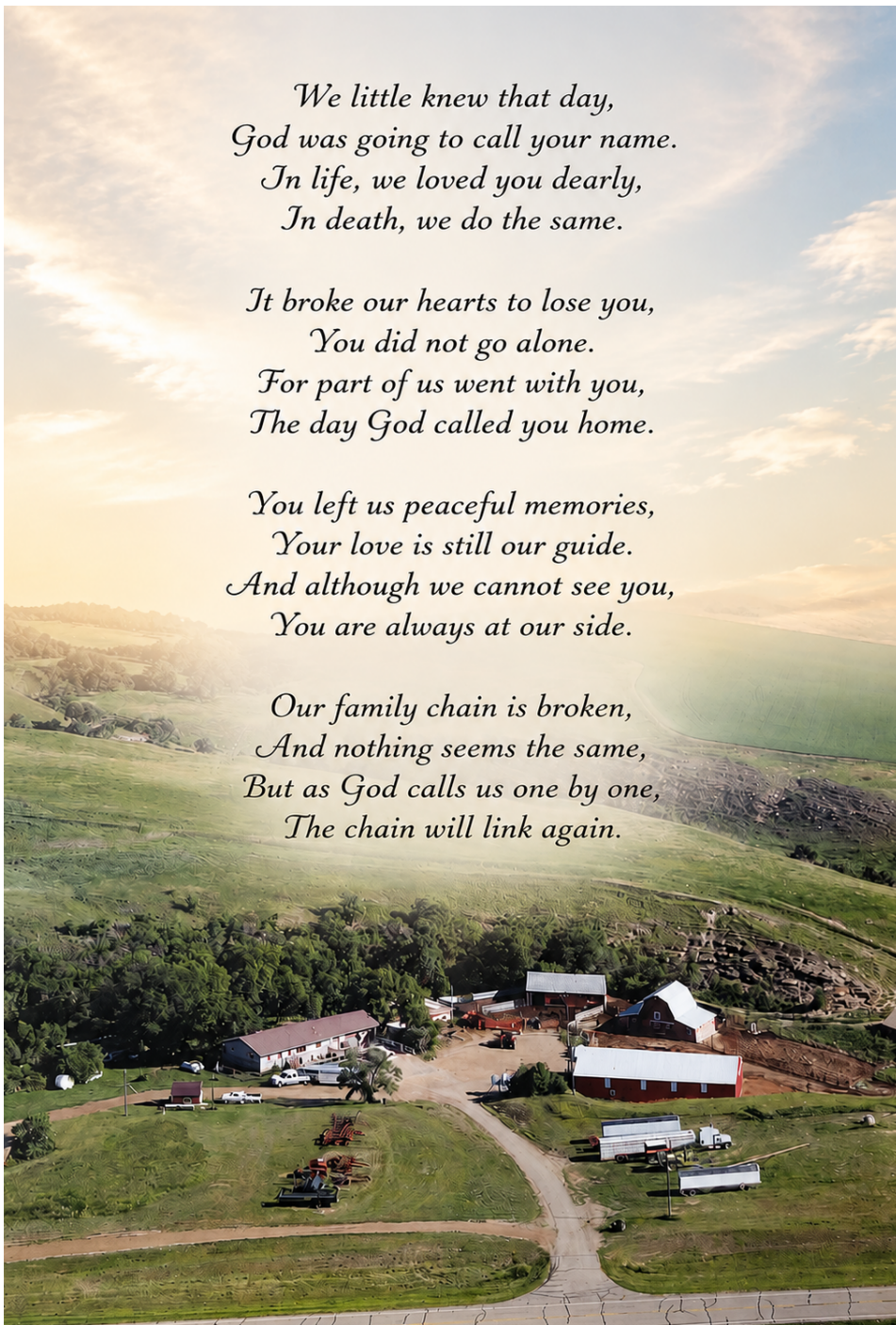


*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life, we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

