



William "Bill" Schmith

August 15, 1953 - January 27, 2021

A private funeral service for William "Bill" Schmith of rural Sebeka will be held with Pastor Jim Stoneman presiding.

The public visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, February 2, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. A time of prayer and sharing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

God whispered in Bill's ear that he had fought and suffered through a long enough battle against kidney cancer! Angels guided Bill from his earthly home and family to Heaven above on January 27, 2021.

Bill was born to Sylvester 'Bud' and Marian (Schloeder) Schmith on August 15, 1953 at Wesley Hospital, Wadena, MN. Bill attended St. Ann's Catholic School and graduated from Wadena High School in 1971. Bill was an active member of DECA; Distributive Education Clubs Of America; during his junior and senior high school years. Through the programming, Bill worked each afternoon being mentored by Ronald Babcock at LaMay Auto Parts in Wadena. Bill attended Wadena Technical Institute and graduated as a Parts Technician. His outstanding ability and knowledge of the operation of cars, trucks, tractors and farm machinery led him to build his own repair business, Bill's Service and Supply; located on County Road 9 in Rockwood Township, Sebeka.

On June 15, 1974, he was united in marriage to Rosalie LaVerne Milbradt of Sebeka at St. John Lutheran Church, Wadena. Bill was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Sebeka. He served on the church council and faithfully attended endless meetings during times of need. Bill loved raising his three children in the country near the opportunity to continually watch wildlife. The family never knew when there would be turkeys, deer, skunks, and raccoons in the back yard or brown and black bear crossing in the field with their cubs. Bill loved deer hunting with bow and rifle and also invited friends and relatives to enjoy the season on our land. He also enjoyed raising pheasants through the Sportsman Club, with his sons, which were released back into the wild in our area.

Bill loved that his shop was just a short walk away from the house and he could help customers that stopped at any time. Bill's expertise, honesty, kindness and concern for his customers were overwhelming forces that led him to expand his business. Bill was elated when he added two vehicle lifts and a large parts room to provide more efficient service to the community. The "Littlest Customers" that stopped by would never forget where Bill's 'Treat Drawer' was located in the shop.

Bill was intensely dedicated to his business but he loved spending summers camping at Vagabond Village on Potato Lake north of Park Rapids. It gave him time to relax and tell 'Big' stories and he soon became known as 'Wild Bill' by camping friends! The granddaughters enjoyed fishing with 'Papa' so he would put the worms on their hooks! Golf cart rides around the yard and through the woods to the pond was a highlight for his precious little grands.

Bill had a generous heart of gold and his love and kindness will be missed by his family, friends and customers. His loss leaves a hole in our hearts and in our community. Bill is safely home in Heaven where there is no pain and he

has eternal peace that he has so deeply earned.

Surviving are Bill's wife, Rosalie; sons, Travis and Brandon; daughter, Brook; seven granddaughters; and siblings: Nancy (Charles) Lee of Paris, IL; Rebecca (Steven) Shunk of Virginia Beach, VA; and Michele (Johnny) Lang of Las Cruces, NM.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, mother, sisters Susan Blaseck and Pat Schoneman; brother, Timothy; nieces, Kristine Johnson and Kelly Norris.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill's seven granddaughters; Amanda, Merissa and Kassandra Schmith, Emerson Reichensperger, Reese, Wren and Dagny Weber.

Pallbearers: Travis and Brandon Schmith, Paul Hewitt, Michele Lang, Bo Hoefs, John Mantyla, Michael Grewing and Herb McCormick.

Inurnment will be held at Zion North Germany Cemetery, Wadena County, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Time Of Remembrance

FEB 2. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 04:15 PM



Beautiful video tribute from very beginning to the very end. No dry eye problem now. Tom and I enjoyed this precious video time with you. Rest in God's arms and in his comfort: you will be so missed by us and all that knew you. You brought joy & relief to all that you encountered in your service. Until we meet again. Thank you.. Tom & Gini Baehner.

