



Neil Wendell Schmidt

January 1, 1935 - January 27, 2012

Neil Schmidt, age 77, of Schaller, Iowa died January 27, 2012 at the Holstein Good Samaritan Center in Holstein. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Schaller. Visitation will take place Monday, January 30, 2012 from 4-8:00 p.m. with the family present from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements. Neil W. Schmidt was born January 1, 1935 in Holstein, Iowa the son of Ed and Nina (Hansen) Schmidt. He was baptized and confirmed as Methodist. Growing up, Neil attended school in Holstein and then Galva where he graduated from Galva High School in 1952. On December 31, 1956, Neil was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Wiese at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with three children: Al, David, and Doug. Neil was a current member at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Schaller. He enjoyed playing all card games. Neil was a painter by trade, but could do about anything and was very handy. He loved spending time with his family and friends and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ruth Ann of Schaller, Iowa; children: Al Schmidt of Schaller, Iowa; Dave (Tami) Schmidt of Schaller, Iowa; Doug (Ellen) Schmidt of Fayetteville, North Carolina; grandchildren: Jamie (Evan) Grieme, Tessa (Kelly) Rydberg, Cassie Schmidt, Kayle Schmidt, Ashley (Nick) Genes, great grandchildren: Brynlee

Grieme, Lenox Rydberg, Mason and Takoda Schmidt, Jacob and Josephine Genes; brother, Van (Myrna) Schmidt of Three Forks, Montana; sister-in-law, Joyce Egan of Chandler, Arizona; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends. Neil was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Nina Schmidt; infant daughter, Wenda Marie; brothers: Wayne and Donald Schmidt; sisters: Marcella (Gus) Wehde and Donna (Earl) Fick.