

In Loving Memory of
Gerald "Jerry" L. Schmitcke

September 23, 1946 ~ May 10, 2024

Funeral Service

Thursday, May 16, 2024 ▪ 1:00 PM
Parkway Funeral Service ▪ 2330 Tyler Pkwy
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Menoken Cemetery
Bismarck, North Dakota

Introduction

Song *"Don't Let the Old Man In"*

Scripture

Obituary

Time of Sharing

Song *"Old Rugged Cross"*

Homily

Song *"Go Rest High on That Mountain"*

Benediction

Recessional *"Country Roads"*

Officiant Chaplain Dan Sweeny

Pall Bearers Dean Schmitcke, Kevin Schmitcke, Daniel Schmitcke,
Kelly Schmitcke, Michael Schmitcke and Dan Mclean

Following the service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at Parkway Funeral Service.



Tribute Video



GERALD "JERRY" L. SCHMITCKE passed away on May 10, 2024.

Gerald was born in Bismarck, ND on September 23, 1946, to Lyle & Esther (Eisenbarth) Schmitcke of Hazelton. He was the first born of six boys.

Jerry attended school in Hazelton, ND and graduated from Hazelton High School in 1964. Following high school, he attended Bismarck Junior College for a short time. He went to work for McLean Well Drilling before starting up his own construction company. He ran J&J construction for many years, building homes, apartment complexes and more.

On May 24, 1974, he married Kathleen McLean. She was raised on a farm in rural Burleigh County, south of Menoken and her and Jerry purchased that farm where they worked the land and enjoyed their animals, especially dogs and horses.

Kathleen passed away on April 27, 2008. Jerry continued to live on the farm until 2022 when he moved to Bismarck.

Jerry loved the outdoors whether it be building, farming, tending to his horses, or hunting, especially elk hunting. He was also an inventor in his own way. He enjoyed spending time with his significant other, Mary Wicks.

He is survived by his brothers Alvin, Dean (Arlene) and Kevin (Patti) along with many nieces and nephews and his significant other, Mary Wicks.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Myron and Wayne.



THE SADDLE IS EMPTY

*The saddle's empty, the stall stands bare, A whinny unanswered
hangs in the air. No calloused hand on a velvet mane, No gentle
voice whispering through the rain.*

*He rode with the wind, a spirit so free, A bond with his horse, a
perfect decree. Through fields of green and meadows of gold,
Their laughter echoed, a story untold.*

*He knew their language, a flick of the ear, A snort, a paw, their
trust ever near. He soothed their worries, calmed every fright, A
partnership forged in the morning light.*

*Though tears may fall and hearts feel so sore, He's galloping
onward, forevermore. In pastures eternal, with skies ever blue, He
rides with the horses, a dream come true.*

*So let us remember, with love in our eyes, The man and his
horses, soaring the skies. In every sunset, a fiery mane, His spirit
rides on, free from all pain..*



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