



Fred Schritt

May 24, 1938 - January 25, 2016

Fred Schritt, owner of GI Body Shop for the past 49 years went to meet his maker at the age of 77 on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Gathering of friends and family will be for 5-7 p.m. Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

To honor Fred's wishes, cremation has taken place. All are encouraged to wear casual dress to the service.

Fred was born to Martin Schritt, Sr. and Rose (Stoddard) Schritt on May 24, 1938 in Grand Island. He was the third child of a family of eight. He lived in the east part of Grand Island most of his life. At the age of 14 he went to work for Greens Body Shop as a sweeper. He quit school at the age of 16 where he attended Walnut Junior High School and then began his career as a body man and painter. He was known as one of the best painters in Grand Island and was one of the first people to mix candy apple paints before they were even available several years later. He worked painting cars during the day and painted airplanes at night. He also was one of the first Volkswagen mechanics in Grand Island when the VW bug became a "must have" car.

He met and married Susie Martens in July 1954 and to this union he had one daughter, Karen. On May 15, 1993 he met and married Ellen Mundorf and gained three step sons, David, Brad and Greg Mundorf and one step-daughter, Lisa (Mundorf) Olson.

Fred built many show cars over his years, taking old rusty bodies and putting tons and tons of lead and sweat into his classic cars. In 1967 he began racing motorcycles, first starting out hill climbing, flat track and scrambles (now pretty much known as motocross). His favorite motorcycles were his 750cc factory Harley Davidson racer and his 750cc Triumphs. He has 31 motorcycles; mostly he built himself ranging from an old Indian that was a rust bucket of a frame, to a three engine 750 cc Triumph that he estimated to run at the Salt Flats at close to 400 miles per hour, although because of heart problems, and the salt flats being flooded he never got the chance to race. He raced all over the country, Del Mar Mile in CA Tulsa, OK, Las Vegas, Sturgis, SD, Norton, KS and numerous places. In 1996 he won the #1 plate for the VDTRA (vintage dirt track racing association) for being the best with the best overall points for the year. He also won the Oklahoma State Championship. He retired at about 70 from racing, continuing to build motorcycles and then he decided to put up an old car that resembled "Mater" in the cars movie and named it the Peppermint Kid. He made a car for the humane society, made a cop car, an airplane with German shooting at Snoopy made from a Volkswagen that he added a tail to, and a witch taxi cab hauling Shrek, the purple people eater car, a car with a wolf and he made a skeleton made out of old scrap to make it look like a skeleton of a German Soldier and one he recently finished and is in the office, a one eyed space guitar player. He was currently working on a minion as his last project that hopefully one of the guys will finish in the future.

Fred will be remembered as a talented artist, loved to talk about the "old days"

as he was growing up and will live in the hearts of all of his friends, families and everyone he knew. He was also a guardian angel and his favorite charity was the Humane Society as he felt every animal should have a good life, a warm house, food and loving and contributed to the Humane Society to help those animals that couldn't speak for themselves.

Fred is survived by his wife, Ellen; his daughter, Karen (Doug), step-daughter, Lisa (Jimmy) Olson; step-sons, David (Karen) Mundorf, Greg Mundorf and Brad (Sally) Mundorf; granddaughter, Lisa (Jason) Wood and Daniel Muir; great-grandsons, Jordan Muir, DJ Muir, Jeremy Muir, Jace Muir, Skylar Wood, and Ryder Wood; great-granddaughter, Caitlyn Muir; great-great grandchildren, Blake and Alixa Muir; brothers, Harvey (Denise) Schritt, Don "Punk" (Bonnie) Schritt; sister, Joyce Medinger; sisters-in-law, Ellen J. Schritt and June Schritt; brother-in-law, Don Loveland; along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Betty Stoltenberg, KayLynn Loveland; brothers, Sonny Schritt and Martin Schritt, Jr.; great-grandson, Jaden Muir.

