



John W. Schmidt

John W. Schmidt was born on the family homestead near Marcus, SD, on August 5, 1916, to Joseph and Jennie (Howie) Schmidt. He attended the Howie School and graduated from Faith High School. John herded sheep for awhile before heading to Buffalo, SD, where he worked on a cattle ranch.

John married Corinne Ellefson at Sturgis on January 20, 1940. They left for Ennis, MT, in the spring where John worked on the Jumping Horse ranch training horses. They returned to the Marcus area where John bought the family ranch. He retired in 1997 and moved to town.

John enjoyed the game of golf and flyfishing. He liked good (white face) cattle and good horses. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Faith and Sturgis and a member of the Golden K Kiwanis club in Sturgis.



John, 95, Sturgis, died Monday, October, 31, 2011, at the Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his daughter, Sharon (Vernon) Ross, Sturgis; and granddaughter, Corinne (Steve) Johnson, Kingston, WA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one son, Jerry; four sisters; one brother; and one granddaughter.

A memorial has been established.



*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine Room in the church basement following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



John W. Schmidt

1916 ~ 2011



A Father's Farewell to His Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

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Born

August 5, 1916
Marcus, South Dakota

Died

October 31, 2011
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, November 7, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

Officiating

Rev. Willard Olsen

Eulogy

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Special Music

Danny Chapman

Organist

Roxie Chowen

Musical Selections

"Supper Time"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Oh Day Full Of Grace"

Pallbearers

Gene Kinney ~ Billy Hilton ~ Gene Secrest
Dan Johnston ~ John Sweaney ~ Robert Dennard

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota