



## Dr. Timothy Schmitt

September 3, 1944 - August 13, 2022

A private memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Dr. Timothy “Tim” Schmitt of Wadena.

Dr. Schmitt, age 77, passed away with family at his side and compassionate care provided by Knute Nelson Hospice, on August 13, 2022, at his home in Wadena, MN.

Tim was born to Norbert and Luella (Beach) Schmitt on September 3, 1944, in Winona, MN. He graduated from Austin High School and St. Olaf College. Tim received his diploma with the U of MN Medical School Class of 1970 and did his internship at Hennepin Healthcare. Tim was married to Virginia Gale Sonstegard on September 19, 1971, in Spicer, MN, and they made their home in Wadena. His medical career started with two years in surgical practice in Browerville. Local communities will remember him as a family medicine specialist for over 45 years at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Tim delivered approximately 3,900 babies during this time and was instrumental in recruiting top specialists from the U of MN that were brought to Wadena to consult. Tim served as the Wadena County Coroner from 1973 until 2013 and he was also Chief Medical Officer for three years. In addition, he served 12 years on the Wadena Deer Creek School Board.

Tim was dedicated to the Wadena area medical community, serving and

providing care for its families and members. Since he was a child, he knew he wanted to be a doctor and this passion became his life's work and primary focus. He was an avid athlete, playing many sports in his youth, though he excelled at baseball. He was inducted into the Austin Hall of Fame and continued his love of the game going on MLB trips with his sons-in-law, grandkids and his brothers. Tim and Gingie's shared interest in tennis was embraced by their daughters who played competitively in HS and college and now their grandkids. The US Open in NY was a favorite pastime. Tim enjoyed fishing and boating on Big Sand Lake, Park Rapids, where they frequently hosted family and friends at their lake home. His competitive nature was often challenged at the ping pong table or with the cribbage board. He loved to play cards, read books and could talk about stocks/investments for hours with anyone who would listen. Tim had a gentle, compassionate, and loving disposition yet also loved to tease and joke, often making up nicknames for those he was fond of. Tim enjoyed Gingie's home cooking and would never turn down a warm chocolate chip cookie. He had a bit of a sweet tooth and would turn to local favorite restaurants where he'd finagle a custom ice cream sundae with fresh raspberries or a twist doughnut that was set aside just for him. Tim is much loved and will be missed by many.

Preceding Tim in death were parents, Norbert and Luella. Tim will always be deeply loved by his devoted wife, Gingie; daughters: Erika (Todd Wartchow) Schmitt of Mendham, NJ; Maja (Ryan) Paape of Neenah, WI; Leah (Kevin) Taylor of Clive, IA; Elsa (Steve) Schmitt-Attridge of Evanston, IL; and Mikaela (Joe) Schmitt-Harsh of Rockingham, VA; 13 grandchildren; brothers Dr. Norbert (Phyl) Schmitt and Steve (Betty Jo) Schmitt; along with numerous extended family members, friends, and former patients.

Memorials may be directed to Knute Nelson Hospice or the Wadena Food Shelf.



# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Just heard of Tim's passing. Tim was our family doctor for 42 years. He was a great doctor and great person. Our condolences to his family.

Bob & Deb Sieling - September 05, 2022 at 10:24 AM

BG

“ Bob And Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Bob and Donna Grendahl - August 30, 2022 at 11:44 AM

KB

“ Dear Gingie and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Tim's illness and passing. Hoping all the joyful memories will give you comfort. You are in my thoughts. ❤️🙏❤️

Katherine Browne - August 26, 2022 at 10:51 PM

PB

“ So many fond memories of Tim and Gingie in Mexico. We will miss him. He was a special force and he made life much more fun. A great loss for his family and friends. Our deepest sympathy to Gingie, his children and grandchildren.