Virginia Baehner - February 01, 2021 at 08:10 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Rose and your family. Bill was such a kind and gentle man. We will always cherish our fun times together at Vagabond. God's strength, peace and hope to you all.
Paul & Diane Bakkum

Diane Bakkum - February 02, 2021 at 11:25 PM

LS

“ Lisa Schoneman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Lisa Schoneman - February 02, 2021 at 11:08 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Shunk lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Rebecca Shunk - February 02, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Schmith.



February 02, 2021 at 09:39 AM

S(

“ Shelly Lang (Schmith) lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Shelly Lang (Schmith) - February 01, 2021 at 11:40 PM

JL

“ Johnny Lang lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Johnny Lang - February 01, 2021 at 11:23 PM

KS

“ Karen Schumacher lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Karen Schumacher - February 01, 2021 at 10:57 PM



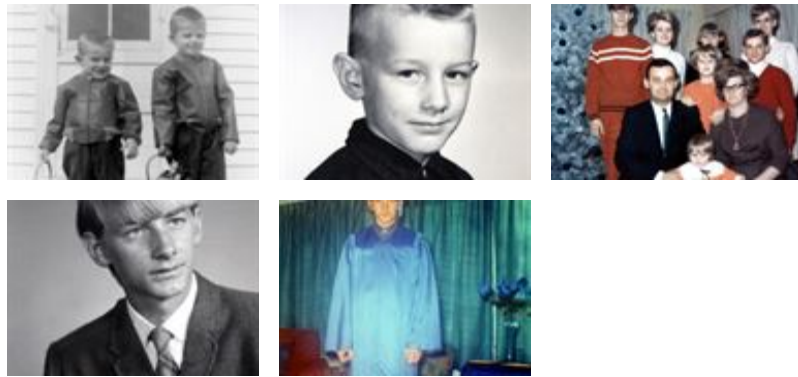
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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 08:09 PM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 01, 2021 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ Steven Malone lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Steven Malone - February 01, 2021 at 12:45 AM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 31, 2021 at 06:02 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Jon Johnson - January 31, 2021 at 07:14 AM

BP

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith*



Barry & Sandi Pratt - January 31, 2021 at 12:57 AM

CH

“ *My deepest condolences to Rosalie and family.*



Christie (Crabb) Hennagir - January 30, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - January 29, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Schmith.*



January 28, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Schmith.*



January 28, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Cousin Billy was always fun to be around. He loved his family, he loved his shop, and he will be missed by many. Memories of him will grow even fonder with the passage of time. Rest In Peace Billy.*

Steve Nelson - January 28, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Bruce And Barb Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Schmith*



Bruce and Barb Brown - January 28, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Thanks to you, Bill, for your loyal service to our community. You will be dearly missed!!*



Eileen Snyder Malone - January 28, 2021 at 09:45 AM

Ben
Tellers

“ Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of William
"Bill" Schmith



Ben Tellers - January 28, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JB

“ Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of
William "Bill" Schmith



Jack & Lucille Belch - January 27, 2021 at 10:06 PM

DK

“ Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of William
"Bill" Schmith



Dan Kern - January 27, 2021 at 09:56 PM

BR

“ Brenda Walz Roberts lit a candle in memory
of William "Bill" Schmith



Brenda Walz Roberts - January 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM

SB

“ Rose and family, Who would have thought this would come so soon. So glad I talked to him a month ago. The man who could fix and do anything! I so remember the days we spent working together! He was an awesome friend to many and many will miss him! God bless his memory! I know God is on his shoulder and that of his family! He was so proud of all of you!

Steve Babcock - January 27, 2021 at 07:40 PM

RK

“ Rosalie & Family---So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We so enjoyed visiting with him at the Boondocks & all the times at The Med clinic & Eye clinic where I waited on him. Also, at the campground. We always seemed to bring up the topic of camping. We will surely miss him. Way too soon for him to be gone! Thoughts and prayers to you! Sincerely,
Rich & Mavis Kendall



Rich & Mavis Kendall - January 27, 2021 at 07:27 PM

RW

“ Ron And Nancy Walz lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Ron and Nancy Walz - January 27, 2021 at 05:58 PM

GE

“ Greg And Mary Erickson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Greg and Mary Erickson - January 27, 2021 at 05:40 PM

JS

“ Jim And Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schmith



Jim and Tracey Stoneman - January 27, 2021 at 05:10 PM