



## Donald Schmitz

September 4, 1935 - September 29, 2023

Donald Schmitz, 88 of Dedham, died Friday, September 29, 2023 at Addington Place in Carroll surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dedham. The Celebrant will be Fr. Peter Pham, assisted by Deacon Louis Meiners. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Brian Parkis. Gift Bearers will be Don's granddaughters. Casket Bearers will be Don's grandsons. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham with military honors conducted by the Dedham American Legion. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Dedham American Legion. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Don's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Donald J. Schmitz was born on September 4, 1935, the son of William and Margaret (Brincks) Schmitz. Don attended St. Joseph's School in Dedham and then worked for farmers in the area. He served in the United States Army from 1954-1956 and following his honorable discharge he received an Associate of Applied Science Degree from Pueblo College in Colorado. On June 30, 1962, Don was united in marriage to Pauline Berens at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Carroll.

Don and Pauline settled into the family farm in Dedham and farmed. Don also worked at a packing plant in Perry as well as Farmland in Carroll. The Schmitz's also owned and operated Schmitz Grocery Store in Dedham until 1996. Don was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Dedham and the Dedham American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Pauline Schmitz of Carroll; his children: Mark (Mary) Schmitz of Dedham, Alan (Tamara) Schmitz of Dedham, David (Julie) Schmitz of Alta, Danny Schmitz of Pleasant Hill, Polly Bauer of Bagley, Gary (Annis) Schmitz of Mt. Carmel, Jayne (Bryon) Adams of Omaha, and Crystal (Brian) Parkis of Carroll; 22 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his granddaughter, Leah Schaben; his sisters, Rita Becker, Irma Morgan, Mary Swatta, Marcella Berning, Mildred Landon, and Marlene Schmitz; and his brothers, Louie, Bob, Ray, Bill, and Joe Schmitz.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your dear father and husband. His departure marks the end of an era, as the last of 12 siblings to leave us. His values of hard work and community have left a lasting memory for all of us. My heart goes out to Pauline and all of my dear cousins during this difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories and the love he shared with you. Please accept my sincerest condolences. Karen (Berning) Smith

Karen Smith - October 02, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.



October 02, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.



October 02, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.*



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October 02, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Schmitz.

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October 02, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Anthes Family/MMU Dining Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Schmitz.*

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**Anthes Family/MMU Dining Services** - October 02, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Anthes Family/MMU Dining Services purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Schmitz.*



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**Anthes Family/MMU Dining Services** - October 02, 2023 at 03:15 PM

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“ Susan, William and Emmy Trecker purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Donald Schmitz.



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**Susan, William and Emmy Trecker** - October 02, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.



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October 02, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.



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October 01, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Schmitz.

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October 01, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.*



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October 01, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Mark and Mary, we were sorry to learn of the loss of your father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jay and Maureen Drees*

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**Maureen Drees** - October 01, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. He was "good people". Donnie picked up my mother's (Polly Hathcock) mail and delivered it to her...rain or snow. Always checking in with her. He was a blessing to her and us. Donnie swam laps in Carroll and when he saw any of us, he let us know how many laps he had completed. Always trying to beat the previous year! He and Pauline were the perfect small town neighbors.*

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**Deborah Hamm** - October 01, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Schmitz.*

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September 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.*



September 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *For Pauline and family- I am so sorry for your loss and you will be in my prayers- he was a wonderful man 🙏*



**Renee Greve** - September 30, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Pauline and family you are all in my prayers. May your faith give you strength.*

**Cecelia Thelen** - September 30, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Lori Davis lit a candle in memory of Donald Schmitz*



**Lori Davis** - September 30, 2023 at 02:17 PM



*My family and I are truly sorry for your loss. Uncle Don was a great man. Many fond memories.. he will be missed.. hugs to Aunt Pauline and family 🙏❤️*

**Lori Davis** - September 30, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.*



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September 30, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald Schmitz.*



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September 30, 2023 at 01:39 PM