



Marvin Schmitz

February 23, 1938 - April 15, 2026

The Mass of Christian Burial for Marvin Schmitz of Verndale will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Frederick Catholic Church in Verndale, MN, with Father Jean-Claude Duncan as celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Frederick Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Schuller Family Funeral Home Verndale Chapel, with prayers at 6:00 p.m. and a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Marvin Schmitz, age 88, of Verndale, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on April 15, 2026, at his home, surrounded by the place he loved most.

Marvin was born on February 23, 1938, in Verndale, one of nine children to William and Mary (Boyer) Schmitz. He attended Verndale Public School, graduating in 1957. On September 21, 1968, he married Patricia "Pat" M. Hassa at St. Frederick Catholic Church in Verndale, and together they built a life and raised their family on the farm west of town.

For decades, Marvin's days were shaped by the rhythm of farm life, which he operated alongside his son, Pete. He also found great satisfaction in serving

as a bus driver for the Verndale School District and, in retirement, as a substitute driver for Wadena-Deer Creek Schools. His greatest joy was time with family - especially the annual reunion at Itasca. When he wasn't farming, Marvin could be found cruising the property on his John Deere Gator, camping, attending threshing shows, or sharing good conversation with friends at the Boondocks Restaurant. He and Pat enjoyed bus tours throughout the United States. Marvin also gave faithfully of his time through service in the National Guard and St. Frederick Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings: Greg (Bernita), William Jr. (Amelia), Fred (Muriel), Bernard, Evelyn (Ray) Ament, Delores (Leo) Ament, Phyllis (Rich) Keppers, and Don (Elaine) Schmitz; and his parents-in-law, Paul and Phyllis Hassa.

Marvin is lovingly remembered by his wife, Pat; sons: Peter (Lori) of Verndale, Jacob (Monica) of Corpus Christi, TX, Phillip (Tracy) of Milaca, and Andrew (Amy) of Wadena; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Aggie Schmitz; brother-in-law Lauren Hassa; and a wide circle of extended family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers are Lillian Schmitz, Willard Schmitz, Wynter Murdock, Kaisen Murdock, Teagen Schmitz, Caiden Schmitz, Violet Schmitz, Ava Schmitz, Isaiah Hall, and Madison Hall.

Pallbearers are Nathan Schmitz, Brittany Murdock, Tiffany Schmitz, Corbin Schmitz, Natalie Schmitz, Benjamin Schmitz, Joseph Schmitz, and Nickolas Schmitz.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Prayers

APR 20. 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Rosary

APR 20. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Visitation

APR 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)
Verndale, MN

Mass

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)
Verndale, MN

Burial

APR 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery
16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

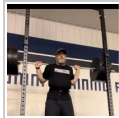
Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 17 at 07:31 PM



Thoughts and prayers going out to his family. I have many fond memories of him being my school bus driver.

Jeff Deiss - April 18 at 12:53 PM

KM

I still remember the first time I met him...such a comedian and a gentle soul! So sorry for your family's loss.

Kathleen Malon - April 19 at 11:57 AM

KM

My thoughts and prayers are with you all...Tiffany, Caiden, Teagen and Anthony - you are all in my heart

Kathleen Malon - April 19 at 12:00 PM

AM

“ *Our prayers are with Pat and her family during this time. We traveled with Marv and Pat on some of their journeys around the country. We had a great time laughing and visiting. He will be missed. Peace and prayers with you. Tom and Anni Magoris*

Anna Magoris - May 14 at 12:12 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You were great neighbors to Mom and Dad (Mary Jane and Jerome Schmitz).



Mary Ann Mowatt - May 01 at 08:20 PM

DW

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the families of Marvin. A great guy who never forgot you. Debbi Derby Williamson.



Debbi Derby Williamson - April 22 at 07:17 PM

DW

“ Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz



Donna Wood - April 21 at 08:20 PM

SR

“ VHS class of 1978 was the first kindergarten class in Verndale, Marvin was the bus driver for the afternoon group. He would call Barb (Schwartz) Moench & myself giggle boxes. Fond memories shared as he also would be the bus driver for my daughters in later years.

