



## Andrew "Sam" Schmitz

November 1, 1923 - July 9, 2020

Andrew Schmitz, 96 of Willey, died Thursday, July 9, 2020 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Private Family Services will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with Fr. Kevin Richter officiating. Casket Bearers will be Andy's family. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Willey at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday with Military Honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion. The public is welcome to attend and are asked to abide by Co Vid 19 social distancing guidelines.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Andy's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on November 1, 1923 in Carroll, Iowa, Andrew Frank Schmitz was the son of John T. and Anna (Hackfort) Schmitz. He attended Webster Independent Country School which was across the road from his family's home and then attended St. Mary's School in Willey. Andy served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and upon his honorable discharge returned to the Willey area. He and his brother Louis farmed together from 1953 until retirement in 1986. In 2008, Andy moved to Carroll. He enjoyed fishing, trapping, gardening and being outdoors walking. An avid Detroit Tigers fan, Andy could name each of the starters from the 1935 World Series Team. He also enjoyed reading, paying attention to the stock market, and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

Andy was grateful for the successes in had in life and was always motivated to give back. He quietly contributed to many causes and organizations over the years. His legacy of giving will continue through the Andrew F. Schmitz Charitable Trust. He was a faith filled man, lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish in Willey and member of the Carroll American Legion.

Andy was proud to have been able to own the family century farm which was purchased by his parents in 1913. The last surviving child of ten, he lost his father at the age of seven, his mother successfully guided the family through the depression. Andy will be remembered as a kind man, who was a father figure, teacher and friend to many.

Andy is survived by his sister-in-law, Betty Schmitz of Carroll, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters: Leone Kitt, Rose Gross, Marie Werner, Louise Kennebeck, and Helen Schmitz; and his brothers: Leo, Louis, Edward and Paul "Pat" Schmitz.

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Sad to hear of your loss. He was a very nice guy and know his family very supportive. Will miss him. Patty Hauswirth*

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**Patty Hauswirth** - July 11, 2020 at 07:16 PM

WD

“ *Sam was a good friend and neighbor. Our condolences to the family.*

*Bill and Barb Danner*

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**William Danner** - July 11, 2020 at 11:03 AM


MS

“ *Sam was always a joy to talk to always had something interesting to talk about if only the weather.*

*Mike Schenkelberg*

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**Mike Schenkelberg** - July 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

 Trish Tigges

“ *Our family is praying for you. Sam was such a great guy! We loved saying Hi! When he was at Regency. I remember as a young girl seeing him and Lou at the tavern in Willey. He was a great man!!*

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**Trish Tigges** - July 10, 2020 at 05:08 PM

RL

“ Jean, Tom, Cathy, and families,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry for the loss of your  
uncle!  
Steve and Robyn

Robyn Lane - July 10, 2020 at 04:49 PM

JE

“ Julie Eischeid lit a candle in memory of  
Andrew "Sam" Schmitz



Julie Eischeid - July 10, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JE

Tom, Cathy and Family my sympathy to you all

Julie Eischeid - July 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RO

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all

roberta - July 10, 2020 at 07:43 PM

ME

“ Andy was such a great man. He will be missed by many. I missed  
him tons when he left here and did visit when I could. All of you are  
in my thoughts and prayers!! Please let me know if you guys need  
anything. Melissa

Melissa - July 10, 2020 at 10:21 AM

KP

“ So sorry to hear of Sams passing. He was truly a kind, humble, and compassionate man that cared more about others than himself. I remember many days Sam made my day so much better just by visiting with him. Memories of time spent with Sam always warm my heart. Thoughts to entire Schmitz family and thank you for sharing Sam with me.

Kathi Peters - July 10, 2020 at 08:27 AM

JS

“ Andy was such a fine man. We will all miss seeing him at St. Anthony's . Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Joel & Mary Swanson

Joel & Mary Swanson - July 10, 2020 at 07:23 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Andy. He was such a kind, special person, and I really enjoyed visiting with him so many times and hearing his stories. Our sympathy and prayers to your family. Dee & Tom Schmitz

Dee Schmitz - July 09, 2020 at 11:38 PM

CO

“ Cathy Schmitz Olson lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Sam" Schmitz



Cathy Schmitz Olson - July 09, 2020 at 08:24 PM

MH

“ *A fine Pleasant Valley gentleman that will be missed. Filled with wisdom and kindness. Marty Halbur*

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**marty halbur** - July 09, 2020 at 08:12 PM

CS

“ *Andy was such a special guy! He could visit with anyone about anything! He was so sharp and you always learned something by being with him! He was a kind, gentle and caring, faith filled man. He is at peace, but he'll sure be missed! Love and hugs to Tom and the girls!!!*

*Carol Stark*

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**Carol Stark** - July 09, 2020 at 05:13 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bluml lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Sam" Schmitz*



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**Linda Bluml** - July 09, 2020 at 04:49 PM