Donations are requested to the Central Nebraska Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Grand Island, NE 68801
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Celebration of Life Service

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Schritt*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I'm not sure I ever met Fred but I think he may be a cousin. My dad was Gus Schritt and we lived in Lincoln. I remember a family from Grand Island coming to visit many moons ago. I believe the girls name was Dorothy. My son, Mick McGuire, is a Claims Adjuster for Geico but had worked for All State and happened to come into Fred's shop. As they were visiting they realized somehow they were related.*

I want to send my condolences and wish I had had the opportunity to meet Fred. It sounds like he was a great man.

Susan Schritt Hull

Susan Hull - March 22, 2016 at 09:30 AM

SG

“ My cousins and I stopped to ask about this spectacular flying circus.....there was Fred. What a gem!!!! He welcomed us in and showed us his work. WOW. ...what a talent! He was just so engaging and passionate about life. He had a spark for life and in only a few moments you felt like life long friends. We were so amazed by his zest for life.....3 cousins from Austin, Texas, Denver, Colorado and Columbus, Nebraska. Who knew this amazing man was right in our backyard!! We had a great time that day and was looking forward to the next trip. He touched us that day and felt like we had known each other a life time. Please accept our deepest condolences....Fred was one in a million!! He will be greatly missed by us.

Branting family from Clarks, Nebraska

Jody Blake-Smith Austin, Texas

Trista Carlson Columbus, Nebraska

Stace Groetzinger Denver, Colorado

Stacey Groetzinger - January 31, 2016 at 07:55 PM

LL

“ Ellen and Karen,
Don't know if you remember me or not, but my husband Brendan Lockhorn and Fred raced a lot together in the 60's and 70's. Ellen, I always saw you and Fred when you came to the Dew Drop Inn in Ravenna on Sunday mornings. Fred was always so friendly and I enjoyed his stories. I am sure Brendan and Him are filling everyone in Heaven in on how great of racers they were. Yes, they were both good.

My grandchildren have enjoyed the Kars creatures he has built. I hope they stay up in the air over 4th St.

You are all in my heart and prayers as I know it is hard. Today is actually the 16th Anniversary of Brendan's death. Keep strong and trust in God the Father!

Liz Lockhorn

Liz Lockhorn - January 30, 2016 at 03:53 PM

JU

“ Fred was one of those larger than life guys. He touched the lives of so many and once you had the privilege of meeting him you would never forget him. I'm sure he had frustrating days but he always greeted you with that trademark smile of his and made you happy just to be around him. He lived each day to the fullest and I picture him now designing cars for children in Heaven.

Judy - January 30, 2016 at 12:57 PM

SS

“ Sloggett's Body and Paint: Jim Sloggett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fred Schritt.



Sloggett's Body and Paint: Jim Sloggett - January 29, 2016 at 12:53 PM

LJ

“ I remember my cousin Fred well, even though we've not seen each other for quite some time. Quite a guy. Rest in peace Fred. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
Linda K. Roark (Schritt) Jones

Linda Jones - January 28, 2016 at 07:04 PM

CC

“ Sincere condolences to Fred's family. Fred was such a character, I always loved hearing his stories while in the shop. We loved his work, never took our cars anywhere else. He will be missed!

Carmen Carpenter - January 28, 2016 at 05:27 PM

MC

“ Sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. Just remember all the joy he brought to so many! All the smiles on so many faces as they "ooh an aah " Over his wonderful creations! He had a truly kind and artistic soul! Rest In Peace!



Michele Carey - January 28, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fred Schritt.



January 27, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ Thank you Fred for your talents and caring for your community, Your Art work with the cars, will be a joy to the area for long time. Also Thank you for your community work and your work for Cental Neb. Humane Soc, Prayers go out to your family

Ed Hoeser - January 27, 2016 at 07:39 PM

 Douglas Stewart

“ I raced against Fred many times over the years when he was still racing and he was always a great guy to be around. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends. He made the world a better place by having been in it. Rest Easy Fred.

