



Dale Schmith

October 2, 1957 - November 15, 2022

The memorial Mass for Dale Schmith of Verndale will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday one hour prior to the Mass.

Dale suffered a heart attack on the family farm Tuesday, November 15th and died at Tri-County Health Care later that evening. He was 65 years old.

Dale was born on October 2, 1957, to Andrew and Elsie (McDowell) Schmith at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. He graduated from Verndale High School and attended Wadena Technical College where he completed an electronic and telecommunications program. He joined Stromberg-Carlson Corporation as a switching equipment installer throughout the Midwest. Dale then joined Midwest Telephone Company in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota. He worked there for 29 years, rising to Regional Service Manager. After retiring in 2015, Dale was elected to the West Central Telephone Board and joined Verndale Schools as a bus driver. He enjoyed connecting with the kids on their way to school and extracurricular activities.

He was a committed supporter of Verndale High School STEM Stars Program and athletics and was regularly seen on the sidelines for football and volleyball. In between his part-time retirement jobs, Dale spent the majority of his time at the family farm - farming, taking care of his beef cattle, harvesting,

gardening, and canning. Dale was an avid chef, baker, and griller who loved to share food at his table. He enjoyed laughing with friends and family, always quick to share a story or joke. He had a generous spirit and always lent a hand to anyone who needed it. Dale enjoyed golfing as well as hunting and fishing, including trips to Alaska and Canada. He always started and ended his day walking alongside his loyal dogs Cody and Rusty.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his sister Kathy Dague of Ramsey, MN, brother Tom Schmith of Verndale, MN, brother David Schmith of Mifflintown, PA, brother Dick Schmith of Brooklyn Park, MN and sister Karen Schmith of Falcon Heights, MN. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Teresa, Amy, Rachel, Luke, Eric, and Sara as well as five great nieces and nephews. Burial will be held at a later date in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Schmith*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 21, 2022 at 06:11 PM

LD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Such a great guy!*

Lisa DeSpiegler - November 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Schmith.*



November 24, 2022 at 11:30 AM

VS

“ *Verndale School Staff purchased the Delightful Di effenbachia for the family of Dale Schmith.*



Verndale School Staff - November 23, 2022 at 03:58 PM

ST

“ *Scott (Park Region Telephone) lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Scott Toso (Park Region Telephone) - November 22, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Dale Schmith.*



November 22, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Schmith.*



November 22, 2022 at 09:22 AM

MN

“ *We are so sad to hear we lost our dear cousin, Dale. He was so caring and always had a great laugh and hug for all of his family. We will miss him very much. Nelson Cousins*

Marilyn Nelson - November 22, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 21, 2022 at 05:41 PM

WA

“ West Central Telephone Assn. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dale Schmith.



West Central Telephone Assn. - November 21, 2022 at 04:13 PM

AR

“ Dale was such a great man. He was good friends with my parents for many years. When we were up north for the weekend, he would occasionally stop in on the weekends for coffee. The conversation was always jolly and he had the most infectious laugh. My little daughter loved going out to his farm to see all of his cows.
You will be very missed Dale! Rest Peacefully



Arica Rolfes - November 21, 2022 at 01:58 PM

LW

“ *Lucinda Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Lucinda Wegscheid - November 21, 2022 at 07:54 AM

JP

“ *Jackie Perius lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Jackie Perius - November 20, 2022 at 01:19 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Kern lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Debbie Kern - November 19, 2022 at 06:50 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Marlene Campbell - November 19, 2022 at 06:44 AM

SL

“ Shelly Lang lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith



Shelly Lang - November 18, 2022 at 08:20 PM

BP

“ This is so shocking. We had the privilege of getting to know him when he moved to Parkers Prairie to work at the phone company. He was fun to be around and enjoyed his laugh. He will be missed by many and our sympathy to his family. Friends Gene and Barb Payne



Barbara L Payne - November 18, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ I worked with Dale at Arvig and you couldn't help but smile and laugh when you heard him coming down the hallway. He was a very kind man and always had a story to share. My sympathies to his family.

Mary Beth Muszynski

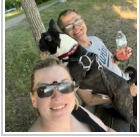
Mary Beth Lange Muszynski - November 18, 2022 at 01:18 PM

GS

“ Sorry to hear of Dale's passing. My condolences and deepest sympathies to the Schmith family.



