

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument
of Your peace;

Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that
we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we
are born to eternal life.

In Loving Memory



Donald Schmidt

August 18, 1933 ~ February 7, 2026

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of Donald Schmidt.
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1933 - 2026

Funeral Vigil with Rosary 7 p.m.
Friday, February 13, 2026
Goglin Funeral Home
Yankton, South Dakota

Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 14, 2026
St. George Catholic Church
Scotland, South Dakota

Celebrant
Fr. Bob Lacey

Lectors
Sarah Hartmann & Marc Bies

Altar Servers
Ryder Novak & Bryce Novak

Music
Cindy Ludens - organist
Amazing Grace
Servant Song
I Am the Bread of Life
America the Beautiful

Pallbearers
Nicole Schmidt, Rebecca Schmidt, Sarah Hartmann,
Joshua Bies, Anthony Novak, Betsy Alexanderson,
Jacob Bies & Zachary Novak

Interment
St. George Catholic Cemetery
Scotland, South Dakota

Military Rites
Paul Grosshuesch VFW Post 2966
Army Honor Guard

Donald Martin Schmidt was born on August 18, 1933, in Scotland, South Dakota to Joseph P. and Rose (Podzimek) Schmidt, the sixth of ten children. He graduated from Scotland High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, stationed at Travis Air Force base in California, serving at the end of the Korean War. He proudly served his country defending the B-36 bombers stationed there.

It was during this time that he married his high school sweetheart, Delphine Weidenbach, on August 23, 1955. When he was discharged from the Army in 1956, they returned to Scotland where they raised four children: Brian, Tim, Susan, and Mary. He worked at the DX Station and Scotland Redi Mix. In 1964, they moved to Casa Grande, Arizona, where they lived for seven years. There, he made the best memories with his family, picnicking and hiking in the desert, where he would often be photographed with his beloved Saguaro cactus.

An opportunity arose to purchase a farm in Scotland, so the family moved back to South Dakota in 1971. He took pride in his family and his farm. He showed them the value of hard work and passed on to them his deep appreciation and care for the land. He farmed for 23 years until he and Delphine retired to the West Winds Apartments there in Scotland.

In retirement, Don and Delphine were very active in their community. Don was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, St. George's Catholic Church, the Scotland Historical Society, and the American Legion, among other associations and positions. He was kind to a fault, always putting others first. He placed God, his family, and his country above all, and would take any opportunity to serve them when called.

Beyond service, Don and Delphine kept a social calendar often playing cards with friends, attending and hosting dinner parties, and traveling across the United States after retiring from the farm. Don loved country music and Western films and television, with a particular fondness for actor John Wayne.

Delphine died on January 27, 2012, and part of Don's heart did, too. He spent his last eleven years at Avera's Majestic Bluffs and Sister James' Nursing Home. We would like to give our sincere thanks to all the Sister James' staff, especially the Country unit, for all your kindness and care to Dad over the years.

Donald is survived by his four children: Brian Schmidt and Dawn in Phoenix, AZ; Tim Schmidt and Sherri in Chamberlain, SD; Susan and Marc Bies in Yankton, SD; and Mary and Scott Novak in O'Neil, NE, as well as eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, his sister Betty (Bowyer) Kellen and brother Greg Schmidt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of fifty-six years, Delphine; his sisters Dorothy, Marilyn, Carol, and Katherine; his brothers Louis (in infancy), Ray and Joey; and his infant great-grandson Levi Donald Hartmann.