



Warren Schmitz

April 1, 1937 - February 3, 2010

Warren Bernard Schmitz was born on April 1, 1937 to Dempsey and Myrtle (Keller) Schmitz in Wadena, MN. He passed away with family by his side, on February 3, 2010, at his home in Wadena, at the age of 72 years. Warren was united in marriage with Donna Buckhouse on April 12, 1958 in Wadena. He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1962. He retired from his work in construction, having belonged to the 49ers Union. He was a member of the American Legion, Knobhill Sportsman Club and the National Rifle Association (NRA). In his free time he enjoyed fishing, hunting, time at the lake, and especially time spent with his family. Warren was preceded in death by his parents, George and Myrtle; son Daniel; and step-father George Johnson. He is survived by his devoted wife, Donna; son Steven of Wadena; daughter Barbara Schmitz of Ramsey; grandson Evin; brother Gerald Schmitz and sister Wanda Zierden, both of Palm Harbor, FL. The Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, February 5, 2010 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Pallbearers were Jeff Holland, Mike Kitchenmaster, Bruce Richter, Mark Richter, Jeff Warwick, and Calvin Schultz. Interment was in the Wadena Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Donna & family, When I think of Warren, "Toots" I picture him skating at the roller rink. That's a few years ago. I was unaware he was ill. It's sad you had to lose him at at young age. May the supoort of family and friends help you through this difficult time. Julie

Julie Geiser - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Warren's family. Ted and I always knew him as Tootsie. Ted recalls all the fun they had at St. Ann's--playing basketball, hunting gophers, and driving the nuns crazy. I remember him as a talented roller skater when he was working at the outdoor roller rink. We both feel that it was an honor to share our school days with him.

Jim Rice and Ted Merickel - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Donna and family....We will always remember Warren as a good neighbor at the Lake...always friendly when I would walk Sadie past your house and he was most likely outdoors....As "Tootsie," I was in total envy of his skating ability!! May the love and friendship of family and friends help carry you through the next days. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Cis

Dick and Cis Johnson - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I hope you will feel God's love and presence around you at this tough time.
God Bless You and your family,
Lynda Hinrichs

Lynda Hinrichs - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Donna and Family,
My deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. I didn't know he was ill. He will be remembered for his humor and smile. He was a great guy. May God help you through this difficult time.
Thoughts and prayers.... Jan

Jan Breuer - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Donna,

We were very surprised to hear Warren has already passed on. You have our deepest sympathy, Donna.

Doesn't seem like that long ago we were all going down to the creek north of Wadena to play and hunt. We spent many hours out there.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Rich and Irene Politiske

Rich and Irene - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ So sorry to hear today from Phyllis of Warren's passing. Had we known sooner, we may have driven over for the chance to see you girls and your families again. Hope you were able to enjoy each other and relive the good memories.

God bless and comfort you!

PS: Donna, we still use the Christmas calendar we made together in craft sessions at your house so long ago, and I think of the good times we had. I've transferred it to a new piece of fabric, but can't quite give up on it for the memories it evokes. Do you still have yours?

Much love to all of you. Russ and Mary

Russ and Mary Lynk - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My Heartfelt Sympathy to Donna and family. May your memories of Tootsie live on forever. And may God bless all of you at this difficult time. I remember when I was an altar boy at St Ann's and when we had Stations of the Cross, Tootsie would try to make me laugh when we stopped by our class. Tootsie always said it was hard to make me laugh at a time like that, but I'm sure he worked a snicker out of me. RIP

Jim Stach

Classmate - St Ann's Class of 1951

Jim Stach - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ My deepest sympathy to you all. "Toots" was a classmate in the class of 1955 at Wadena, MN. May God give you comfort and peace.

Al Langer - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Donna,
Tootsie and I were classmates and particularly close while at St. Ann's. He loved to come out to the farm and stay overnight. We also skipped school together a few times, went frogging and camped out. His mother was at work at Hartz, and we would go to Warren's house and hang out.

You have my sincere sympathy. I can only hope and pray good memories of Warren will serve you well into the future.
Jerry Malone

Jerry Malone - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Donna and family:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Life gives us so many trials, but in the end, we get Heaven, and that is where Toots is; happier, completely healthy, no pain, no illness, reuniting with those who came before him, and waiting on his loved ones here on earth. He is in good hands.

Carla and Diggy Lorentz - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We were gone all winter so are just now trying to catch up....he was Don's neighbor; you were in the clinic when our son Duff had swallowed a lead bolt....you were so 'special' about it all....thank you!!!!

Don and Mary Ellen

Don and Mary Ellen Hunke - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM