



## Joseph W. Schmitz

July 23, 1927 - November 1, 2019

Joseph W. Schmitz, age 92, of Willey, died Friday, November 01, 2019 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey. The celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Con-Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr. Randy Schon. Music will be by Jane Heithoff and the St. Mary Choir with Joe Ascherl as soloist. Lector will be Dorene Francis. Gift Bearers Erin Francis, Haley Lux, and Evan Huberty. Eucharistic Ministers will be Debra Vogl, and Darlene Huberty. Casket Bearers will be Joseph Policky, Brian Schmitz, Eddie Vogl, Nathan Schmitz, Collin Ascherl, David Francis, Michael Lux, and Alex Huberty. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Monday, where there will be a Knights of Columbus Rosary prayed at 5 p.m., and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Mary's Parish Hall on Tuesday morning where visitation will resume from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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

uneral.com.

Joseph, the son of Henry and Sophia (Hansman) Schmitz, was born on July 23, 1927 in Carroll, Iowa. He grew up on the family's century farm, attended country school, and Sts. Peter and Paul School.

On January 24, 1951, Joseph was united in marriage to Esther Niehus, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Remsen, Iowa. Joseph was a life-long farmer over the years he has raised both grain and livestock. Conservation was important to him, and he was one of the first farmers in the area to farm with terraces to prevent erosion. Joseph was very active in the community where he was involved in the Knights of Columbus, Elks Club, 4H Leader for 24 years, Carroll County Democratic Party Chairman, Kuemper Parents Club, Iowa State Extension Council Chairman, Beef Producers and Pork Producers. Family, Farming, Politics, and Conservation were important to Joseph. Joseph was a member of St. Mary's Parish in Willey.

Left to celebrate his life is his wife of over 68 years Esther Schmitz of Willey; eight children: Diane (Jim) Policky of Omaha, Dan (Karen) Schmitz of Carroll, Debra (Edward) Vogl of Arcadia, Doan Schmitz of Ames, Dorene (Joe) Francis of Williamsburg, Donna (Joe) Ascherl of Triangle, VA, Denise (Greg) Lux of Carroll, and Darlene (Bill) Huberty of Mitchellville; 25 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; his sister Dorothy Judge of Denver, CO; and sisters-in-law Carole Voss of Cherokee, and Peg Niehus of Remsen; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings: Leonard, Hilbert, Mildred, Charles, Raymond, Morris, Lester, Le Roy, Ramona, and Mary, and Stanley both in infancy.

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Farmon Childress lit a candle in memory of Joseph W. Schmitz*



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**Farmon Childress** - November 07, 2019 at 05:26 PM

MJ

“ *Our condolences to Aunt Esther and all of Uncle Joe's family. I'll always fondly remember our far too infrequent but always lively political conversations going back 40 years. I'm sure I never changed his mind on anything but he always left me with something to think about.*

*With sympathy, Mark Judge and Mary Lee Inman, Satellite Beach, FL*

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**Mark Judge** - November 04, 2019 at 05:17 PM

CJ

“ *Dear Aunt Esther, we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We'll be remembering fondly the stories Joe and Dorothy shared of their time with you and Uncle Joe.*  
*Love, Carl and Rhonda Judge and family.*



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**Carl Judge** - November 04, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.



November 04, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.



November 04, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *Rose Tribute* was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.



November 04, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..."* was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.



November 04, 2019 at 03:24 AM

JS

“ *Our Sympathy to Debra and Ed Vogl.*

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**Joleen and Earl Schultz** - November 03, 2019 at 06:22 PM

DW

“ *Our sympathy for Ester and your entire family!! I am sure Joe was welcomed into the gates of heaven. He was a proud Dad and very devoted to his faith.*

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**Daarlene Wiederin** - November 03, 2019 at 01:23 PM

DW

“ *Ed and Deb Vogel you have our sincere sympathy for the loss of your Dad. Thought of you many times this past month. God Bless and I think the world of you Deb and Ed.*

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**Daarlene Wiederin** - November 03, 2019 at 01:22 PM

RC

“ *Rich & Kim Cummins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.*



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**Rich & Kim Cummins** - November 03, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.*



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November 02, 2019 at 10:46 PM

GT

“ *Our Deepest sympathy to Ester and the entire Schmitz family. I will remember Joe as one of many great men from the Willey area who taught by example. I have fond memories from the Willey Rockets 4H club! There's a blast from the past! Thankful for the example Joe gave to all of us. Your all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!*

*Greg & Joni Tigges*

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**Greg Tigges** - November 02, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Schmitz.*



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November 02, 2019 at 03:08 PM

JB

“ *Always enjoyed talking to Joe when he would come to the Denison Livestock on Saturday mornings. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Jerry Boger** - November 02, 2019 at 03:02 PM