

Duaine was born in Dell Rapids on November 25th, 1949 the son of Lawrence and Irene (Schreier) Schmidt. He grew up on a farm north of Dell Rapids. He attended St. Mary's school. He married Gail Whaley on December 1st. They were married 51 years. He worked for many years at Avera Hospital. He decided, while still at Avera, to start his own business which he called Schmidty's Remodeled Rental Homes. He ran it until the day of his passing. His family will continue to run the business just as he did.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gail; his two daughters, Grace and Gina; brother-in-law, Duane (Bev) Whaley; sisters-in-law, Donna (Mike) Vardsveen, Mary Miles, Mildred Schmidt; brother-in-law, Bub Whaley; his favorite nephew, Scott Whaley; along with many other nieces, nephews, and other extended family; and his two close friends, Mark DeSchepper and Ed Begeman.

Duaine was preceded in death by his parents; his two brothers, Henry and Richard; brother-in-law, Larry Whaley; niece, Trish Whaley; also, by Rob Longcrow, his hunting and fishing buddy for over 35 years.

In Memory Of

Duaine Schmidt

November 25, 1949 † March 30, 2025

Funeral Service

10:30 AM Saturday
April 12, 2025

Minnehaha Funeral Home
Dell Rapids, South Dakota
Rev. Alan Blankenfeld, Officiating

Selected Music

“Knocking On Heaven’s Door” by Bob Dylan
“Even Though I’m Leaving” by Luke Combs
“Daddy Never Was the Cadillac Man” by Confederate Railroad

Pallbearers

David Whaley Gavin Morphew Mike Morphew
Dennis Schmidt Tim Schreier Colin Myears

Interment

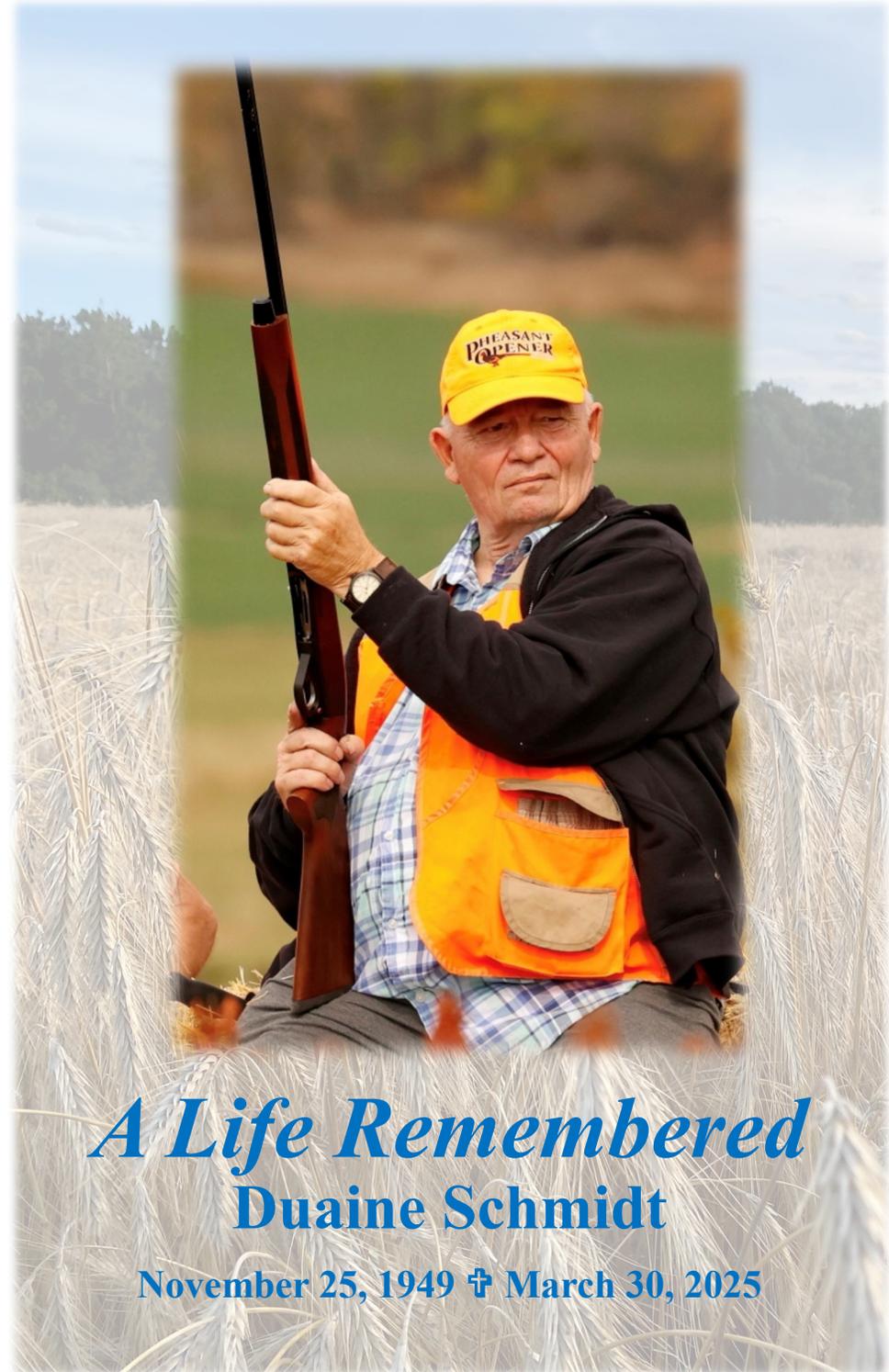
St. Mary Catholic Cemetery
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Gone Fishing

I've finished Life's chores assigned to me,
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole,
For I've been invited to the fishing hole.
Where Every day is a day to fish,
To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm gone fishing with the Master of the sea.
We will miss each other for a while,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long, you will see,
Til we're together, you and me.
To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missing,
just tell them that I've gone fishing.

The family of Duaine Schmidt thanks you for your presence and support. They invite you to lunch and fellowship at the American Legion Hall in Dell Rapids following the committal service.

**American Legion address
408 Orleans Ave, Dell Rapids, SD 57022**



A Life Remembered
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