

Charles Schmidt was born on September 8, 1944, in Dell Rapids, SD, to John and Anna (Schwebach) Schmidt. He received his education at St. Mary Catholic School in Dell Rapids. Following his education, he joined the Army and served as an X-ray technician for approximately two years. After completing his service, he returned home to pursue farming. He discovered his vocation to marriage after meeting his future wife, Karen Erickson, at the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls. Together, they raised four children: Carla, Brian, Josh, and Jill. He found great fulfillment in his life with his wife and children, and later with his eight grandchildren and great grandson.

Chuck had a deep passion for sports, especially baseball, and was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was an avid bowler and a prominent coach in both softball and basketball. Beyond the games themselves, he took great pride in teaching his children important life lessons through hard work. He shared a special bond with his youngest grandchild, Maria, whom he often called the love of his life, telling her he didn't truly know what love was until he met her.

Chuck retired after more than 30 years at Pfeifer Implement. In his retirement, he enjoyed gardening and, later in life, playing cards. He played twice a week, forming many great friendships through the years.

Chuck was a truly humble man with a deep and abiding faith. While his bark could be more intimidating than his bite, those who knew him well truly understood the immense size of his heart.

Charles is survived by his wife, Karen Schmidt; daughter, Carla Michel; sons, Brian Schmidt and Josh (LuzElena) Schmidt; daughter, Jill (Nate) Ginsbach; grandchildren, Jaren Schmidt and his son Anakin, Jamieson Schmidt, Jace Schmidt, Jevan Schmidt, Jacoben Schmidt, Maria Schmidt, Fallon Ginsbach and Zayda Ginsbach; brother, Leonard Schmidt; sister, Grace Schmidt; brother, Raymond Schmidt; sister-in-law, Barb Schmidt; niece, nephews and other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna Schmidt; and brother, Philip Schmidt.

In Memory

Charles D. Schmidt

September 8, 1944 - February 5, 2026

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 AM Tuesday

February 10, 2026

St. Therese Catholic Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Officiating

Father Jerry Ranek

Pianist

Lisa Roers

Song Leader

Christy Lindberg

Congregational Music

“Be Not Afraid”

“Prayer of St. Francis”

“Gift OF Finest Wheat”

“Ave Maria”

“Amazing Grace”

Casketbearers

Jaren Schmidt Jamieson Schmidt Jace Schmidt
Jacoben Schmidt Jevan Schmidt Fallon Ginsbach
Zayda Ginsbach Maria Schmidt

Interment

Berg Cemetery

Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Today my father, my knight in shining armor, my rock, the rock of my children, passed away. He was a wonderful father and grandfather. He always lived up to his responsibilities. He wore his title as Husband, Father and Grandfather with immense pride, dignity, and humility, always remaining at the service of others.

“As for Me and My House we will Serve the Lord” – Joshua 24:15



In Loving Memory



The family of Charles Schmidt thanks you for your presence and support. They invite you to stay for lunch following the funeral.

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