when he was attacked by a mother raccoon. His favorite things about farming included milking cows, raising feeder pigs, and custom farming. After Conrad retired he

enjoyed spending his time building old tractors for Jim Richter.

Conrad was preceded in death by his wife Viola in 1991; parents Jacob and Anna; and siblings Jacob (Josephine), Frank (Laurie), John (Katherine), Nick (Elizabeth), Henry (Helen), Carl (Rose), and Elsie.

He is survived by his daughter Jacqueline (Jerry) Goldie; foster son Emil Joe Kroening (Ellen) of Oakland CA; grandchildren Jordan (Leigh) Goldie and Jodan (Murali Kuchibholta) Goldie; along with great-grandchildren Lincoln Barrow, Asher Barrow, and Alina Goldie.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Fraune, Ron Horn, Ron Reed, Ed Breuer, and Jim Richter. Serving as pallbearers will be Gary Richter, Larry Sworski, Frank Tranby, Harvey McGrane, Gary Zacharias and Darcy Brauch.

Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Visitation

APR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN



# Tribute Wall

KZ

“ Conrad and Viola were very good friends of my parents, so growing up, Conrad was always a fixture in our lives. He had a great memory for stories, and I was honored to be a player in one of his tales. He told a story about me disappearing at his house, and everyone was looking for me and he found me curled up asleep with his dog in the dog's bed when I was a toddler. My love for Conrad's dogs didn't end there - - I still remember how excited I was when they let me take care of their little chihuahua, Chico when they went on vacation! He and my Dad went fishing a lot together, and they bantered and teased each other in their very own version of Grumpy Old Men. I will miss his comical stories. He had a flair for adding humor to even the saddest moments. I remember him visiting us in the hospital during my Mom's final days, and he and my Dad comparing how much they paid for their marriage licenses and who got the better deal! :) Conrad, you will be missed!

~Karen Zacharias

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**Karen Zacharias** - April 12, 2014 at 03:46 PM

JG

thank you Karen. We talked about how you train that Chihuahua to eat at the table! Jackie

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**Jackie Goldie** - April 13, 2014 at 05:50 PM

KW

“ Jackie, and family sending you my deepest sympathy for your loss of your dad, Conrad.  
Seeing pictures of the farm brought memories back when Helen and I came to visit your mom and dad. Kelly. Schmidt Weiland. ( Clifford Schmidt's daughter)

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**kelly weiland** - April 12, 2014 at 11:34 AM

JG

*thank you.Jackie*

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**Jackie Goldie** - April 13, 2014 at 05:51 PM

SH

“ *Jackie, Jerome, Jodan and Jordan,  
Sending you my deepest sympathy and a hug across the miles.  
Love,  
Susan Heltemes*

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**Susan Heltemes** - April 11, 2014 at 10:29 PM

DK

“ *My condolences to Jackie and her family on the loss of her father, Conrad; and also to my brother, Emil Joe, who Conrad was also like a father. I remember Conrad well (and Viola) as some of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet. They were the best neighbors anyone could ever have. There aren't enough words to say what a great person Conrad was. I know my brother and sister-in-law, Ellen, will really miss going to Wadena to see him. Conrad was definitely "one of the good ones" and will be missed by many. - Deni Kroening-Frandrup*

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**Deni Kroening-Frandrup** - April 11, 2014 at 08:22 AM

JG

*thank you denise.I appreciate your comments and the beautiful flowers.Jackie*

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**Jackie Goldie** - April 13, 2014 at 05:52 PM

CE

“ Conrad shared many ordinary days, reunions, stories & laughter, and even the sad times with our family. He could always make us smile, even with tears in our eyes. It was truly a blessing to know this wonderful friend and neighbor. He will be missed by all of us.

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**Cheryl Zacharias Erickson** - April 11, 2014 at 12:33 AM

JG

*thank you for the kind words. Jackie*

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**Jackie Goldie** - April 13, 2014 at 05:53 PM

YK

“ We have lost a dear family friend and neighbor who was like a dad to us growing up. "Conrad & Viola's" was our 'home away from home' as we spent a lot of time there over the years; Emil helping Conrad on the farm, I had my piano lessons with Viola and Jackie, mom Elsie and Viola & Conrad were good friends and good neighbors and they helped us out a lot. Remembering the fun get togethers with Jackie, Denise and the neighbors - Patsy and Rodney, Zacharias's, Packards. Good times at the Schmidt's!

Conrad and Emil continue to have the father/son bond. I last visited Conrad in 2009 when back in Wadena with Emil & Ellen, and we had a great time for a few days visiting with his good friend Jim Richter and roadtrip to visit Jackie & Jerry with endless reminiscing, laughing and hearing interesting stories. Memorable times together.

We will all sadly miss Conrad's quick witted humour that makes us laugh, his knack for interesting storytelling and his impeccable memory of details when reminiscing; his intellect and vast knowledge, his likeable character and kind and generous heart that made him a good friend to so many. Your smile and laugh (and a hug with a rib tickle!) will be so dearly missed.

My thoughts go out to Jackie and Jerry, Jodan and Jordan, grandchildren, his beloved nieces, nephews and family, Emil Joe and all his dear close friends.

It is with deep sadness that we must say goodbye Conrad, as your next journey begins, but we will celebrate your long and happy life with us and embrace the memories of the times we shared. May you rest in peace knowing you have brought joy and touched the hearts of so many and your memory will live on.

- Yvonne Kroening

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Yvonne Kroening - April 10, 2014 at 10:16 PM

JG

*thank you so much. And thank you for the gorgeous flowers even across the sea! Jackie*

Jackie Goldie - April 13, 2014 at 05:54 PM

YK

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Yvonne Kroening - April 10, 2014 at 06:52 PM

MF

“ Mike & Marie Fraune sent a virtual gift in memory of Conrad Schmidt



Mike & Marie Fraune - April 10, 2014 at 11:54 AM

MR

“ Our condolences to the family of Conrad. We did not know him but he was an uncle to Rod and Kathy Schmidt, who is our sister and brother-in-law. Mike and Deb Rudolph

Mike and Deb Rudolph - April 09, 2014 at 01:29 PM

JG

*thank you very much for your support of my family. JerryGoldie*

Jackie Goldie - April 13, 2014 at 05:55 PM

JO

“ *Conrad is a long time friend and neighbor. I will always remember the wonderful stories that he could tell of his younger days. He will be missed.*

Joanne Ostlund - April 09, 2014 at 12:28 PM

JG

*thank you and thank you for your support at the funeral and at the wake. Jackie*

Jackie Goldie - April 13, 2014 at 05:56 PM

JR

“ *Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Conrad Schmidt*



Jack & Judy Richter - April 09, 2014 at 09:52 AM

EM

“ *3 files added to the album Great summer memories*



Emil - April 09, 2014 at 01:55 AM

MV

“ *Margaret & Peter VanErp lit a candle in memory of Conrad Schmidt*



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**Margaret & Peter VanErp** - April 09, 2014 at 12:17 AM

JG

*thank you bless your heart. Jerry and Jackie*

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**Jackie Goldie** - April 13, 2014 at 05:57 PM

EM

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Emil** - April 08, 2014 at 08:27 PM

JH

*Uncle Conrad and Jackie*

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**Janet Hellman** - July 02, 2014 at 01:03 PM

EK

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Emil Kroening** - April 08, 2014 at 08:22 PM