



Douglas Neil Schmidt

January 29, 1962 - May 6, 2022

Douglas Neil Schmidt, age 60, of Schaller, Iowa died Friday, May 6, 2022 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Memorial services will take place Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller, Iowa. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, May 16, 2022 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in SCHALLER. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Neil Schmidt was born on January 29, 1962 to Neil and Ruth (Weise) Schmidt in Storm Lake, Iowa. Doug had a strong Catholic faith his entire life. He grew up attending school in Schaller, Iowa and graduated in 1980.

Doug entered the United States Army on October 27, 1981. During his service career, he became an Army Ranger and retired as an Army Green Beret. Doug served as a Special Forces Delta Medic, a HALO Instructor, a Freefall Jumpmaster, Master Static Line Jumpmaster, and a Paratrooper. He served his country in Desert Storm, Operation Provide Comfort in Kurdistan, follow on Provide Comfort Mission II and III in Turkey, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also did rotations in Bosnia, Kuwait, Herzegovina and Kosovo. He retired honorably in 2003 after over 21 years of service as a Sergeant First Class.

During Doug's military career, he earned the following: Kuwait Liberation Medal (KU), Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2nd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2nd Award), Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist badge with Combat Distinguishing Device, 1 Bronze Service Star, Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, and the Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge. In addition to his many accomplishments, Doug was also fluent in Russian and German.

Doug married the love of his life, Shannan, on October 7, 2017.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and archery. You could find him sitting on his front porch, traveling dirt roads and hunting asparagus in his free time. Doug was an avid gardener. More than anything, Doug treasured his time with family and friends. He could always be found cheering on his grandkids at their sporting events. Doug will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Doug is survived by his wife, Shannan; mother: Ruth (Weise) Schmidt; children: Kayle (Emmanuel) Wilds of Eagle Mountain, Utah; Ashley (Nicholas) Genes of Eagle Mountain, Utah; Kennedy (Thomas) Sibbitt of Omaha, Nebraska; Carter Bragg of Schaller, Iowa; brother: Alan Schmidt; David (Tami) Schmidt; grandchildren: Mason Schmidt, Takoda Webb; Atlas and Nova Wilds; Jacob and Josephine Genes; Elva and Opal Sibbitt; and numerous extended family and friends.

Doug is preceded in death by his father, Neil Schmidt, and his sister, Wenda.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery -- Schaller

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Schaller
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Schaller, IA 51053
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Memorial Service

MAY 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Schaller
402 E Third
Schaller, IA 51053

Burial

MAY 17 (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church -- Schaller
408 S. Main, IA 51053

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas Neil Schmidt*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 16, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memorial Folder*



Fratzke & Jensen - May 17, 2022 at 10:20 AM



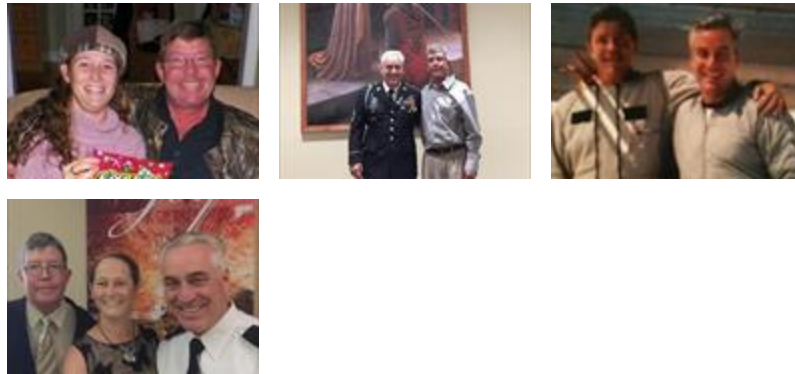
Doug is a true hero.

He gave great service and sacrificed for our country. Rest easy, Doug.

Paul McDermott, US Army (Ret) - May 20, 2022 at 09:23 AM

JB

“ You were our best friend. And adopted dad to Jane and a brother to me. We were always there when you needed us the most. Life is not fair. We will miss you every day and always have the memories we have of you to help us carry on. Our prayers will always be with your family. Blue Skies Buddy...



Jd and Jane Berentis - May 16, 2022 at 07:51 PM

TH

“ Terry and Stephanie Halbach purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Douglas Neil Schmidt.



Terry and Stephanie Halbach - May 16, 2022 at 07:30 PM

DM

“ Denise Dick McMahon lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil Schmidt



denise dick mcMahon - May 16, 2022 at 01:58 PM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall

Fratzke & Jensen - May 16, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Neil Schmidt.



May 15, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Neil Schmidt.



May 15, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Neil Schmidt.



May 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ Rest in peace Doug Schmidt..... Doug was a member of the Schaller Rocket Wrestling Team.....His Dad, Neil was his greatest fan, as were his team mates. When Doug went on to serve his Country....there was no doubt how his courage would lead him. I so much enjoyed the news I would hear about Doug's accomplishments.... It was so sad that Doug, still a young man, could not have enjoyed a more comfortable retirement.....Doug always showed respect.. He never called me anything other then "Mr. hantsbarger"

God be with you Doug and bless you in eternity.....Coach Hantsbarger.

Bob Hantsbarger - May 13, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JW

“ Dear Schmidt family- Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss. Doug was a a good friend, comrade, medic and teammate. He was a good man to have by your side in tight situations. I never worried about the medical side of the house on deployments, I knew he had it covered. I will miss his sense of humor. Thanks Doug, thanks a lot.

John Wilson
Former Team Sergeant

John Wilson - May 11, 2022 at 02:15 PM

CB

“ Chad & Peggy Bloyer lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil Schmidt



Chad & Peggy Bloyer - May 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM

MP

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you walk through this sad time in your life now. Doug will always live on in the the hearts and minds of those that his life touched when he walked this earth. He will always be special to our family. Marion and Karen Pinkham

Marion and Karen Pinkham - May 10, 2022 at 07:46 AM

JA

“ A man who never understood the word quit. Couldn't spell fail. Infectious laugh and smile. A soldier, a hero. My friend. My brother. RIP DOL

Joe Adelsberger - May 09, 2022 at 08:33 PM