

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away,
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*





Richard Elmer Schemmel was born October 29, 1928, to Harry and Hazel (Argo) Schemmel at Davenport, Iowa. They lived in Tipton, Iowa before moving with his family to a farm northeast of Inwood, Iowa.

Dick attended country grade school and graduated from Inwood High School in 1947. After graduation, he worked at various jobs around Inwood before working at the Inwood Egg Market and then Farmer's Elevator. He loved it at the elevator and would end up staying there for many years before retiring. Who are we kidding? Dick didn't really retire; he worked every summer cleaning the chemical shed! He loved being with the guys!

During high school he fell in love with Eleanor Hemness. They were married on March 26, 1950, and they spent 72 years together and were each other's best friend through all of life's ups and downs. As they grew older, you could find them sitting together on the couch holding each other's hand. What a beautiful testament of the love they had for each other.

Dick and Eleanor had three children: Steven, Kandiss, and Todd. Dick was a wonderful, devoted, husband, father, and teacher. He always supported his children throughout their many accomplishments and difficulties throughout their lives. When Dick wasn't working at the elevator, he could be found at the fire station as he was the assistant fire chief. He was a member of the Inwood City Council and was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. An avid woodworker, Dick dedicated much of his time to making beautiful wooden ornaments for his friends and family every Christmas. One year he made over 300 for the people he called his family and friends.

Dick passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Fellowship Village of Inwood at the age of 93.

Dick is survived by his wife Eleanor; daughter, Kandiss Anderson; grandchildren, Lauran and Christian LoPrimo, Tyler and Mary Twombly, Lindsey Twombly and Mike Slaton, Victoria Anderson, and Erik Anderson; great-grandchildren, Benjamin LoPrimo, Connor Twombly, and Sebastian LoPrimo; many nieces and nephews; and wonderful friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Hazel; sons, Steven and Todd; grandson, Todd Twombly; sister, Betty and her husband, Fred Bol; brothers, Merle and his wife, Margaret Schemmel, Bill and his wife, Shirley Schemmel; brothers-in-law, Glenn and his wife, Lois Hemness; and sisters-in-law, Leota and her husband, Bud, and Crystal and her husband, Jerry Howard.

In Loving Memory **Richard "Dick" Schemmel**

October 29, 1928 ~ October 25, 2022

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Saturday, October 29, 2022

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

OFFICIATING

Pastor Sue Sinclair

Pastor Trish Underberg

ACCOMPANIST

Lisa Pedersen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Give Me Jesus"

Tracy Gayer, soloist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Then the Amen"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"Baptized in Water"

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

MEMORIALS

Bethlehem Lutheran Church or

St. Croix Hospice

Dick's family invites everyone to the church fellowship hall following the memorial service for a time of food, fellowship and visiting with the family.