

## James Ervin Schmidt

James was born February 28, 1940, in Murdo, SD, to Ervin and Sadie (Finck) Schmidt. He grew up in Draper, SD, and moved to Newcastle as a young man.

He joined the US Army on February 3, 1960, and was honorably discharged from the Army in 1962.

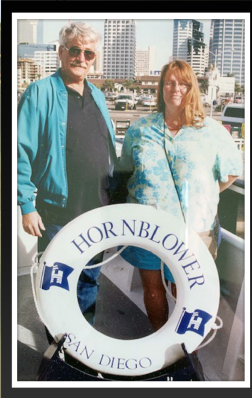
Jim worked for US Steel in Lander, WY, Consolidated Paper Company in Whitewood, and the VA hospital at Ft. Meade, SD.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fishing and hunting. After his retirement, he enjoyed gambling trips.

James Ervin Schmidt, 80, of Whitewood, died Saturday, May 16, 2020, at Monument Health in Rapid City.

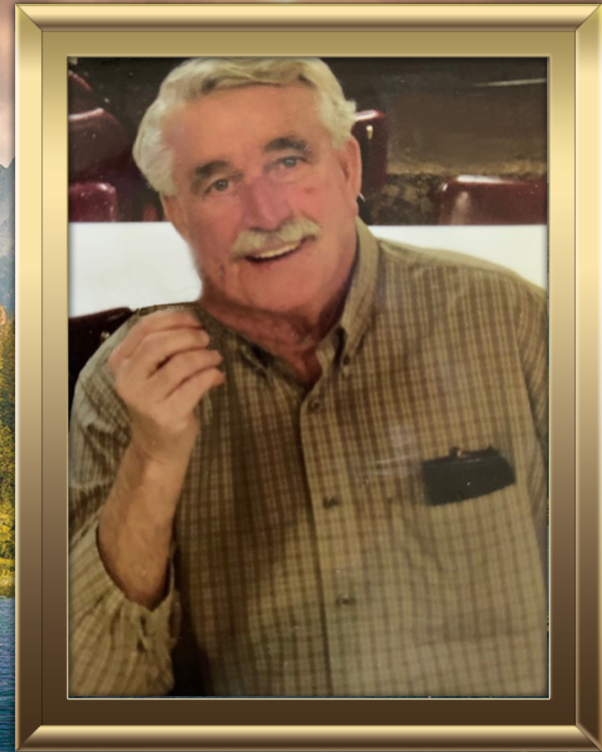
Jim is survived by his best friend and constant companion, Betty Wells and family of Sturgis; three children, Jamie Veach and David Schmidt, both of Lander, WY, and Debbie Schmidt of San Diego CA; three brothers, Graddon of Riverton, WY, Randy (Sandy) of Gillette, WY, and Dan (Deb) of Whitewood; and one grandson, Kolby Higinbotham of Riverton, WY.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Sadie (Finck) Schmidt; and one half-brother, Lester Armstrong.



Condolences can be sent to [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com)

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

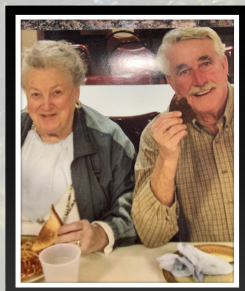
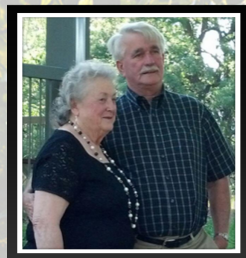
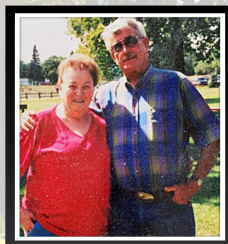
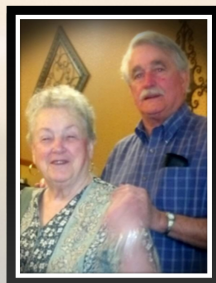


*In Loving Memory*

*James Ervin Schmidt*

*February 28, 1940 ~ May 16, 2020*





*In Memory Of*  
**James Ervin Schmidt**

***Date of Birth***

February 28, 1940  
Murdo, South Dakota

***Date of Death***

May 16, 2020  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Service***

Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Clergy***

Reverend David Baer

***Musicians***

Betty Nettleton Chris Kaitfors

***Songs***

"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"

***Pallbearers***

Chad Schmidt ~ Jeff Schmidt ~ Jarred Schmidt  
TJ Ewing ~ Ty Ewing ~ Gary Prim

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Jerry Cooley ~ Richard Wells  
Glenn Wells ~ Kolby Higinbotham

***Military Honors***

South Dakota Army National Guard Camp Rapid  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Final Resting Place***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savoured much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.