



## WHEN I COME HOME TO HEAVEN

When I come home to Heaven, how joyful it will be!  
For on that day at last my risen Lord I'll see.

No greater happiness than to see Him face to face,  
To see the love in His eyes and feel His warm embrace.

I've done nothing to deserve that perfect home above.  
It was given freely through the grace of Jesus' love.

Then why should earthly cares weigh down upon me so?  
They'll be a distant memory when home at last I go.

- Beth Stuckwisch

*Cafaldo*  
FUNERAL HOMES



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# DARL M. SCHMIDT

November 11, 1930 – June 2, 2025

**Darl M. Schmidt, 94**, of Garner, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025, at his home.

Darl Michael Schmidt, the son of Leo and Rose (Roach) Schmidt, was born November 11, 1930, in Mason City. He grew up in Garner and graduated from Garner High School in 1948, after which he helped his father in the family carpentry business. Darl proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a member of the Seabees, contributing to the efforts of the Mobile Construction Battalion #2 across various Pacific islands, including Midway, Guam, and the Philippines. Following his honorable discharge, Darl returned to Garner, where he married the love of his life, Darlene Peck, on October 24, 1957, at St. James Catholic Church in Forest City. Together, they made their home in the house Darl built in 1956 and raised their six children. He dedicated 38 years of his career to Armour in Mason City and later enjoyed working alongside his son and grandson in their construction business after retiring. Darl cherished time spent with his family, attending their many activities, and found joy in fishing and playing cards. He was a passionate supporter of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Green Bay Packers.

He was a lifelong member of St. Boniface Catholic Church and the Garner VFW, as well as being a member of the Catholic Foresters.

Darl is survived by his wife of 67 years, Darlene; six children, Tammy (Russell) Schmidt of Garner, Charles (Brenda) Schmidt of Garner, Sherri (Brian) Kraus of Le Mars, Brenda (Wendell) Davison of Garner, Timothy (Laura) Schmidt of Garner and Elisabeth (Travis) Hawe of Garner; grandchildren, Adam (Sherri) Schmidt, Sarah (Lee) Dodge, Brandon (Katie) Schmidt, Kacie (Brandon) Allen, Jamie (Jase) Thompson, Cody (Megan) Schmidt, Jena Kraus, Jesse (Michelle) Kraus, Breanne Kraus (fiancé, Jared Cottrell), Andrew (Lauren) Davison, Collin (Kristin) Davison, Ryan (Kristen) Davison, McKinley Hawe (fiancée, Erin McElligott), Dalton (Nora) Hawe, Aiden Hawe, Zane Hawe, Jeremy Maben and Jenna (James) DeFazio; great-grandchildren, Mitchell, and Madison Bower, Peyton Schmidt, Aaliyah and Parker Dodge, Brantley and Wyatt Schmidt, Aubrey and Kaydon Allen, Rhian and Jett Thompson, Maisa, Kiylee and Cain Schmidt, Preston, Kennedy, Kaleb Davison, Drake and Caden Davison, Kenzie and Carson Davison, Avila Hawe, and Caleb, Elijah and Evelyn DeFazio; a sister-in-law, Lucille Schmidt; a brother-in-law, Donald Peck; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, William and Gertie Peck; brothers, Roland and Gerald (Rosella) Schmidt; and his in-laws, Evelyn (Hank) Brower, Ethel (Jake) Lewerke, Gladys (Eldon) Waldschmidt, Edna (Clyde) Tannahill, Glen (Ann) Peck, Willard Peck, Arlene Peck, Violet (Ralph) Jorgensen, Wilbur (Adeline) Peck and Sharon (Valentine) Trask.



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**FUNERAL MASS**

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Garner, Iowa  
10:30 a.m., Friday, June 6, 2025

**CELEBRANT**

Rev. Fr. Andrew Marr

**LECTOR**

Collin Davison

**MUSIC**

Mary Kopacek, Organist  
Brent Cataldo, Cantor  
St. Boniface Choir

**USHERS**

Dennis and Pam Jones

**CASKET BEARERS**

|              |                 |                |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Adam Schmidt | Brandon Schmidt | Cody Schmidt   |
| Jesse Kraus  | Andrew Davison  | Collin Davison |
| Ryan Davison | McKinley Hawe   | Dalton Hawe    |
| Aiden Hawe   | Zane Hawe       | Jeremy Maben   |

**BURIAL**

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery  
Garner, Iowa

**MILITARY RITES**

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

*The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.*