



Florian Schmidt

February 3, 1926 - December 23, 2017

The Mass of Christian Burial for Florian Schmidt of rural Verndale will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold as celebrant. Friends may call on Friday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha with Parish Prayers being held at 6:00 p.m. and Knights of Columbus Rosary service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation continues at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Florian passed away at the age of 91 years, on Saturday, December 23, 2017, at Tri-County Healthcare in Wadena, MN, with family at his side.

Florian was born to George C. and Barbara (Armbrust) Schmidt on February 3, 1926, in Fayette, Dunn County, ND. He served in the US Army during WWII from October 21, 1944 until his honorable discharge on November 25, 1946. He was united in marriage with Mildred Dukart on September 27, 1949 in Dickinson, ND. Florian worked as a mechanic in Dickinson until May 1962, when he and his wife moved their family of six children to a dairy farm near Verndale, MN. Eventually having three more children. For the next 30 years he raised his family of nine children. In 1988 he started Schmidt's Small Engine Repair which he owned and operated for 20 years.

Florian loved to do wood working in his shop, to feed and water birds and, of

course, shoot his pellet gun out the bedroom window at the pesky squirrels and unwanted birds! He loved when local people stopped by to pick rhubarb. In return they baked him rhubarb goodies. Florian was a hard-working man, and instilled that virtue into each and every one of his children. He also was an expert at giving life-long advice to his grandchildren.

Florian served as Commander at the Verndale Legion Post for several years. He was also a member of VFW, Knights of Columbus & Stowe Prairie Township Board. He was a current member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Bertha, MN, where he especially enjoyed seeing all the young children.

Florian was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mildred; parents George and Barbara; brothers Raymond, Jerome and Philip Schmidt; sisters Marion Gulka and Magdalene Schmidt; and daughter-in-law, Rita Schmidt.

He will forever be remembered by his children Clarence "Clyde" Schmidt, Geraldine (Steve) Cottrell of Frazee, Kathie (Terry) Davis of Ottertail, Keith (Pam) Schmidt of Sebeka, Marlene (Dale) Campbell, Virgil (Sandy) Schmidt, Perry (Lyn) Schmidt all of Verndale, Harlan Schmidt of Maple Grove and Pamela (Jim) Rach of Brooten; 27 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren; brothers Andy, Matt and George Schmidt; sisters Tillie Mullen, Rose Anderson and Jenny Rice; along with many neighbors and friends, including his "wonder cat", Tiger.

Serving as pallbearers will be Florian's sons.

Private interment at the MN State Veteran's Cemetery near Little Falls, MN, will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be directed to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bertha, MN.

Cemetery Details

MN State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Hwy 15
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Visitation

DEC **30**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 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 Florian Schmidt*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 28, 2017 at 02:46 PM

KR

He blessed so many of us with his laughter, smiles and sharing his love of the Lord and his family. Will miss seeing him.

Karyl Richter - December 29, 2017 at 09:08 PM

AB

“ *Alan Bielema lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Alan Bielema - January 05, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ We are thinking of Uncle Florian and family today . . . His passing brought tears to our eyes. But we are consoling ourselves by remembering what a great person and life he had and the legacy he left. Amazing!

Godspeed to him and Mildred. If the two of them are dancing in heaven, I hope Dad (brother Ray) is the guy playing the accordion for them.

Amy and Mike Ray

Mike Ray - December 30, 2017 at 08:48 PM

DD

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. We always enjoyed our visit with uncle Florian.

*Love,
Delvin and Kelley Dukart*

Delvin and Kelley Dukart - December 29, 2017 at 09:47 PM

ED

“ Elmer And Louise Dukart sent a virtual gift in memory of Florian Schmidt



Elmer and Louise Dukart - December 29, 2017 at 09:34 PM

AL

“ I will miss the talks & teasing your dad would give me when I saw him at the cafe in Hewitt. He was a wonderful person that I so enjoyed talking to. To the family I have all of you in my prayers. Health wise I am unable to attend your dad's service.
Arliss Lovelace

Arliss Lovelace - December 29, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Roger Wiese - December 29, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Florian Schmidt.



December 29, 2017 at 04:58 PM

CO

“ My heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your father and grandfather. Sending prayers and hugs your way.

