



## Sylvester Schmith

December 4, 1924 - February 7, 2011

Wadena resident Sylvester “Bud” Joseph Schmith was born to Nicholas and Emma (Geber) Schmith on December 4, 1924, in Wadena County, MN. Bud and Marian Schloeder were united in marriage on May 17, 1945, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Wadena. He served in the United States Army beginning in October 1945 until his honorable discharge brought him home in August 1946. He retired in 1987, after 41 years at Todd-Wadena Electric, as director of operations. He and Marian enjoyed 12 years in Arizona, during the winter months, spending time with family and friends, which suited him fine. Bud served as President of MN Line Superintendents, as a two-term Northwest Area Red Cross Chairman, Chairman of Leaf River Township Board, President of Wadena Lions Club, Chairman of St. Ann’s School Board, and was a member of the Wadena VFW. In years past he played the pitcher’s position for the Wadena Hi-10 League, and most recently played golf, hunted, and looked forward to coffee with the guys. While in Arizona, Bud enjoyed his opportunity to help the Colorado Rockies at the spring training camp. Bud passed away on February 7, 2011 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his parents Nick and Emma; brothers Andrew and infant Kenneth; and sisters Marcella Lubke and Mary Ann Nelson; brothers-in-law Allen Lubke, Bruce Nelson and Bill Larson; and sister-in-law Elsie Schmith. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marian of Wadena; sons Tim of Wadena and Bill (Rosalie) of Sebeka; daughters Sue Blaseck of Rancho Mirage, CA, Nancy (Charlie) Lee of Paris, IL, Pat (Mike)

Schoneman of Spicer, Becky (Steve) Shunk of Virginia Beach, VA, and Shelly (Johnny) Lang of Cedar Creek, TX; 20 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren; brother Mannie (Pat) of Brainerd; and sisters Beaty Larson of Wadena, and Betty (Clyde) Bigelow of Brandon, SD. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on February 11, 2011, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Pallbearers were Travis Schmith, Brandon Schmith, Robert Larson, Dale Schmith, Mark Blaseck and Taylor Johnson. Military honors were provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Burial was in Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Marian, I'm sorry to hear of your husband's death. The video was a lovely tribute to Bud, to you and your family. God grant you comfort and peace. Blessings, Elaine*

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**Elaine Harvego Selander** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during these days. We will truly miss seeing Bud during our visits to Wadena, especially at breakfast time in the Boondocks. He always had quite a group of guys gathered around for coffee and the "latest". He always had a joke and a laugh to start our day. May God bless you with many precious memories.*

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**Jim & Doris Geber** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Dear family; I'm so saddened to hear of uncle Bud's passing. I will always have wonderful memories of his smile and funny stories. Our prayers go out to all of you and pray your loss is quickly replaced by the memory of his life.*

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**Connie (Nelosn) Kelley** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of my Grandfather Bud. I only spent time with him when I was a little kid, but I do recall those times frequently and remember them to be wonderful times.*

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**Paul Schmith** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Marian and family,

*Marian and Michelle, I remember years ago -- Bud was still working for Todd-Wadena and he and Dad (Ben T.) would have to go to annual rural electric conventions in St. Cloud. Bud and Marian would go down with Michelle (Shelley) and Dad and Mom would bring me with. I thought it was so great to be able to "hang out" with Michelle since she was a teenager in high school and I was still in elementary. Not only that, I also admired her since we both studied piano from S. Ancille. Greetings to you Marian and to Michelle, my friend from many years ago.*

*I've also had a wonderful opportunity to get to know Rosalie through my subbing at the Sebeka schools. I thoroughly enjoyed working with and learning from Rosalie as I began exploring the Special Education field. I hope that Rosalie is doing well.*

*I pray that God holds you in His loving hands, giving you comfort in this sorrowful time. Much love to you all!*

