

## Emrel Elmo Schmidt

Emrel Schmidt was born July 21, 1929, to George and Vina (Harvey) Schmidt on a farm near Dunn Center, ND. After graduating from 8th grade, he went to work for a local rancher, and later worked mining coal.

Emrel was drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict. He trained at Ft. Hood, TX, Ft. Benning, GA, and served overseas in Okinawa before being honorably discharged in 1953.

On October 1, 1953, he married Lorene Saeman and continued working and farming in North Dakota until 1958 when they moved to Washington to work for McKennen Dairy. In 1960, he returned to South Dakota and worked various jobs until purchasing his own ranch near Hot Springs. Emrel sold the ranch and purchased a dairy farm in Newell, SD, in 1971. He later retired, settling in Vale, SD, where he was able to keep busy helping local farmers.

He really enjoyed livestock and loved to put up hay. Emrel found satisfaction in hard work and lending a helping hand to friends and neighbors. He valued the love of family and held closely his faith in God.

Emrel passed peacefully to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Fountain Springs Health Care.

He is survived by his children, Rocky (Bonnie) Schmidt, Buffalo, SD, Kathy (Red) Smith, Rapid City, Ricky (Tami) Schmidt, Rapid City, Tami (Curt) Fischer, Sturgis, and Rusty (Rhonda) Schmidt, Rapid City; siblings, Doris Mitchell of Washington, Howard of Arizona, and George and Leland of North Dakota; twenty-three grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene; parents, George and Vina; sisters, Hazel and Helen Schmidt and Ruthie Christensen; and great-grandson, Elijah Murphy.

He will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

A memorial has been established to assist Veterans of South Dakota.

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory*

***Emrel Elmo Schmidt***

***July 21, 1929 ~ September 28, 2019***





# The LORD is my shepherd: *I shall not want.*

HE maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
HE leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul:*

HE leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for HIS NAME's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for THOU art with me;

*Thy rod and Thy staff  
they comfort me.*

THOU preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
THOU anointest my head with oil;  
*my cup runneth over.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD

*forever.*

## *In Memory Of* **Emrel Elmo Schmidt**

***Date of Birth***  
July 21, 1929  
Dunn Center, North Dakota

***Date of Death***  
September 28, 2019  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Committal Service***  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Clergy***  
Pastor Steve Talley

***Songs***  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"Softly and Tenderly"

***Honorary Pallbearers***  
Chet Smith ~ Darren Smith ~ Rust Schmidt ~ Zion Schmidt  
Landon Schmidt ~ Ricky Schmidt ~ Jesse Schmidt ~ Joshua Corrigan

***Military Honors***  
Sturgis Veteran's Honors Guard  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Final Resting Place***  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota