



"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

II Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJV

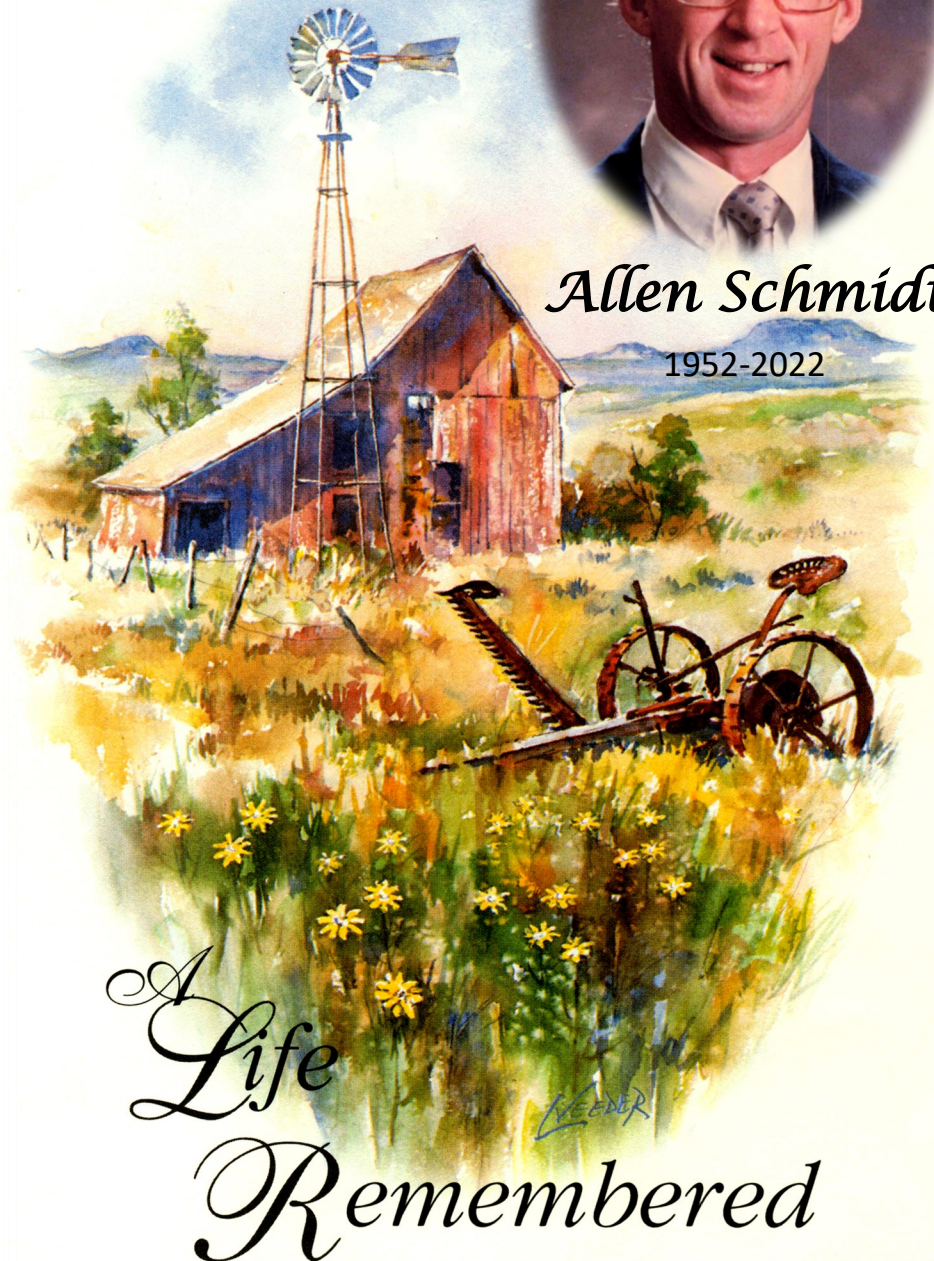


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Allen Schmidt

1952-2022



Allen G. Schmidt, age 69, died at his home in Willow Lake, SD on Friday, March 11, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Allen Gene Schmidt was born on April 16, 1952, to Menno “Babe” and Phyllis (Herker) Schmidt. He graduated from Willow Lake High School in 1970. He joined the military in 1972 and worked in communications in the Air Force for four years. He then married Melana Seehuetter in 1975 and to this union they had a daughter, Heather. Following his honorable discharge, Al graduated from Mitchell Tech with a degree in electrical work.

While Al worked in several different fields, his expertise was in electrical work but his passion was really in farming. He first worked for Muth Electric, sold cars for a brief period and later worked for Super Pumper Inc where he helped design and build gas stations/convenience stores. When that company was sold, he moved back to the Willow Lake area and continued in the construction business working by himself. With the urging of his brother, Al finished his last construction project and went to work with Bob on the Farm. Al was always the technical advisor behind every project on the farm, from grain bins to new buildings and additions. When the new irrigation dealership was opened at Schmidtco Inc., Al served as Service Manager. Through the last twenty years Al was an integral part in building and expanding both the Schmidtco business and the farm.

Al enjoyed woodworking, doing crossword puzzles and loved history, often remembering almost everything he read. He also loved watching basketball and recently was able to see the SDSU championship game with his two nephews. He was a former member of the Lions Club and Jaycees Club. He was also a member of the Willow Lake Legion and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter of NE South Dakota. He was a councilman of the City of Willow Lake from January 2006 to September 2009 where he was then appointed to Mayor from September 2009 to January 2012. One of his major accomplishments was to get new sidewalks stamped like boardwalks in front of the main street businesses.

Al will long be remembered for being a “jack of all trades,” for his iconic dog “Pete,” and for being a loyal brother and friend for life. He was most proud of the success of his daughter and her family and enjoyed being able to spend many winter vacations visiting his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Heather (Leo) Garcia of Charlotte, NC and his four grandchildren Aili, Elijah, Brielle, and Bella Garcia; his mother, Phyllis (Herker) Schmidt of Willow Lake, SD; his brothers, Terry (Brenda) Schmidt of Watertown, SD, Bob (Melanie) Schmidt of Willow Lake, SD; and niece Michelle (Shawn) Poe and daughters Calista and Elise Poe of Sioux Falls, SD, nephews Michael (Kelsey) Schmidt of Spirit Lake, IA and Garrett (Brooklyn) Schmidt and their children Abram, Vada & Hugh of Willow Lake and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his father, Menno “Babe” Schmidt, and his nephew Erik Lee Schmidt.

Celebrating the Life of Allen Schmidt



Services from

Furness Funeral Home Chapel

Clark, South Dakota

Saturday, March 19, 2022, 11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Leroy Boender

Music

Marie Rusche—Pianist

Beth Vander Wal (cousin) singing “Living Hope”

Heather Garcia (daughter) singing “The Rose”

Urn Bearers

Allen’s Grandchildren

Military Honors

United States Air Force Honor Guard

Willow Lake Johnnie Fonken American Legion Post #113

NE SD Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054

Interment at a Later Date

Collins Cemetery, Willow Lake, South Dakota



*With heartfelt gratitude the Schmidt family would like to say
“Thank you” to all those who have reached out to us during this time
to express your condolences, given gifts of food and offered
your prayers for our family. We appreciate you greatly.*



*Please join the family for lunch & a time of remembrance
in the Clark Ullyot Building Community Center.
120 N. Commercial St., Clark, SD 57225*