



## PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

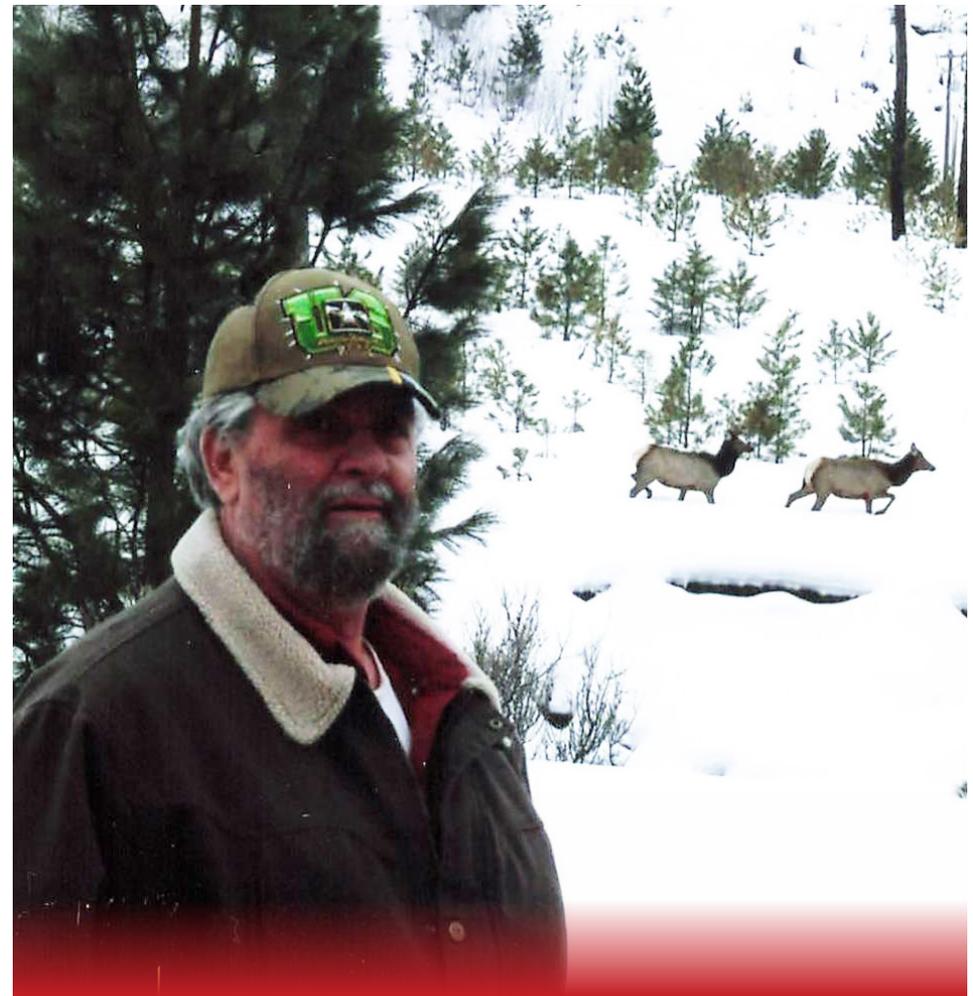
**He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

**He restores my soul. He leads me in paths  
of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your  
staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the  
presence of my enemies; you anoint my  
head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.**

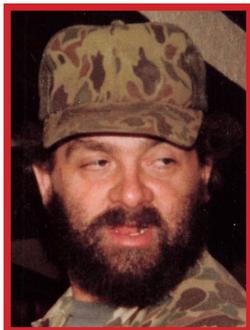


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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF**  
**MONTY C. SCHLAWIN**

**March 11, 1947 – October 23, 2025**

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**Monty C. Schlawin, 78**, of Garner, passed away Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Marys Campus in Rochester.

Monty Craig Schlawin, the son of Glenn and Kathleen (Felland) Schlawin, was born March 11, 1947, in Forest City. He grew up in Hayfield and attended Hayfield Consolidated School until the 8th grade. The family moved to Garner during his freshman year in high school, and he

graduated from Garner-Hayfield High School in 1965. Monty served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam as a sharpshooter and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded the Purple Heart (2nd Award) with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal with Two Bronze Service Stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation (2nd Award), Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal First Class Unit Citation (2nd Award) and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Garner. On July 8, 1972, he married Darcia Kooiman at the Britt Christian Reformed Church. They lived in Forest City before moving to Garner in 1976, where they raised their daughter, Shannon. Monty was employed at Winnebago Industries in Forest City as an appliance installer and later an electrician until his retirement in 2006. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, gardening and feeding birds in the winter.

He was a member of the Garner American Legion.

Monty is survived by his wife, Darcia, of Garner; daughter, Shannon Thill (Pam Marlowe) of Ankeny; granddaughter, Shelby Thill of Ankeny; brother, Greg Schlawin of Garner; sister, Sherry Bird of Clear Lake; a brother-in-law, Ron Kooiman of Forest City; a sister-in-law, Audrey Kooiman of Forest City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters-in-law, Julie Schlawin and Carla Stevenson; and nephew, Matthew Bird.

*Memorials may be directed Wounded Warriors or the National Park System.*



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## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Cataldo Funeral Chapel

Garner, Iowa

11 a.m., Monday, November 3, 2025

## **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Scott Kozisek

St. Paul Lutheran Church

## **MUSIC**

"Amazing Grace"

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

## **CASKET BEARERS**

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

## **MILITARY RITES**

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

## **BURIAL**

Concord Township Cemetery

Garner, Iowa

*All are invited to a luncheon at St. Paul Lutheran Church immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.*

*Cataldo*  
FUNERAL HOMES