



THE TIME HAS COME  
FOR ME TO LEAVE THIS LIFE.

I HAVE FOUGHT  
THE GOOD FIGHT.

I HAVE FINISHED  
THE RACE.

I HAVE KEPT  
THE FAITH.

NOW THERE IS IN STORE FOR ME  
THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH  
THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE,  
WILL AWARD TO ME ON THAT DAY.

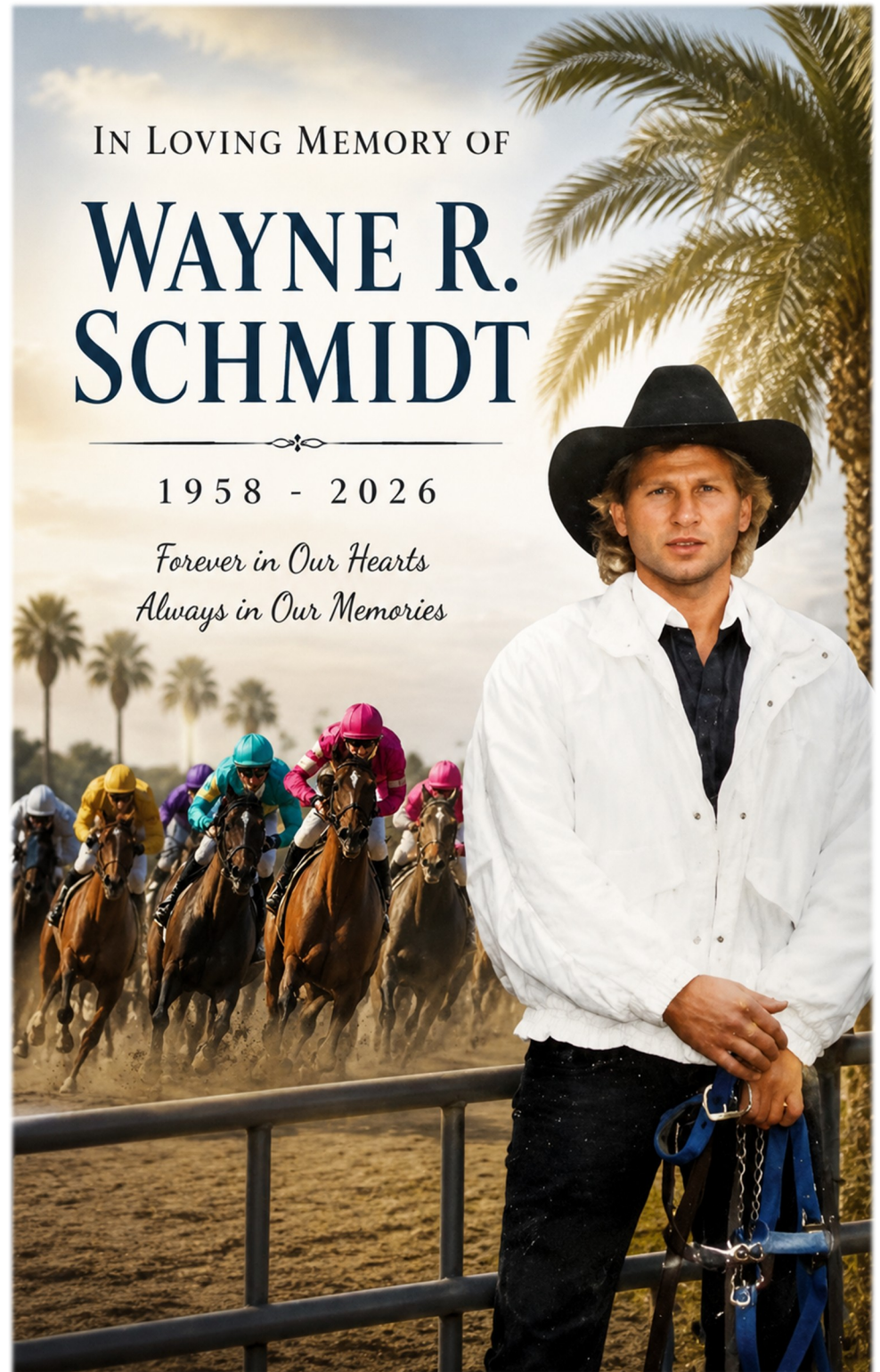


IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WAYNE R.  
SCHMIDT

1958 - 2026

*Forever in Our Hearts  
Always in Our Memories*



**Wayne R. Schmidt**, 67, of Phoenix, AZ, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 27, 2026, at the Ryan House-Hospice of the Valley, in Phoenix, AZ, with two of his sisters, Mary and Karen, by his side. He gave his all in his battle against cancer, carrying himself with strength, dignity, and courage throughout.