Connie Orton - December 29, 2017 at 01:43 PM

TD

“ *Tom And Connie Doll lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Tom and Connie Doll - December 29, 2017 at 12:04 PM

JW

“ *Jill Westra lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



jill westra - December 28, 2017 at 09:10 PM

TO

“ *Trapper & Tina Olson lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Trapper & Tina Olson - December 28, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 28, 2017 at 01:35 PM

RB

“ *Ralph & Laura Botzet lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Ralph & Laura Botzet - December 28, 2017 at 01:10 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - December 28, 2017 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ *John Blashack lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



John Blashack - December 28, 2017 at 08:01 AM

LM

“ *Lee And Lee Meyers lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Lee and Lee Meyers - December 27, 2017 at 08:27 PM

RS

“ *Rosemary Stevens lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Rosemary Stevens - December 27, 2017 at 08:10 PM

DC

“ *Dan And Beth Colby lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Dan and Beth Colby - December 27, 2017 at 06:09 PM

AN

“ *Arlis & Greg McFarland and Renee & Orville Nelson purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Florian Schmidt.*



Arlis & Greg McFarland and Renee & Orville Nelson -
December 27, 2017 at 03:19 PM

 Jim
Davis

“ *Jim Davis lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Jim Davis - December 27, 2017 at 12:24 PM

YB

“ *Your Celebrate Recovery Brothers purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Florian Schmidt.*



Your Celebrate Recovery Brothers - December 27, 2017 at
11:26 AM

JD

“ *I will miss our talks when I would come to visit. He was A huge Icon in the community, and in his Church. I'm sure Mildred and he are dancing. Florian give my dad A hug,*



jane dettmer - December 27, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florian Schmidt.*



December 27, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *Florian was so full of life. It was always so much fun to talk to him. Will miss his smiles.*

Deb Erickson - December 27, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florian Schmidt.*



December 26, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *Nick And Shelly Willis lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Nick and Shelly Willis - December 26, 2017 at 07:19 PM

JK

“ Josh & Ashley Koning lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Josh & Ashley Koning - December 26, 2017 at 06:09 PM

PJ

“ Pam Jenson lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Pam Jenson - December 26, 2017 at 04:24 PM

JH

“ Jackie Hokanson lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Jackie Hokanson - December 26, 2017 at 02:34 PM

IB

“ We enjoyed Florian very much. He was in our serving group and was always willing to help out. He will be missed. Our prayers are with his family. Jerry and Irene Baron



Irene and Jerry Baron - December 26, 2017 at 02:04 PM

RB

“ Randy And Jodi Becker lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Randy and Jodi Becker - December 26, 2017 at 01:49 PM

TS

“ Tom and Penny Schmidt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Florian Schmidt.



Tom and Penny Schmidt - December 26, 2017 at 12:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Florian Schmidt.



December 26, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florian Schmidt.




December 26, 2017 at 11:09 AM

KD

“ *Kristine Dooley lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Kristine Dooley - December 26, 2017 at 11:01 AM


Kimberly Nelson

“ *Thinking about the Schmidt family. Pa and Ma Schmidt took me in as one of their own when I'd visit with Kathie during college days. Florian's great sense of humor and smile still shines through his kids and grandkids.*



Kimberly Nelson - December 26, 2017 at 10:51 AM

SG

“ *Scott & Linda Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Scott & Linda Gustafson - December 26, 2017 at 10:25 AM

BG

“ *Many fond memories of Florian, whether a long conversation or a brief hello and "how are ya". Always had a smile for whoever needed one. We will miss having him as neighbor and friend. Love, prayers and sympathy for the family. Bill & SuzAnn Goeden*



Bill & SuzAnn Goeden - December 26, 2017 at 10:13 AM

AF

“ *Andrew & Ruth Freyholtz Family lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Andrew & Ruth Freyholtz Family - December 26, 2017 at 09:54 AM

DW

“ *David And Deb Wiese lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



David and Deb Wiese - December 26, 2017 at 08:55 AM

DW

Always had his Boxer beer ready when you stopped by for a visit!

David and Deb Wiese - December 26, 2017 at 08:56 AM

CO

Clyde, I'm sorry for your loss.

Connie Ollendick - December 27, 2017 at 10:43 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Esther and Alan Freitag - December 25, 2017 at 08:39 PM

RB

“ Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Rita Boehland - December 25, 2017 at 07:13 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Bruce and Barb Brown - December 25, 2017 at 10:36 AM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Darrell & Peggy Haman - December 25, 2017 at 12:05 AM

KW

“ Kevin Wiese lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Kevin wiese - December 24, 2017 at 11:24 PM

LR

“ *Larry & Pam Roesner lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Larry & Pam Roesner - December 24, 2017 at 11:22 PM

TS

“ *Tom & DeAnna Snyder lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Tom & DeAnna Snyder - December 24, 2017 at 10:43 PM

AK

“ *Dear family,*

He was a very happy man, always happy. The best memories ever. Loved to dance and loved people.. He will be missed. Even through we did not get to see him often, always greeted you with happiness. My sis and I would go and help with canning when they lived in Dickinson. Good memories. Rest in peace. Enjoy all of the relatives, this Christmas. Heaven gained another angel.