Pat and Bernard - August 26, 2022 at 05:58 PM

PB

“ *Pat And Bernard lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



Pat and Bernard - August 26, 2022 at 05:54 PM

SB

“ *Dr.Schmitt was my doctor from 7th grade on to delivering my three sons and continued on to be the doctor for all of us for years. He was the the best! We will miss him. Prayers to the family. Sue Brown*



Sue Brown - August 25, 2022 at 09:24 PM

BD

“ *"Our Dr. and Friend"*  
*Tim was Bob's mentor and our family Dr. beginning in the early 70's until his retirement. He was a wonderful Dr. with a warm smile, and a genuine compassion for all that he cared for. He will be missed by so many. Praying that you will find comfort in your shared memories and love during this difficult time.*



Bob & Cindy Davis - August 24, 2022 at 03:18 PM

DK

“ *David And Linda Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



David and Linda Kleinke - August 18, 2022 at 03:07 PM

GA

“ *My neighbor for over 47 years. Will miss our conversations. RIP. Prayers to the family.*



Greg Anderson - August 18, 2022 at 01:49 PM

  
Heather  
Van  
Batavia

“ *Dr. Schmidt was my doctor growing up...he called me “Tiger” because of pain endured which he assisted with in regards to frequent ear infections. Later on in life, I had the privilege of working under his direction at TCH. He always had pictures of his family in each room when I was growing up and was extremely proud of each member.  
May those whom are missing him dearly be comforted and blessed especially during this time.*

Heather Van Batavia Rohwedder - August 17, 2022 at 11:34 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Speed lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Cheryl Speed - August 17, 2022 at 11:01 PM

KW

“ Kris Wallgren  
I worked with Dr Schmitt assisting in delivering babies in the 41 years I worked at TCHC. He was a great Doctor. Prayers to the family. His smile will never be forgotten.



Kris Wallgren - August 17, 2022 at 09:52 PM

TS

“ Tom & DeAnna Snyder lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Tom & DeAnna Snyder - August 17, 2022 at 08:43 PM

TH

“ Tammie Klawitter Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Tammie Klawitter Hamlin - August 17, 2022 at 08:07 PM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - August 17, 2022 at 04:04 PM

Mary Rousslang

“ Mary Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Mary Rousslang - August 17, 2022 at 12:03 PM

CH

“ Dr. Schmitt was my doctor, half my life. What a great and caring person! May your family find comfort with all of the memories shared and compassion to everyone.



Christie (Crabb) Hennagir - August 17, 2022 at 11:36 AM

KU

“ Karen Umland lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Karen Umland - August 17, 2022 at 12:12 AM

TH

“ I remember while I was working at the clinic, I had to make an emergency trip to the east coast for a family crisis. He gave me a \$100 bill for gas. What a guy. He was great. Prayers for hesling

Tomi Hamilton - August 16, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DA

“ Gingie & family- may you find comfort in the shared memories & love at this sad time.



Di Schiller Anderson - August 16, 2022 at 09:04 PM

GH

“ Gene & Kathy Hinman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Gene & Kathy Hinman - August 16, 2022 at 07:19 PM

HF

“ He was a great man and will be missed by so many. We were all so sad to hear of his passing. Our condolences to your family,



Hutson Family - August 16, 2022 at 06:12 PM

MH

“ *My doctor and my friend.*

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**Mark Hansen** - August 16, 2022 at 02:45 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



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**Sharon boline** - August 16, 2022 at 12:21 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lynk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



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**Mary Lynk** - August 16, 2022 at 12:04 PM

KM

“ *I started working in 1979 at the hospital in radiology. So I worked with Dr Schmitt until he retired.  
He showed compassion towards his patients.  
He was missed when he retired.  
My sympathies to his wife and daughters.  
Kim Malone*

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**Kim Malone** - August 16, 2022 at 10:46 AM

GP

“ *My condolences to the family. His gentle compassion to my mother as he sat and visited with her at the hospital the evening her sister Margaret died was such a gift. Blessings. Gail Pierson.*

Gail Pierson - August 16, 2022 at 09:15 AM

GP

“ *Gail Pierson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



Gail Pierson - August 16, 2022 at 09:09 AM

PL

“ *Peace be with you and your family. God blessed all of us with a great man. Rest in peace.*

Paul and Elaine Lorentz - August 16, 2022 at 08:47 AM

AA

“ *Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



Arlys Andrews - August 16, 2022 at 08:46 AM

GD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Schmitt family. Dr Tim was a great family physician and would strike up a conversation any time our paths would cross.