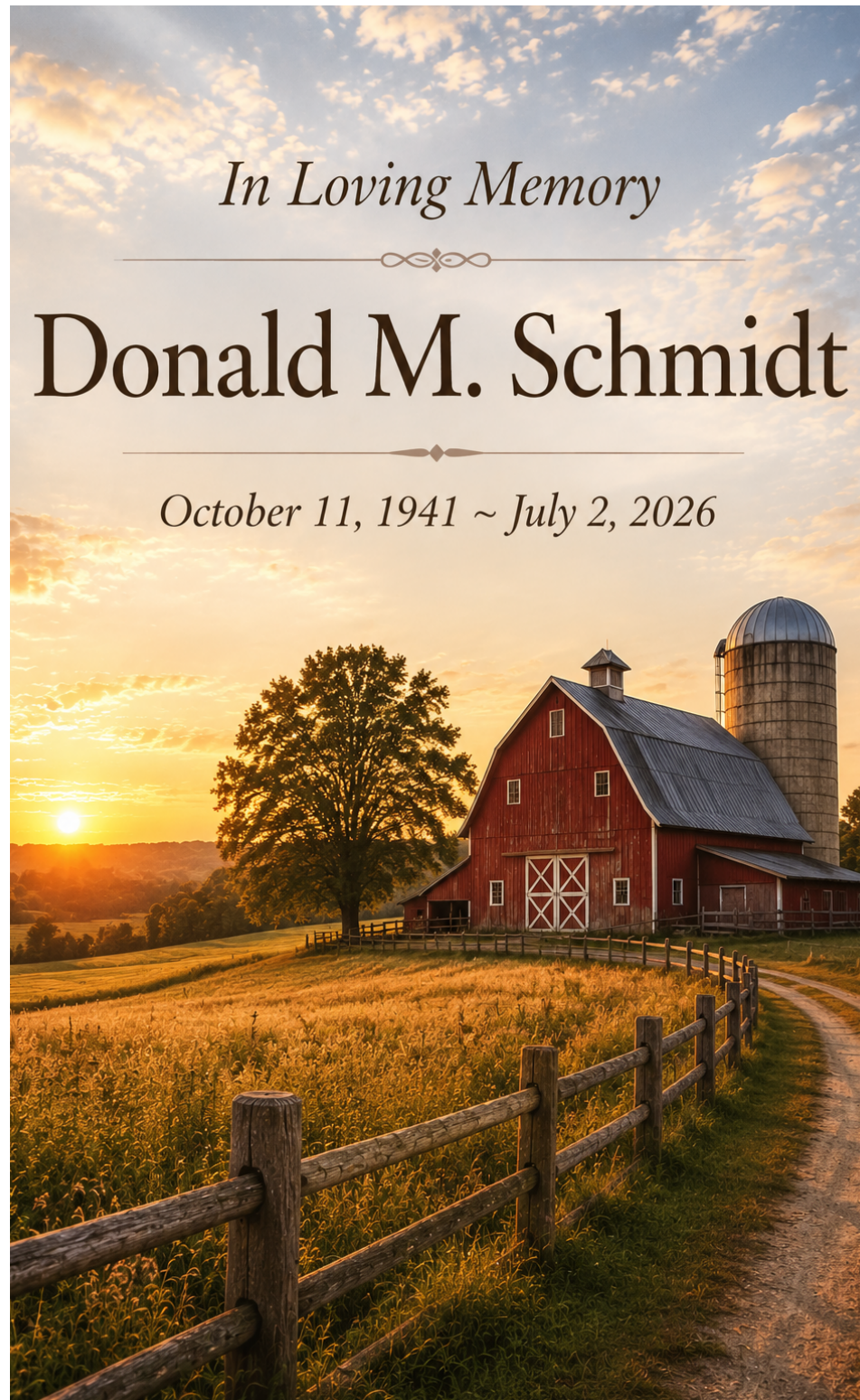


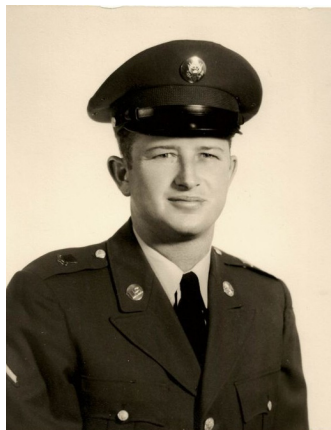
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Life Tribute Video**

In Loving Memory

Donald M. Schmidt

October 11, 1941 ~ July 2, 2026





Donald M. Schmidt, 84, of Bismarck, passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2026, in Bismarck.

Donald Matthew Schmidt, known as Donnie to his family and friends, was born on October 11, 1941, in Solen, North Dakota, to John and Bertha (Maier) Schmidt. He was raised in Solen, where he attended school before serving his country in the United States Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Following his honorable discharge after two years of service, Donnie returned home to ranch alongside his father and brother, John. He eventually took over the family operation, dedicating his life to the land until retiring in 2010.

Donnie was first married to Emma Jean Day, and together they welcomed two sons, Don Jr. and Mike. Emma Jean passed away in 1983.

Later, Donnie found love again when he married Bernice Hellman. Together they blended their families and built a wonderful life. Although they retired to Bismarck, Donnie could rarely stay away from the ranch. He made countless trips back to lend a hand, always happy to help.

Donnie was a member of the American Legion and the Solen Rural Fire Department. He was a hardworking rancher through and through, and farming was simply his way of life.

Donnie enjoyed watching classic westerns, taking in a movie (even if it meant going by himself), packing up for a picnic, and meeting family and friends for a good meal. He appreciated life's simple pleasures and treasured the time spent with those he loved.

He will be sorely missed by his wife, Bernice; his children, Tammy (David) Acuff, Don (Tyann) Schmidt Jr., Michael (Rolenthea) Schmidt, Jesse (Lauree) Hellman, Scott (Kandie) Hellman, Tracy (Ryan) Meschke, and Kurt (Nerissa)

Hellman; his sister, Lillian (Wayne) Brewster; sister-in-law, Elaine Schmidt; 21 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha Schmidt; his first wife, Emma Jean Schmidt; his son, Jerry Schmidt; his brother, John Schmidt; his sisters, Genevieve Tschider and Evelyn (Dennis) Spieker; and his parents-in-law, George and Agnes Leingang.



The family invites you for food and fellowship at the Church of the Ascension Parish Hall following the burial.

Funeral Services for **Donald M. Schmidt**

Rosary & Parish Vigil

Sunday July 5, 2026; 6:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND
Presider: Deacon John Paul Martin

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, July 6, 2026; 10:00 AM
Church of the Ascension, Bismarck, ND
Celebrant: Fr. Russ Kovash

Casket Bearers

Dylan Hellman Hunter Hellman
Sawyer Hellman Reuben Schmidt
Judson Meschke Jayger Meschke
Kaseyn Hellman Skyler Bossert

Honorary Casket Bearers

Paul Thomas Dave Salter
Kenny Magilke Simon Hoffman
John Schmidt Pat Henderson
Gary Hoffman Blane Hoffman
Brian George Cutter Hellman
Stanley Hepper

Lectors

Terry Meyer
Rolenthea Schmidt

Musicians

Michelle Friedt
Desiree Bondley

Order of Service

Prelude

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Processional Song

“Amazing Grace”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“On Eagles Wings”

Presentation of Gifts

Braelyn Hellman and Piper Meschke

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“I am the Bread of Life”

Communion Meditation

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“Come Follow Me”

Committal Service



North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery
Mandan, ND