

Robert "Bob" Arnold Schmidt was born on October 24, 1940, in Paynesville, Minnesota, the son of Reuben and Marie (Schaefer) Schmidt. He grew up in the Eden Valley community and graduated from Eden Valley High School in 1958. On January 11, 1962, Bob was united in marriage to Antoinette "Toni" Janisch. They made their home in Willmar and were blessed with three children. Bob was a lifelong mechanic. He was self-employed and also worked at the area Ford dealerships (Rodelius Ford, Don & Vern's Ford and Mills Ford). Bob was well respected for his knowledge in the auto mechanic industry. He had a hard work ethic, working morning to night. Bob served his country for over 24 years in the Minnesota National Guard. He enjoyed traveling across the United States and was a frequent patron of Frieda's Café in downtown Willmar.

He is survived by two children, Thomas (and Kim) Schmidt of Litchfield and Julie Schmidt (and Norman Ross) of Willmar; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Also surviving are two sisters, Alice (and Joe) Thissen of Clara City and Kathy (and Cory) Holtz of Minnetonka; one sister-in-law, Doris Schmidt; and one daughter-in-law, JoAnn, besides other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Toni in 2020; one son, David in 2006; one brother, Ralph; and one brother-in-law, Terry Janisch.

Bob's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at Prairie Senior Cottages for all the compassionate care given to him.

Celebrating the Life of



Bob Schmidt

1940 - 2022

Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want...

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters...

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

Arrangements By

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Robert "Bob" Schmidt

October 24, 1940

Paynesville, Minnesota

November 28, 2022

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.

Church of St. Mary

Willmar, Minnesota

Officiating

Fr. Steve Verhelst

Music

Pianist: Tim Cayler

Gathering Song: *"On Eagle's Wings"*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 27 - "The Lord Is My Light"*

Reflection Song: *"As Time Goes By"*

Song of Farewell: *"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"*

Going Forth Song: *"Amazing Grace"*

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Bob's Beloved Grandchildren

Military Honor Guard

Austin F. Hanscom American Legion Post #167

Willmar, Minnesota

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Willmar, Minnesota