

Maynard C. Schmidt

Maynard C. Schmidt was born on a farm near Herreid, SD, on August 30, 1926, to Christian and Lea Schmidt. He attended Herreid High School and graduated in 1944 and thereafter taught in a local country school for a short time.

In 1946, he married Elaine Pfeifer of Zeeland, ND. They lived in Sacramento, CA, for 2 years and returned to the family farm where they resided until 1997. Maynard took pride in his farm and the many crops that were harvested and faithfully took care of his cattle and other animals throughout the years. His only complaint was at the spring planting time when he had to pick rocks from the field...“the rocks just seem to grow larger every year” he would say. He retired in 1997 when he and Elaine sold the farm and moved to Sturgis.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Valley Telephone Cooperative in Herreid for 35 years and held the office of Vice-President from 1981-1997. He was also an active member in Jaycees and local civic and church groups. He often served as a crop surveyor for the Campbell County ASCS, and frequently assisted Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge with local funerals.

In Sturgis, he became actively involved with the Kiwanis Club and rarely missed the Thursday morning breakfast meeting. Continuing his involvement in community service, he served as the Director of the Kiwanis Food Pantry until 2013. He was well known and highly regarded for his fund raising efforts, food collection activities, strong organizational skills, and outgoing personality locally and at the Pantry.

Maynard passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at Sturgis Regional Hospital due to complications from pneumonia. He was 87 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elaine; a daughter, Cheryl Schmidt of Belle Fourche; a son, Keith Schmidt and his wife, Annette, of Loudon, TN; three grandchildren, Chad Wilczynski of Rapid City, Jay Wilczynski of Spearfish, and Melissa Phillips and her husband, Brett, of Franklin, TN; two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Kellan Phillips; and his sister, Donna Sutton of Longview, WA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant daughter.

It is requested that any memorials or donations be made to the Sturgis Kiwanis Club Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

Maynard's family invites you to join them for refreshments (light food and beverages) immediately following the service at the Best Western Caddy's Bar and Grill, 2431 South Junction Avenue, Sturgis, SD. Parking is available at the rear of the building and the gathering will take place in the lower level.

In Loving Memory Of



Maynard C. Schmidt

1926 ~ 2014

“It’s your lucky day”



*When you are in heaven, people will come up
To you and thank you for the way you touched their lives.
Their words will take you completely by surprise.
As you listen to each one's story,
You'll begin to discover
All the ways that God used your life,
Even when you weren't aware.
Most often, it was not through the big things you did,
But through the simple things-
A spontaneous act of kindness,
A timely encouraging word,
A loving attitude, or a caring smile.
In all these ways and more,
God used you to share His love
With many needy hearts.
We are blessed and very thankful
To have known a man
That models the example
Of Christ as a true servant.*



*Well done, good and faithful servant!...
Come and share your master's happiness!
Matthew 25:21 NIV*

In Loving Memory Of

Maynard Cleason Schmidt

Born

August 30, 1926
Herried, South Dakota

Died

May 13, 2014
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

Officiating

Pastor Henrique Fleming

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Pallbearers

Melissa and Brett Phillips
Jay Wilczynski ~ Chad Wilczynski
Joshua Phillips ~ Kellan Phillips
Christina and Douglas Alexander
David Berger ~ Mike and Barbara Berger
Vivian and John Pitlo ~ Vickie and Ron Phillips
Walter Schmidt ~ Bruce Brandner
James (Wally) Miller ~ Jim Hemmah
Scott and Shelley Rische
Ervin Schilling ~ Kent and Kathy Schilling
Kiwanis Brothers and Sisters

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery