



## James G. Schmidt

May 11, 1918 - March 1, 2009

James G. Schmidt, age 90, of Schaller, Iowa, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa. Funeral services for Mr. Schmidt will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at the Schaller Presbyterian Church with Pastor Adam Cox officiating. Burial will be in the Schaller Cemetery. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller, during which time the family will be present to greet friends. James Gordon Schmidt, son of Theodore and Emma (Polston) Schmidt, was born in rural Schaller, May 11, 1918. He attended grade school at Eden #9 and graduated from Schaller High School in 1935. James attended the National School of Aeronautics in Kansas City, graduating in 1940. He married Luella Olsen on June 3, 1941 and then moved to East Hartford, Connecticut, where they were employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. James later joined the Air Force, during which he served in the South Pacific. After returning from the service, he and Luella moved to the "home place," where Luella had lived most of her life. There they farmed for 25 years. In 1972, they moved to the home in Schaller previously occupied by Luella's parents. Jim was then employed as chief of police in Early, Iowa, for a number of years. A life member of the Schaller Veterans of Foreign Wars, he served several elected and appointed offices on both district and state levels. He was an active member of the Schaller Presbyterian Church, where he served in numerous positions. Jim

was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of nearly 50 years, Luella; son-in-law, Kenton; and sister, Mary Carville. He is survived by his daughter, Janice Gill, Ft. Madison, Iowa; his son, Donald, West Des Moines, Iowa; two step-grandchildren, Alex and Travis Bevelhemier; and his companion, Goldie Koehn.