



David Schmidt

August 8, 1958 - May 17, 2025

David Wendell Schmidt, age 66, of Schaller, Iowa, passed away on May 17, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of David's life will be held on May 23, 2025, from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Jaycees Shelter House in Schaller. All who knew and loved him are welcome to attend, and the family would love it if those with fond memories of David would share them starting at 6 p.m. - especially those that capture his humor, heart, and the joy he brought to others. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Born on August 8, 1958, in Storm Lake, Iowa, David was the beloved son of Neil and Ruth Schmidt. He graduated from Schaller High School in 1976. The same year he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a Mortar Man until he was honorably discharged four years later. While enlisted, he received the Good Conduct Medal, Letter of Appreciation, Rifle Marksman Badge, and Pistol Expert Badge.

He lived a life marked by quiet strength, unwavering integrity, and deep devotion to his family.

David was a proud father and grandfather, known not only for his strong work ethic and dependable nature but also for his sharp wit and unforgettable

sense of humor. He had a gift for making others laugh, often delivering a perfectly timed one-liner or repeating one of his favorite sayings that became classics among family and friends.

He found joy in life's simple pleasures: taking long truck rides with his loyal dog by his side, tending to his garden with care, spending peaceful mornings in the woods hunting, and proudly cheering from the stands at his daughter's and later at his grandchildren's sporting events. He rarely missed a game, and his pride in his family was one of his defining qualities.

David is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Tami Schmidt of Schaller, IA; children: Jamie (Evan) Grieme of Schaller, IA, Tessa (Kurt) Petersen of Cypress, TX, and Cassie (Ben) Wehrkamp of Newport Beach, CA; grandchildren: Brynlee and Nolan Grieme, Lennox and Reed Rydberg, and Flynn Petersen; mother Ruth Schmidt; brother Al Schmidt; sister-in-law Judy Graybill; and brother-in-law Dana (Rosie) Buckingham.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil Schmidt; brother Doug and sister Wenda; and parents-in-law Eugene and Vivienne Buckingham.

David Wendell Schmidt will be deeply missed but lovingly remembered for his laughter, his loyalty, and the legacy of love and wisdom he leaves behind.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schaller Jaycee's Shelter House
206 N. Berlin St
Schaller, IA 51053

Tribute Wall



“ so sorry to hear about Dave may you all find peace ,prayers



Terry Mary Bruns - May 24, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Schmidt.



May 21, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 21, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Rose Baker lit a candle in memory of David Schmidt



Rose Baker - May 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of David. There was a lot of fun moments between him and his classmate, my brother Danny.
Connie Dick Heissel

connie Heissel - May 20, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Schmidt.



May 20, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Schmidt.

May 20, 2025 at 09:27 AM

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“ Rose Baker lit a candle in memory of David Schmidt



Rose Baker - May 19, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ David was the most irritating person I knew. He never stopped picking on me. :) Tami always said "the more he picks on you the more he likes you. Deep down inside I loved it. So sorry for your loss Tami and family. Praying for all of you.
Love you all.
Crystal

Crystal Cook - May 19, 2025 at 12:52 AM

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“ The Wehrkamp Family purchased the Large Basket et Garden for the family of David Schmidt.



The Wehrkamp Family - May 18, 2025 at 08:45 PM