Sharon (Bain) Richter - April 21 at 01:18 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 20 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marvin Schmitz.



April 20 at 08:37 AM



“ *Beautiful Whisper* was purchased for the family of Marvin Schmitz.



April 20 at 06:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marvin Schmitz.

April 20 at 06:19 AM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Bob & Donna Haman - April 19 at 05:47 PM

SF

“ *Steve & Randi Schmitz and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marvin Schmitz.*



Steve & Randi Schmitz and Family - April 19 at 04:08 PM

TH

“ *My sympathies to Marvin's family. Marvin was the bus driver for my preschool students that came to Wadena. We always had fun visiting when he picked up and dropped off the kids. He was so kind to the kids. He was also a neighbor just down the road on the backroad to Verndale. Keeping you in my thoughts, Theresa*



Theresa - April 19 at 02:19 PM

TF

“ *The Roberts Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marvin Schmitz.*



The Roberts Family - April 18 at 10:53 PM



“ *I remember all the bus trips that he would take the Girl Scouts on!
Such a nice man! Diane Breitling*

Diane Breitling - April 18 at 10:48 PM



“ *Kathy Hastings lit a candle in memory of
Marvin Schmitz*



Kathy Hastings - April 18 at 10:09 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marvin's
'family. We always enjoyed visiting with him and
his sense of humor.*



Jim and Janell Carr - April 18 at 09:52 AM



“ *Brad and Nancy Braaten lit a candle in
memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Brad and Nancy Braaten - April 17 at 11:58 PM

CH

“ *Rest in peace. Marvin was and amazing bus driver. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*



Crystal Haskin - April 17 at 09:44 PM

BD

“ *Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Bob and Kathy Derby - April 17 at 09:37 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Gene & Mary Denny - April 17 at 09:09 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 17 at 07:29 PM

BM

“ Barb Masog lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz



Barb Masog - April 17 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - April 17 at 03:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin Schmitz.*



April 17 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marvin Schmitz.

April 17 at 02:10 PM



“ *Marv was such an awesome man. We would see him and his beautiful wife at tractor shows. Marv always had a a wit about him that isn't seen very often by others. He loved life to the fullest and he will be greatly missed.*



polly anderson Kern - April 17 at 01:29 PM



“ *Ken and Pam Jenson lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Ken and Pam Jenson - April 17 at 12:40 PM

JH

“ *Jane Hieb lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Jane Hieb - April 17 at 12:20 PM

BB

“ *Barb Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Barb Brown - April 17 at 12:17 PM

BE

“ *Sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. Ben & Regina*



Ben - April 17 at 11:29 AM

PH

“ *Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Peggy Haman - April 17 at 10:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin Schmitz.*



April 17 at 09:40 AM



“ *Marvin drove our kids to school for several years. He always kept good order on the bus and treated all of the kids with kindness when I worked at the Verndale school. He was always very good about checking in with the office before he left and when he got back from his route, our deepest condolences to Pat and the family. The Hinkles*

Diane Hinkle - April 17 at 09:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your sudden loss. He is in Heaven. May God grant you peace and comfort knowing that you will be together again as HE has promised. Deepest Sympathies. Jackie*



Jackie perius - April 17 at 09:16 AM



“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Leo Haisman - April 17 at 09:14 AM

GC

“ Gary and Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz



Gary and Marcy Collins - April 17 at 09:07 AM

PD

“ Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz



Patty Desrocher - April 17 at 09:04 AM

JJ

“ We so enjoyed our visits with Marvin and Pat wherever we bumped into them. Such a wonderful man ! He will be missed by many.



Jon and Patty Johnson - April 17 at 06:50 AM

SW

“ Sharon Wutzke lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz



Sharon Wutzke - April 17 at 12:56 AM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Esther and Alan Freitag - April 16 at 09:04 PM

RO

“ *Rosemary J Oberg lit a candle in memory of Marvin Schmitz*



Rosemary J Oberg - April 16 at 06:15 PM

AT

We really enjoyed our breakfast sessions and will truly miss Marvin. Sending our love to Pat and family

arlo thompson - April 17 at 01:48 PM