



Edwin R. Schmidt

September 4, 1946 - May 16, 2024

Edwin R. Schmidt, 77, of Mesa, AZ., formerly of Wood River, passed away on May 16, 2024 at his residence in AZ. Per his wishes, cremation was chosen. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, June 8th at 11 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Reverend Adam Snoberger officiating. Burial of ashes will follow at the Shelton Cemetery at 2:30 pm.

Edwin was born on September 4, 1946 in Grand Island to Rudolph and Mabel (Gosda) Schmidt. He was raised on a farm southwest of Wood River. He attended District 27 country school through the 8th grade and then attended Wood River High School.

He was a lifelong farmer and in his younger years raised sheep and cattle. Edwin was a Payco seed dealer for a time, and was instrumental in planning, working, and seeing the completion of the Lepin Flood Control project, which alleviated much of the farmland flooding in the Platte Valley south of Wood River.

Edwin was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Edwin was a member of the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge in Mesa, AZ, where he has resided since 2014. Edwin lived life to the fullest. Friends and family were the most important things to him. He enjoyed making people laugh and bringing joy to everyone's life. Edwin was always the life of any party.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Brian Schmidt of Wood River, Peggy (Todd) Michel of Kearney; three grandchildren, Kaylee, Samuel, Rachel; one great granddaughter, Adalynn; and siblings, Roger (Jeannette)

Schmidt, Chuck Schmidt, Carol Swoboda, Beverly (Rick) Davis, Cynthia (Kevin) Moon.

Edwin was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eldon Schmidt; and brother-in-law, Bill Swoboda; and niece, Brooke Claassen.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
212 W 12th St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-0753

Burial

JUN 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Cemetery
Shelton, NE

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Richard, Steve, Judy, Rodney , Jesse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin R. Schmidt.

Richard, Steve, Judy, Rodney , Jesse - June 06, 2024 at 07:35 PM

RJ

“ Richard, Steve, Judy, Rodney , Jesse purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Edwin R. Schmidt.



Richard, Steve, Judy, Rodney , Jesse - June 06, 2024 at 07:35 PM

LA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lane - June 05, 2024 at 10:25 PM

BM

We will miss our sweet neighbor. Great pic !

Bernsdette Mork - June 09, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LD

“ Love, Dana Marzolf, Bronson, and Darrin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Edwin R. Schmidt.



Love, Dana Marzolf, Bronson, and Darrin - June 05, 2024 at 06:45 PM

JE

“ Going to Miss You !! You always was there for anyone !! Big Heart !!



Jesse - June 05, 2024 at 05:39 PM

WR

“ Wendy and Matt Rathjen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edwin R. Schmidt.



Wendy and Matt Rathjen - June 04, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JD

“ I met Too Tall several years ago at the East Mesa Moose Lodge. We always had great conversations and he was a strong supporter of the Lodge. He was a unique and dynamic personality. Too Tall was a great soul and I will miss him.

Joe Dominguez - June 04, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DB

“ There is a hole in the heart of our East Mesa Moose Lodge as we mourn the loss of our friend Too Tall, we hold the great memories in our hearts. He is forever our Fraternal Brother. Much love from all your "little buddies". Rest in peace Too Tall.

Dan Beaudette - June 03, 2024 at 12:12 AM

TC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Too tall was always a happy guy when he came into Ginnys Cafe in Wood River

May God comfort you at this difficult time.

Virginia(Ginny) McCurdy
Dot Krance



Theresa Childers - June 01, 2024 at 09:17 AM

BS

myself and my wife will not be able to attend rest assured to tall is always in my thoughts and prayers as his former boss he will be truly missed always. To tall was such a special person that can't be replaced. Thoughts and prayers brett and nikki

Brett slizeski - June 02, 2024 at 06:13 PM

PT

A good friend for many years.....you will be missed the pat thelen family.....

pat thelen - June 08, 2024 at 12:43 PM