



Leona Schmitz

November 10, 1929 - December 15, 2024

Leona Schmitz's remarkable journey through this life came to a peaceful end on December 15, 2024 at St. Anthony's Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, December 20, 2024 at St. John Catholic Church in Arcadia. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Music will be by Sharon Bierl and the St. John Choir. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Peg Scheidt. Casket Bearers will be Jeff Schmitz, Nick Kohorst, Braydon Schmitz, Jake Schmitz, Tom Hiler, Cameron Schmitz and Calvin Hiler. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Arcadia.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. There will be no visitation on Friday at the church prior to the Funeral Mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Leona's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Leona was born November 10, 1929, the daughter of Margaret (Mattes) and John A. Tigges in Dedham, Iowa. Leona attended Annunciation Elementary School in Coon Rapids and graduated from Coon Rapids High School. She worked at Iowa Savings Bank in Coon Rapids before going to Commercial

Extension Business School in Omaha. After returning from Omaha she worked at Carroll County State Bank. She married Clair T. Schmitz, June 6, 1950, at Annunciation Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. Father Louis Anthofer performed the marriage ceremony and mass. Leona and Clair owned and operated Arcadia Farm Supply until 1987. Leona was a hero to her family, an inspiration to friends whose lives she touched and an all-around decent person. She was honest, happy, optimistic, friendly, open, loving, non-judgmental and generous - she also had a most wonderful sense of humor. She was humble to the end.

She was very involved in her community serving as City Clerk for eight years (1986 to 1994) and she then served on the Arcadia City Council for twelve years (1997 to 2009). She was involved with the Arcadia Community Club and the Arcadia Betterment and Development Corp. Her efforts were instrumental in the development of the Redig subdivision in Arcadia. She retired from her position at New Hope Village after working there for 22 years. The clients she served were a part of her family and she treated them as such. She was a member of St John's Church and the St. John's Parish Guild. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends, traveling, and playing Scrabble.

She is survived by her husband, Clair. Children: Steve (Bonnie) Schmitz, Peg (Jo Chinburg) Schmitz, Tim Schmitz, Dale (Nancy) Schmitz, Sandy Kamphoff, Mary (Oran) Kohorst, Tom (Ann Lander) Schmitz, Janet (Loren) Krueger. Grandchildren: Jeff Schmitz (Heather Rivera), Sarah (Tom) Hiler, Keri (Dominic) Buren, Kacy Kamphoff, Melissa Kohorst (Luke Weir,) Nick (Allison) Kohorst, Cody (Rachel) Schmitz, Jake (Callie) Schmitz, Hayli (Henry) Thorpe, Hannah (Megan) Schmitz, and Jeffrey Lander. Great-grandchildren: Braydon, Cameron, and Nolan Schmitz, Sydney, Calvin, James, and Henry Hiler, Jaxon and Corina Weir, Wyatt and McKenna Kohorst, Gabriel, John, Lucy, and Henry Schmitz, and Evelyn and Harrison Schmitz. Brother: Dan (Sandy)

Tigges. Sisters-in-law: Jane Ahmann, and Meg Tigges.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Duane. Siblings: Rita (Orlie) Knutson, Mary Ann (Gerald) Gettler, Coletta (Bill) Wood, Gerald (Donna) Tigges, John Tigges, Jim (Jeri) Tigges, Louise (Dick) Harrison. In-laws: Jack (Gladys) Schmitz; Elmer (Eileen) Schmitz, Mark Ahmann, Marian Schmitz and Eugene (Butch) Schmitz. Son-in-law: Denny Kamphoff.

Tribute Wall

WN

“ Schmitz family: I was sorry to learn of Leona's passing. She was such a sweet and kind woman. I enjoyed getting to know her after I had known and worked with Clair. She left an impact on many and will be missed. CJ Niles

Wes & CJ Niles - December 20, 2024 at 08:40 PM

RG

“ So very for your loss. She was the sweetest lady to care for. Her quiet smile always warmed our halls and I loved how quickly she could do her puzzles 😊



Renee Greve - December 20, 2024 at 11:29 AM

YF

“ Your 342 Friends purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Leona Schmitz.



Your 342 Friends - December 18, 2024 at 05:20 PM



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

December 18, 2024 at 02:19 PM



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



December 18, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Cindy Chicoine and Morgan Rivers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leona Schmitz.*



Cindy Chicoine and Morgan Rivers - December 18, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *From Dan, Sandy, Carrie & Alex purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Leona Schmitz.*



From Dan, Sandy, Carrie & Alex - December 18, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *My condolences to the Schmitz family. Leona was a dear friend in Al-Anon and all of us loved her and so cherished her wisdom. The tribute to Leona is all so true and beautifully written.*
Judy Vorsten

Judy Vorsten - December 18, 2024 at 09:30 AM

LA

“ *Lori Allen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leona Schmitz.*



Lori Allen - December 17, 2024 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Schmitz family. When we think of home and Arcadia, Leona always comes to our mind. Always a smile and a caring and willing heart. God has blessed her family and community with her presence. My mom always said you don't receive all your blessings here on earth. Now it's her time to receive all of her much earned heavenly blessings.*

Doreen and Ken Berg - December 17, 2024 at 03:54 PM

PJ

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Schmitz family in their loss of Leona. May she rest in peace.*

Pat Jahde - December 17, 2024 at 02:12 PM

BV

“ *So sorry to hear this before the holidays. What a remarkable lady. I've never known any one so dedicated to her town as Leona was. Always told her she was my mentor. Taught me so much on how to be so welcoming to those who moved in to our small town. So kind and gentle. My sincere sympathy to her family. She indeed was a very special wife, mother, grandmother etc. But most of all friend to so many. Rest in peace precious lady.*

Bev Vonnahme - December 16, 2024 at 08:00 PM

BV

“ Our deepest sympathy. Leona was a small town girl with big town ideas. A true leader from Arcadia.

Bruce & Mae Vonnahme - December 16, 2024 at 04:38 PM

LG

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of Leona.

Sincerely, the family of Don & Dorothy Grundmeier

Lori Grundmeier - December 16, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LS

Sorry to hear about your mom she was a very soft spoken lady .She raised a great family you all are very proud of her miss you all . She lived a full life' Cousin Larry

Larry Schmitz - December 17, 2024 at 08:36 PM