Al and Patti Karsky - December 24, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DO

“ Dale & Denise Olson lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Dale & Denise Olson - December 24, 2017 at 09:21 PM

SS

“ What a big wonderful guy. Always willing to stand around and chit-chat. He always called me Minnie. Virgil, sorry for the news of your father.



Sally Siegler - December 24, 2017 at 08:12 PM

GA

“ Gene&Roxanne Arndt lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Gene&Roxanne Arndt - December 24, 2017 at 05:41 PM

SS

“ Sandi Bielefeld Sneed lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Sandi Bielefeld Sneed - December 24, 2017 at 04:47 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - December 24, 2017 at 02:09 PM

JS

“ *Judy Elvin Shultz lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Judy Elvin shultz - December 24, 2017 at 09:45 AM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Bob and Kathy Derby - December 24, 2017 at 08:50 AM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - December 24, 2017 at 08:47 AM

PD

“ My deepest sympathies to Florian's family. Florian and I became friends at the Verndale Senior Center. He would always bring me a joke to read before our evening meal. He always had this twinkle in his eyes, and this infectious smile on his face. I really enjoyed our little talks we had. I am so lucky that Jesus put this wonderful man in my life, so i could call him my friend. He will be missed.

Patty Desrocher - December 24, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Roger Wiese - December 24, 2017 at 07:56 AM

DH

“ Dee Hendershot lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Dee Hendershot - December 24, 2017 at 07:34 AM

DH

“ I will miss joking with Florian. I loved his spirit. One Valentine 's Day I delivered a treat basket from church and he was working on a truck in his shop with the radio blasting. He was always a friendly coffee pourer at church potlucks too. I had no idea he was 91!

Dee Hendershot - December 24, 2017 at 07:33 AM

GD

“ George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



George&Julie Deiss - December 24, 2017 at 06:31 AM

RM

“ Robert and Maria Miner

Robert Miner - December 24, 2017 at 12:11 AM

RA

“ Roger & JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Roger & JoAnn Anderson - December 23, 2017 at 10:25 PM

MS

“ Marvin And Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Marvin and Kim Stokes - December 23, 2017 at 10:19 PM

JC

“ Our sincerest sympathy to all of Florians family. Words can not express how very sorry I am to hear of his passing. He was such a treasure...I loved our visits and sparring. We had our picture taken together last Friday. I was so blessed to call him my dear friend. I will miss his smile and laugh, and stories. Rest in peace my friend. I love you <3



Jim and Janell Carr - December 23, 2017 at 10:07 PM

BL

“ My sympathy to all of Florian's family at his passing today. He was always so fun to be around at many of our church get-togethers. He was always there to help and bring joy to all he spent time with. I will miss his presence at church and a little tap on my shoulder as he walked past. A friend Betty Lipinski



Betty Lipinski - December 23, 2017 at 09:40 PM

JC

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Jim and Janell Carr - December 23, 2017 at 09:15 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Leo Haisman - December 23, 2017 at 09:06 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Mike and Lea Snyder - December 23, 2017 at 08:37 PM

MA

“ *Mark And Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



Mark and Barb Allen - December 23, 2017 at 08:12 PM

BF

“ *Bernie And Char Ficek lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt*



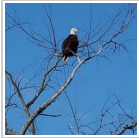
Bernie and Char Ficek - December 23, 2017 at 07:33 PM

LG

“ Lyle And Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



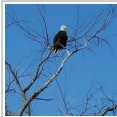
Lyle and Cindy Goeden - December 23, 2017 at 07:12 PM



“ Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Leona Bowman - December 23, 2017 at 06:51 PM



To all of you Schmidt children our prayers are with you all at this time. So sorry to hear of Florian's passing. He will be missed by many. Knowing him all these years has been great even when he thinks Gerry and I were the bad ones at Country School. I know he knew better and knew we were the best ones there. Hugs to all

Leona Bowman - December 23, 2017 at 06:53 PM

LT

“ Lee And Linda Tarrell lit a candle in memory of Florian Schmidt



Lee and Linda Tarrell - December 23, 2017 at 05:44 PM