George and Julie Deiss - August 16, 2022 at 06:23 AM

JT

“ Jim TeVogt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Jim TeVogt - August 16, 2022 at 12:24 AM

HA

“ So sorry to hear that Dr. Schmitt has died. He was my doctor for many years and was the best. He always had time to talk to you and explain things to you if you had any questions. He will be missed by not only his family, but also his work and patient family. He was a great guy.



Helen Allee - August 15, 2022 at 08:48 PM

DO

“ Doug & Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Doug & Joan Ostlund - August 15, 2022 at 06:52 PM

DS

“ Dr. Tim Schmitt was my next door neighbor for over 42 years. We enjoyed consoling each other over the trials and tribulations of the Twins, Timberwolves, and Vikings. He was also my doctor for most of those years. I credit him with pressing me to get tested for an issue I thought was nothing. Caught something bad while there was still time to do something about it. My condolences to the family and you are in my paryers.

**Doug Stromberg** - August 15, 2022 at 06:28 PM

TF

“ He was my doctor from the time I was 12 years old until he retired. I remember how he explained things so a normal person could understand it. I really appreciate that. He will greatly missed.



**tammy fredrickson** - August 15, 2022 at 05:39 PM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to you Gingie and the family. Dr Tim was the best! He was my forever Dr for 44 yrs until his retirement. His compassion and gentle manner could never be replaced. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Rest In Peace Dr Tim. My prayers to the family.

**jane hieb** - August 15, 2022 at 05:17 PM

MN

“ .....his friendly smile and banter made everyone feel comfortable.  
We have missed him ever since he retired.  
Marilyn & Luther.

**Marilyn and Luther Nervig** - August 15, 2022 at 04:21 PM

MN

“ Thinking of you and your family, Gingie, and praying that you will be blessed with comfort, courage, strength, and peace of mind as you grieve the loss of Tim in your daily lives. Continue to find joy in your treasured memories of your time with Tim. He was a wonderful man, father, friend, and everyone who saw him as a doctor thought he was the BEST! We enjoyed his relaxed a demeanor.

Marilyn and Luther Nervig - August 15, 2022 at 04:04 PM

MN

“ Marilyn And Luther Nervig lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Marilyn and Luther Nervig - August 15, 2022 at 03:44 PM

LS

“ Sorry to hear of this news. He was a force in my family, helping us make difficult decisions with kindness and compassion....



Linda (Schmitz) Schallock - August 15, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JM

“ Jim & Jackie McManigle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Jim & Jackie McManigle - August 15, 2022 at 02:10 PM

RD

“ *My one and most favorite Dr.!! Tim was so compassionate, caring and understanding. Dr.Tim you will be dearly missed. Hugs and prayers to the family 🙏🙏*

ROXY DOEHLING - August 15, 2022 at 12:45 PM

MA

“ *Dr. Schmitt was my very favorite doctor EVER! I'll never forget the first time I saw him. He was at the "old clinic". I was hoping to get a doctor who was blind in one eye & couldn't see out the other. In walks this handsome YOUNG man & I was mortified! He was so wonderful. Always had time to share. Not like today. Get in get out. I remember one time, I was pregnant with my first, he sits down & says, "What questions do you have today?" What a guy! I will always miss him. I am convinced he is in heaven, waiting for his family to join him.*

MaryJo - August 15, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



Jim Stoneman - August 15, 2022 at 11:01 AM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt*



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DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Darrell & Peggy Haman - August 15, 2022 at 10:49 AM

AP

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Arleen A. Paulson - August 15, 2022 at 10:39 AM

MS

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GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



Gene & Mary Denny - August 15, 2022 at 09:44 AM

KM

“ I still remember the first time I saw Dr Schmitt when I worked at the Wadena Medical Center. He was my personal Dr until he retired. He was enjoyable to work for. He was also great to befriend a person. My sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the whole family for your loss.



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**Karen Munson** - August 15, 2022 at 08:56 AM

TH

“ Tammie Klawitter Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



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**Tammie Klawitter Hamlin** - August 15, 2022 at 08:19 AM

PM

“ Penny L McManigle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Timothy Schmitt



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**Penny L McManigle** - August 14, 2022 at 09:35 PM