

**Gordon Charles Schmidt**, the son of Albert and Clara (Kleinschmidt) Schmidt, was born in Elrosa, MN on August 26, 1931. Gordon attended grade school and then began working with his father in the carpentry business. Together they traveled around Minnesota working for Lutheran Brotherhood remodeling and building homes. In 1950 Gordon enlisted into the United States Army. He served overseas on the front lines during the Korean War. After his service duty, Gordon returned home and continued to work with his father.

On a blind date in 1954, Gordon met the love of his life, Pauline Dolly Lucas. They were united in marriage on September 17, 1955 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Browerville, MN. Together they raised three sons, Bruce, Scott, and Jeff and lived in Spring Lake Park, MN for a number of years. He continued to remodel and build homes until he had an opportunity to purchase a lumber yard in Hanley Falls, MN. After a few years, Gordon sold the lumber yard and purchased a Liquor Store in Lucan, MN and opened Schmidt's Bar and Supper Club for about 10 years. He then moved to Villard, MN and purchased the Office Bar and Grill before managing the Glenwood Off Sale Liquor Store for 9 years. Gordon retired in 1993.

Gordon worked very hard all of his life, but also liked to have a good time with his family and friends. He liked being outdoors and hunting. Gordon spent many hours on the lake with Pauline and his boys fishing and enjoying nature. For many years, Gordon would teach his boys how to build homes and work in the construction business. He made toys, end tables and crosses with all different types of wood. He always took pride in the work he did and taught his boys to always be proud of the things they did. Gordon will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gordon C. Schmidt died on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Knute Nelson in Alexandria at the age of 86 years old. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Pauline Schmidt of Alexandria; sons, Bruce (Alison) Schmidt of Glenwood, Scott (Nadine) of Schmidt of Alexandria, and Jeff (Joni Wendt) Schmidt of Prior Lake; three grandchildren, Jamie (Joe) Storms of Savage, Whitney (Brad) Seykora of Northfield, and Carli Schmidt of Alexandria; four great grandchildren, Gavin Storms of Savage, Bronson Seykora of Northfield, Zachary Walz of Belgrade and Matthew Walz of Belgrade; brother, Herbert (Lorraine) Schmidt of Sauk Centre; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson Adam Schmidt; brothers, Elmer Schmidt, Vernon Schmidt, and Stanley Schmidt; and a sister Monica Klemz.

*In Memory of*  
**Gordon Charles Schmidt**

August 26, 1931



January 25, 2018



**Mass of Christian Burial**  
St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

11:00 AM

**Officiant**

Father Bob Kieffer

**Urn Bearer**

Richard Schmidt

**Inurnment**

St. Bartholomew Catholic Cemetery  
Villard, Minnesota

**Military Honors Accorded by**  
Minnesota National Guard Honors

VVA Post #235

VFW Post #936

American Legion Post #87

Marine Corps League Detachment #1409



**I'm Free**

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*