Geri Salmela - November 18, 2022 at 10:27 AM



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Ashley Pulju - November 18, 2022 at 09:46 AM

BA

“ *Brooke Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Brooke Anderson - November 17, 2022 at 11:27 PM

RF

“ *Rosalie & family lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Rosalie Schmith & family - November 17, 2022 at 09:15 PM

RB

“ *Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Rita Boehland - November 17, 2022 at 08:53 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Leo Haisman - November 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

PN

“ *Dale was a great friend and co-worker for many years. Many fun times shared and lots of laughter! He will be missed!*

Patti Neiman - November 17, 2022 at 07:58 PM

JC

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Schmith family. Dale was a big Verndale Pirate Fan. If you went to any Verndale sports event he would be there. I graduated with Dale in 1976. We were teammates all the way from grade school to Senior high. Dale was a 3-sport athlete. Football Dale played defensive end on offence tight end. We finished the season with an 8-2 record winning the Park Region Conference. The Winter of 76 Dale was a starting forward on our basketball team. We started the season 12-0, finished the season with a 19-5 record winning the Lake Region Conference. In the Spring we played high school baseball. Dale Played shortstop, pitched and batted 3rd.in the lineup. 3rd batter is the team's best hitter. Our team capped off the season by winning the district 24. Looking back it was a big accomplishment. Little Verndale District 24 Champs. Thanks for memories Dale. Thanks for Being my teammate, but most of all thanks for being my friend. Jim Carr.*



Jim and Janell Carr - November 17, 2022 at 07:27 PM

DS

“ *Dustin Amanda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



Dustin & Amanda Snyder - November 17, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Dale was a great friend to have. He usually stopped by at least once a week on his bike or truck to have coffee and Sheila always made sure he had a cookie or some other homemade treat. We always enjoyed sharing memories of our younger wild days and nights and a little banter over politics. Even though we had different views sometimes we never let it get in the way of our friendship. He was a very smart guy and the world won't be the same without him. see you later Dale Mark and Sheila Gades*

MarkandSheila Gades - November 17, 2022 at 04:31 PM

RR

“ *I can still hear Dale's one of a kind laugh, I will never forget it. He was one of a kind. Sympathies to his family.*

Becky Revering

Rebecca Revering - November 17, 2022 at 02:15 PM

TJ

“ *Schmitt was such a fun and kind man! We will miss his laughter for sure! Thanks for all the great memories. Until we meet again*

Tim & Diane Jensen - November 17, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dale Schmith.*



November 17, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *LeRoy Bramer lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith*



LeRoy Bramer - November 17, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Schmith.*



November 17, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to all who loved Dale. Hugs Kathy, Karen, Tom and Dick. May you find peace in the memories. Let them make you smile.*

Sandee Seaton Byrd - November 17, 2022 at 10:59 AM

SB

“ Sandee Byrd lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith



Sandee Seaton Byrd - November 17, 2022 at 10:54 AM

PD

“ Karen, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dale. My sympathies and prayers are with you and your family. Dale was a wonderful friend and a great groomsman in my wedding. I loved my conversations with him. He was always joking and laughing. He will truly be missed.

Patty Desrocher - November 17, 2022 at 08:45 AM

JC

“ What a great guy you were Dale. Every encounter with you left us feeling better afterwards from laughing with you. Knowing you was one of lifes blessings. Gone much to soon ♡ Rest in peace ♡



Jim and Janell Carr - November 17, 2022 at 08:41 AM

ET

“ Erik & Faith Tumberg lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith



Erik & Faith Tumberg - November 17, 2022 at 08:26 AM

WS

“ Still so hard to believe. Our sincere sympathy to Dale's family. We always loved our visits with Dale, the twinkle in his eyes and his fun laugh! His heart was as big as his smile..He gave, helped and blessed so many! All the wonderful rhubarb he always shared with us and great visits while we picked. We will treasure all the special memories until we're blessed to be reunited in heaven. Our love and prayers are with you Tom, Dick, Kathy, Karen and family.



Wayne and Sheila Stave - November 17, 2022 at 12:40 AM

BB

“ Prayers to the family!!



Bruce and Barb Brown - November 16, 2022 at 11:05 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Dale Schmith



Gene & Mary Denny - November 16, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MF

“ Dale was a very caring, compassionate, and generous man. He was always willing to help anyone with anything. He bonded very well with the students on his bus route. He helped all of them start their day and end the school day on a positive note. Dale will be greatly missed by the entire community. Our sympathy and prayers to Dale's family.



Mark & Bonnie Richter Family - November 16, 2022 at 07:55 PM

KB

“ Ken & Judy Broker sent a virtual gift in memory of Dale Schmith



Ken and Judy Broker - November 16, 2022 at 07:16 PM