George Clement Schmidt was born on the family farm 12 ¹/₂ miles southwest of South Heart, to John C. and Pauline (Miller) Schmidt on December 18, 1935. He was the 7th in the family of 12. George grew up and received his elementary education near that location attending rural schools and St. Joseph's Catholic School in Dickinson. He farmed and ranched with his dad and brothers until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1959. His army career was short-lived, being honorably discharged in 1960 due to hardship circumstances. George then served two years in the U.S. Army Corps Reserve out of Minneapolis, MN. In 1970, he and his brother, Edward, purchased the family farm where they continued to increase their acreages and cattle business. George married Regina (Gina) Wock, his life partner and best friend, on August 18, 1971. They lived on the family farm raising their two adopted children, Lisa Ann and Douglas Patrick. George was a quiet, honest, handy, self-educated mechanic. He was well-liked and well-known for his mechanical skills, especially in restoring dozens of tractors. However, his passion was in restoring his own collection of eight International tractors. George was also a self-taught musician, playing accordion with his brothers, John and Frank. He loved to dance the polka with his wife, Regina. Past-times included watching Professional Bull Riding (PBR), old time westerns and game shows, reading (mechanical magazines) and playing slot machines, all which brought George great pleasure. Deadwood was a favorite place for George and Gina – their mini vacation hideaway. George was a great supporter of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, where he was a KC member, KC 4th degree member and Grand Knight. He served as an usher, extra-ordinary Eucharistic minister, vocation committee member and he participated in many fund raisers for vocations. He was a charter member of the Eagles and Farmers Union. George was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He treasured his beautiful immediate family which consisted of Regina, Lisa, Tristen, Douglas (Amy), Chase and Kajer. Many happy memories were made and shared on the family farm which over-looked their "Little Badlands". Nothing gave George more happiness than to "teach what he knew" sharing his skills of farming, ranching and over-hauling. His knowledge was self-taught and boundless. Imagine what he could have accomplished if high school and college had been an opportunity! George may have "gone into eternal life", but he will never he forgotten by those who followed him and loved him here on earth. George is survived by his wife, Regina; children, Lisa Ann Schmidt of Dickinson, Douglas Patrick (Amy) Schmidt of Moorhead, MN; three grandchildren, Tristen Schmidt of Belfield, Chase Schmidt and Kajer Schmidt of Moorhead, MN; brothers, Edward (Pat) Schmidt of Dickinson, Leo (Margaret) Schmidt

of San Jose, CA; sisters, Ann Buresh of Florissant, MO, Leona Godlevsky of Dickinson, Lena (Dean) Oberlander of Gillette, WY, Edna (Bob) Privratsky of South Heart; sisters-in-law Kathy Schmidt of Belfield and Jean Schmidt of Dickinson; brother-in-law Tony Wolf of Dickinson; also many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pauline; brothers, Frank, John and David; infant sister, Alice; sisters Betty Brinster and Rose Wolf; brothersin-law, Eugene Brinster, Leonard Buresh and Albert Godlevsky; nephews, Edward Brinster, Clyde Brinster, and David Wolf.

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George Schnidt December 18, 1935 - May 28, 2022

God's Garden God looked around His garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful; He always takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb, so He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for parts of us went with you the day God called you home.





George Schmidt

FUNERAL MASS: Friday, June 3, 2022 10:00 am St. Bernard's Catholic Church Belfield, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL: Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:00 pm Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota Deacon Leonard Kordonowy

CELEBRATING: Father Shane Campbell

MUSIC: Robbie Obach Elaine Johnson St. Bernard's Church Choir

> **READER:** Tony Krebs

GIFT BEARERS: George's Grandchildren Tristen, Chase, and Kajer Schmidt

PALLBEARERS: Allan Schmidt Mike Schmidt Gordon Schmidt Lynn Schmidt John Privratsky Bruce Privratsky

MILITARY HONORS: William C. Blair Post #144

INTERMENT: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:00 pm CDT North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY: Stevenson Funeral Home Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at St. Bernard's Parish Center following the Mass. Everyone is welcome.