



Ronald Lee Schmidt

August 20, 1939 - November 3, 2021

Please click on the link below to watch the funeral service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku10KZ1SLBc>

Ronald Lee Schmidt, age 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at home in Gotham, WI. He was born on August 20, 1939, the son of Leonard Robert & Gladys Donnie (Schweiger) Schmidt in Clifford Township, Monroe County, WI. He married Marilyn Marie Mayfield at St. John's Lutheran Church in Richland Center on June 10, 1961.

After graduating from Ithaca High School in 1957, Ron immediately served in the Marine Corp for 4 years. While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, he achieved the rank of Lance Corporal. Upon returning home in 1961, Ron began farming in Gotham with his parents on the old Clarence Cooper farm. Marriage to Marilyn and his first son came soon afterwards. Ron grew the farm over the years, expanding from milking about 40 cows on 160 acres to milking 120 cows on over 600 acres. Ron and Marilyn were proudly named the Outstanding Young Farmers for Richland County in 1970. This week, the families of his son Randy and grandson Ryan will be similarly honored.

While farming, Ron helped many hired men get off on the right foot. He was

always willing to help a fellow farmer, neighbor or friend who could use a hand or a few dollars. He greatly enjoyed running and fixing machinery, teaching many how to drive tractor. He greatly enjoyed fall harvest, driving his TR75 New Holland combine. Fall of 2021 was Ron's last harvest.

When not farming, Ron thoroughly enjoyed life, whether it be at a car race, Badger game, hunting trip or standing in a circle of good friends. "I'm glad you got to see me" was a popular wisecrack of his. Ron and Marilyn loved dancing and traveling. Trips included the Hawaiian Islands and boating down the Mississippi River with friends, venturing from Lacrosse to St. Louis through 24 locks. Ron's grandchildren were also a major highlight of his life and he loved attending their events.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Schmidt of Gotham, WI, his sister, Donna Mae (George) Kelbel of Hillsboro, two sons, Richard "Rick" (Ann) Schmidt of Madison and Randall "Randy" (Shelly) Schmidt of Gotham, seven grandchildren: Regan, Ryan (Chrissy), Logan (Emily), Courtney, Russell (Crystal), Abigail (Ben) and Kevin, and two great-granddaughters: Lillian and Addison.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Gladys, his parents in-law, Asa and Mildred Mayfield, and several in-laws, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held at Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center, WI, on Sunday, November 7, 2021, from 1-4 pm and on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 10 AM, followed by a funeral at 11AM. Lunch will be served afterwards at the Phoenix Center in Richland Center.

The family would like to thank all of the health care providers who helped Ron in his home, at Pine Valley and at RC Hospital. Special thanks goes to Jaime, Rita, Bernie, Valerie and Erika and to our Muckler neighbors.

In lieu of memorials, please donate to Lone Rock Fire Department, Pine Valley Foundation, Richland Center Fire Department or the charity of your choice.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC
26777 Jelland Drive
Richland Center, WI 53581
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Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of Ronald Lee Schmidt, another Comrade was called to the high command. He has gone to the commander of us all. On November 8, 2021 in Honor of his memory, we acknowledged his service to our country in a time of national need, who is now enrolled in that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free, because of them the world is blessed. Our deepest condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



VFW Post 2267 - January 09, 2023 at 09:13 PM

VR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Victoria Ruetten - November 10, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.



November 07, 2021 at 10:14 AM

RD

“ Richard E. Dieter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.



Richard E. Dieter - November 07, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - November 06, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TI

“ the gang at Hennessey Imp purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.

the gang at Hennessey Imp - November 05, 2021 at 12:18 PM

ST

“ *SIMPSON'S TRACTOR purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.*



SIMPSON'S TRACTOR - November 05, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.*



November 04, 2021 at 07:46 PM

CJ

“ *Marilyn, Rick and Randy,*

I am so sad. I have many fond memories of your family. Hold him tight in your heart.

Love,

Cathy Jacob

Cathy Jacob - November 04, 2021 at 03:44 PM

FF

“ *From the Jacob family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.*



From the Jacob family. - November 04, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Schmidt.*



November 04, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Marilyn and family ~ I am so very sorry to hear about Ron! Prayers to all the family.*
Amy Cook



Amy Cook - November 04, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Randy, Shelly and Families - we're sorry for your loss of ol' Ronnie-O. In his gravelly voice he'd always acknowledge us and say "Hey Kid-how you doing." A very nice man that will be missed. Our Thoughts, Hugs and Prayers to All of you. Shelley & Larry Ferguson*

Shelley & Larry Ferguson - November 04, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *I will remember Ron for his great smile and his wonderful sense of humor. Rest in peace.*

Marlene Lawton - November 04, 2021 at 07:39 AM

YR

“ So sorry for your loss..Ron and Marilyn were great neighbors..I remember a great converti le ride with them..generous people..
Yvonne Riley(Knoble)

Yvonne Riley - November 03, 2021 at 09:17 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss, will greatly miss him. Enjoyed taking him his treats.

Gordie and Barb Brockway

barbara brockway - November 03, 2021 at 08:46 PM