*Candice T.*

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**Candice Tellers** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I had the pleasure of seeing Bud and Marian at Roger Maris recently..Bud and I had a good visit - reliving the "glory days" of the 1950s Chiefs..*

*My husband at that time played first base, so I saw a lot of games! Perhaps Ted and Bud can have that chat now...*

*My sympathy to you all.*

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**Cicely Richardson Brill Johnson** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Becky,*

*My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at this most difficult time. You always had a smile as you spoke of your father with great love and pride. Remember that he will always be with you, watching over you, guiding you and loving you. I look forward to hearing many more stories about a wonderful father from his loving daughter. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Susan Mazur** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Becky, my thoughts are with you.*

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**Randy Baucom** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Bill & Rosalie and Travis: My thoughts are with you guys at this tender time.*

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**Brenda (Walz) Erickson** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To all of you, Thank you for letting me be a part of your family. "Bud" did it right because that's the only way he knew how. He lived on his terms and he died on his terms. What a wonderful Father-In Law, he said it best many years years ago when I was to wed Michele "Why Rock The Boat When The Boat Don't Need Rocking" He took me in and treated me with the utmost respect. A man of many words and stories. I was fortunate enough to hear many of them. "Bud" will be missed and rememebered and LOVED forever. My heart goes out to my lovely wife Michele and all of the Schmith family.

Love Always,

Johnny

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**Johnny Lang** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Marian and family,  
I offer my sympathy and prayers for you at this time. I "ditto" what my sisters, Marge and Mary said in their tribute. Nancy, I hope all is well with you, classmate.

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**Sister Jean Schwartz, OSB** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Bud was a great friend and coworker of my father. I still have fond memories going out to Todd-Wadena with my Dad and while there always seem to see Bud! he always made you feel welcome. Plus the picnics at Ottertail lake. God Bless

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**Mary (Schwartz) Lunzer** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Uncle Bud was one of a kind and will be missed at our extended family gatherings. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I hope you find comfort in remembering those moments that make you smile.*

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**Judy Nelson** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I am upset to hear about the passing of my grandfather. Though I understand it is for the best, as a human I can not help but grieve. Though he may not with us in body, his passion and love lives on through my memories and therefore he shall never be forgotten.*

*I love you Grandpa.*

*-Andy*

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**Andrew Joseph Shunk** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Oh... the memories of the Line men days at Todd-Wad. I think the guys had more fun then work. BUT..I know they worked hard. I really think they all enjoyed their work, therefore the fun. Dad told us that giving someone electricity was such and enjoyment.*

*May you all remember the good time of your life with your husband and Dad.*

*God Bless you all.*

*Marge and Harry Harrison*

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**Vernon Carter** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Michelle ,we are so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Our prayers will be with you and your family.  
There is nothing anyone can say to make it feel better except that he is in a beautiful place now.  
Bless you all  
Pictures of many memories for you will be long remembered. The mountain scenery made it feel so peaceful and beautiful as the good person he was.

*Irene Silva*

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**Robert and Aggie Barabin** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We are very sorry to hear that Bud has passed away.. He was always fun to visit with.. God Bless You All..

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**Janice and Jerry Denny** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Uncle Bud was always so full of life and fun! I was lucky to have my last time with him at "The Boondocks" after the tornado in June when I came up to help for Red Cross. He spotted me in my vest and came over and bought me breakfast. We had a great time and I will always cherish it. Mom loved him very much and now they all get to be together again. Sorry I won't be able to come to the funeral. Love to all of you.

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**Marilyn Nelson** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Uncle Bud was very proud of his family. You were blessed to have him. May your grief and hurt at losing him be soon replaced with the smiles and laughter of the memories of sharing his life.*

*Love  
Shirley & family*

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**Shirley Nelson-Williams** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Tim - My heart goes out to you with the passing of your dad. He had a great personality and loved being around people. May your memories of your time with him be long and loving. Sympathy to the remainder of the family as well. love, jackie*

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**Jackie (Schmith) Middleton** - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM