



Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt

June 5, 1942 - February 1, 2025

Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2025. Fred entered this life on June 5, 1942, the son of Margaret (Krug) Schmidt and Arnold George Schmidt. He spent his early years on the family farm north of Dotyville, WI. He was baptized, and attended grade school and church at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Town Forest. He went on to attend Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, WI, graduating in 1960, was first in his class of 50 students and was valedictorian. He received a scholarship from Giddings & Lewis, and went on to study Mechanical Engineering at UW Madison, where he graduated with a BS degree in 1964 and Master's degree in 1967.

After graduation he returned to Fond du Lac and worked for 37 years at Giddings & Lewis, serving as a design engineer, project engineer, and project manager. After retiring from G&L, he became facilities manager at the Windhover Center for the Arts, now known as Thelma Sadoff Art Center, and worked there until finally retiring for good in 2010.

On September 7, 1963, he married his sweetheart from WLA, Carol Enderle, daughter of Martin and Marcella Enderle of Lomira, WI. Their union produced three children: Steven (Stephanie), Wendy, and Jeffrey (Annie). Besides these three children, he leaves behind grandchildren: Devin, MacKenzie, Ryan, Rachel, and Nathan; and great grandchildren: Holden and Harlow. He is also survived by brother Mark (Carla) of Sun Prairie, sister Ellen (Bob) Pieper of Medford WI, and sister Kathy Bennot of Wautoma, WI.

He is preceded in death by his brother David Schmidt.

Fred was an avid baseball player, pitching and playing third base for WLA, Forest AC in the East Shore League, UW Madison, and softball for Redeemer Lutheran Church. He also enjoyed running, completing ten full Marathons as well as numerous shorter runs. He also did a lot of bicycle riding, completing five Ride the Rockies bike rides in the mountains of Colorado. He was active in his church over the years, having served as Redeemer's president, elder, financial secretary, etc.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 606 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, with Rev. James Borgwardt officiating. Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

686 Fond du Lac Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church
606 Forest Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church
606 Forest Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Andrew B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt.

Andrew B. - February 09, 2025 at 03:07 PM

RE

“ When I think of my brother-in-law Fred Schmidt, I always see a person who was considered an honest and very good man, from family, church, work, community, sports, or anything Fred was involved in.

Fred and his team designed and built some very complicated and specialized high-tech automatic machines requiring a high degree of engineering knowledge and ability.

Fred was very active in sports from baseball, running marathons, bowling, golf, and bicycling, Fred spent several summer vacations in Colorado participating in the Ride the Rockies Event. Riding his Bike for days covering hundreds of miles in the highest elevation in the Colorado mountains.

With all the work, church, family, and sporting activities, Fred still found time to remodel his house. Fred was an inspiration to all of us who knew him and will be sorely missed.

Ron & Jan Enderle

Ron & Jan Enderle - February 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM

NF

“ Nick and Katie, Casey and Jen & Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt.



Nick and Katie, Casey and Jen & Families - February 08, 2025
at 03:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt.

February 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt.



February 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt.



February 07, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" L. Schmidt.



February 05, 2025 at 12:53 PM



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February 05, 2025 at 11:30 AM



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ME

“ My first memory of my Uncle Fred is the cool navy blue '64 Mustang with the white vinyl top he drove. It was a cool car for a cool guy.

Growing up I got to see him mostly at family gatherings, but my fondest recollection is of staying at his and my Aunt Carol's home over a weekend, and watching him play 3rd base for Town Forest. It may have been the East Shore League, but in the eyes of child, it might have just as well been Yankee Stadium.

My impression of him was that of a nice man with a warm heart and gentle soul. I only saw him a few times a year - and occasionally got to share a round of golf with him - but learning of his passing still hit hard. Uncle Fred was a great guy. The world was a better place for him being in it. My condolences to his family.

P.S. I was talking the other night with our youngest son, Ryan. When I shared the news of Fred's passing, and asked if he had any memories of him, without hesitation, he said, "His calves." I guess all those miles of running and biking paid off.

Mark Enderle

Mark Enderle - February 05, 2025 at 10:24 AM

RE

When I think of my brother-in-law Fred Schmidt, I am reminded of an honest good-good man, family, church, work, community, sports, and any project Fred was involved in.

When a person watched one of the machines Fred and his team designed and built producing airplane landing gear parts you had to be impressed with the engineering knowledge, general intelligence, and ability to build this type of high-tech automatic NC equipment.

Fred dedicated the same level of commitment to sports or whatever project he was doing. It could be Running Marathons, Rebuilding his house, Baseball, Golf, Bowling, or Riding the Rockies event in Colorado with the Burks. Hundreds of miles on Colorado's highest elevation for five days. on a Bike.

We enjoyed Fred and Carol's visits to Arizona very much as we enjoyed our Wisconsin visits to their home. Fred will be sadly missed by us all.. Our sincere thoughts and prayers for Carol and the Schmidt family.

Ron & Jan Enderle

Ron Enderle - February 08, 2025 at 01:26 PM