Wayne was born September 9, 1958, in Bismarck, the fourth of eight children to Raymond M. and Isabelle (Haider) Schmidt. He graduated from Flasher Public School in 1976. Following graduation, Wayne lived in Fargo, for a couple of years, then headed to the warm climate of Phoenix, AZ. He disliked the cold weather and loved the warm weather, so he made Phoenix his home for 39 years.

Wayne's passion was in the horse racing business. There's something unforgettable about working with racehorses. Every morning started before sunrise, with the sound of hooves against the barn floor and the quiet energy of horses ready to run. It's hard work, long days, and early mornings, but Wayne loved it. Working around the racehorses wasn't just a job for Wayne, it was his lifestyle. It was about dedication and teamwork. Wayne loved the excitement of race day, the bond formed in the barn, and the passion shared by everyone involved, making it a world unlike any other. Wayne also worked at the Ferguson Ranch in Arizona, where he cared for more horses, his true passion.

Wayne enjoyed calling home and visiting with friends and family. One of his greatest joys was talking with his nephew, Dallas, and he made an effort to call him every day. Among his many qualities, he was especially admired for his wit and ability to bring laughter to others.

Wayne is survived by his five sisters, Cindy (Kurt) Kephart, Ranette Erhardt, Mary (Darrell) Erhardt, Jackie Becker, and Karen (Kelly) Mosbrucker; brothers, Sherwood (special friend, Angie) and Ray Jr. (Tammy); 7 nieces, Miranda (Chris) Murdock, RaeLynn (Brett) Spletstaszer, Kelli Erhardt, Joy (Dallas) Hatzenbuhler, Toni (Justin) Knoll, Caitlyn Becker, and Taylor Schmidt; 6 nephews, Clif (Kylee) Kephart, Clint Kephart, Trevor (Sarah) Erhardt, Dallas Erhardt, Caleb Becker, and Christopher Becker; 8 great-nieces and 10 great-nephews; and Wayne's special friends, Debbie and Curt Ferguson, and the Friesz family.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond M. and Isabelle Schmidt; and brothers-in-law, Todd Wright and Marv Erhardt.

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*The family invites you for food & fellowship at The Branded Bar & Grill,  
110 6th Ave. W in Flasher, immediately following the burial service.*

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<b>Parish Rosary &amp; Vigil</b>	Thursday, May 14, 2026; 7:00 PM CDT
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Dennis Schafer
<b>Funeral Liturgy</b>	Friday, May 15, 2026; 2:00 PM CDT St. Lawrence Catholic Church Flasher, North Dakota
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Dennis Schafer
<b>Concelebrant</b>	Fr. Frank Schuster
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Friesz, Jess Friesz, & Janelle Thomas
<b>Lectors</b>	Jackie Becker
Prelude	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>
Processional Song	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>
<hr/> LITURGY OF THE WORD <hr/>	
Old Testament Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, 10-12
Response	Psalm 23
<i>"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."</i>	
New Testament Reading	Romans 6:3-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12a
Homily	
<hr/> LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST <hr/>	
Preparation of Gifts Song	"Jesus Remember Me"
Presentation of Gifts	Caleb Becker, Chris Becker, & Dallas Erhardt
Eucharistic Prayer	
Communion Song	"Take Our Bread"
Communion Meditation	"Peace Is Flowing"
Final Commendation	"Song of Farewell"
Closing Song	"How Great Thou Art"
<b>Committal Service</b>	<b>St. Peter &amp; Paul Catholic Cemetery</b> Fallon, North Dakota
<b>Urnbearers</b>	Sherwood Schmidt, Ray Schmidt Jr. Caleb Becker, & Chris Becker
<b>Honorary Urnbearer</b>	Dallas Erhardt