Douglas Stewart - January 27, 2016 at 05:39 PM

JM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Fred was an inspiration to me in my younger years and I was always and admirer of his work.*

John (Jr) & Padi Miller

John Miller - January 27, 2016 at 04:44 PM

MJ

“ *Michelle & Dan Tschantre Jr lit a candle in memory of Fred Schritt*



Michelle & Dan Tschantre Jr - January 27, 2016 at 02:06 PM

BM

“ *I will always remember Fred coming into Sundance Feed and Seed and the talks we had about him racing motorcycles. Was nice to know him. Sorry for the loss of a great man. Brenda Murphy*



Brenda Murphy - January 27, 2016 at 12:58 PM

DB

“ *Always will be remembered for his talent and his love of animals. Grand Island has lost a great member of this community. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

darline burtle - January 27, 2016 at 10:03 AM

PH

“ We'll always remember the good times back in the days when Fred helped us organize the NE Auto Body Association. Sorry that we are unable to be there with you but our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and the family. Bob and Pat Hancock

Pat Hancock - January 27, 2016 at 09:40 AM

EW

“ Elaine Wlaschin lit a candle in memory of Fred Schritt



Elaine Wlaschin - January 27, 2016 at 08:51 AM

CU

“ Punk and Bonnie - I am so sorry for your loss. Carolyn Sensenbach Urbom

Carolyn Sensenbach Urbom - January 27, 2016 at 07:38 AM

TS

“ Teresa Olson Skrdlant lit a candle in memory of Fred Schritt



Teresa Olson Skrdlant - January 26, 2016 at 11:07 PM

Terri Jones

“ A Great Man with great talent and love of his interests and of his family, friends, and the city of Grand Island.



Terri Jones - January 26, 2016 at 09:57 PM

GM

“ Greg & Louise Martens lit a candle in memory of Fred Schritt



Greg & Louise Martens - January 26, 2016 at 09:49 PM

SM

“ Fred was such a kind man... had a heart for people and furry four legged creatures.. My sons and I were so sad to hear that he passed. I last visited with him in November... always had to show me the latest art creation he was working on... just an extraordinary man. Sending prayers and love to Karen and the rest of the family.

Shanda McClaren - January 26, 2016 at 09:29 PM

RS

“ Fred was the last link to old stories about my father, who passed when I was only 6. I will forever miss our chats. Our last was of when he took my ailing father on the back of his motorcycle to their favorite fishin hole with his pole & a six pack of beer. Not one to let his friend sit & waste away at home. God bless you Fred & thank you for being such a good friend to my family. You will be dearly missed!

Roger Schmidt - January 26, 2016 at 09:23 PM

SA

“ We live across from Fred's shop. He had been working to get this cats trust to make him a shop cat because it is a stray . He faithfully fed him and did make much progress. He just recently bought him a house so he could be warm and not freeze , where it will remain on my front porch .he also loved our bloodhound thor and would tell us that he (thor). Liked him , said "he smiles at me " . I know our dog will miss seeing Fred , and getting a treat . Also want to mention his funny cars . I see people often shopping to look and take photos. He was a wonderful artist. Our bloodhound Thor will miss Fred and so will we, won't quite be the same. Rip Fred.....

sarahanson - January 26, 2016 at 08:39 PM

D(

*Fred took a piece of my heart with him. My father loved his brother Martin's son. We always commented on how much Fred resembled my Dad. I always loved you cuz and was very proud of you and your great talents You gave me such kind words at my mother's, your Aunt Martha Schitt's funeral. I loved your sculptures, and just stopping by to visit you. Your now shinning in the light of our Savior Jesus Christ, and I know I will see you again.
Your Cousin, Dorothy Annie Schritt (Meakins)*

Dorothy Annie Schritt (Meakins) - January 27, 2016 at 11:30 AM

GB

REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND, GILES BROWN. You will be missed.

Giles Brown - January 27, 2016 at 12:30 PM