

Don Schmidt, 82

Oct. 14, 1931 - March 8, 2014

BAXTER, MN — Donald Edward Schmidt, son of Edward and Mary (Roesch) Schmidt, was born October 14, 1931 in Falls City, NE. He died Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

After graduating from the Falls City High School in 1949, Don attended the School of Business in Omaha, NE. Following graduation, Don enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1953.



To continue his business education, Don attended Midland College in Fremont, NE and graduated with a BA degree in Business in 1957. Don was a successful sales representative for International Harvester and White Farm Equipment. Don also co-owned the Holiday Buffet restaurant with his wife, Dorothy. He owned Don's Distributing until his retirement. Don enjoyed being a member of Kiwanis, sales, agriculture, telling stories, and helping those in need. He was raised on a farm in southeast Nebraska which he inherited from his family and had great interest in tracking grain prices and forecasting the market. During Don's retirement years he found pleasure in visiting his children and their families in Wyoming and Minnesota, fishing, playing bridge and board games, sprinkler maintenance at their condo, golfing, and visiting with neighbors and friends.

Don married Dorothy Schmidt on August 25, 1957 at Randolph, NE. They moved to Beatrice, NE where their children William (Bill), James (Jim), and Susan were born. The family moved to Harlan in 1968.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marjorie Hoeger; and brothers-in-law Ernie Hoeger and George Schmidt. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Schmidt of Baxter, MN; two sons, Bill Schmidt (Donna), and Jim Schmidt (Magdalena) both of Rock Springs, WY; and one daughter, Susan (Dave) Galligan of Breezy Point, MN; two sisters-in-law, Katherine (Deloy) Geoglein of Denver, CO and Ilene Schmidt of Norfolk, NE; grandchildren, Dylan Schmidt, Evelyn Schmidt, JT Schmidt, Nathan Schmidt, Lyndon Schmidt, Stuart Burham, Alex Galligan, and Madison Galligan; great-grandchildren, Zoï, Gabriella, Liberty, Dexter, and Braxton.

Per Don's wishes, his ashes will be scattered into Crappie Bay on Ossawinamakee Lake in Minnesota this summer. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held this summer at a central location for family and friends. Condolences may be sent to Dorothy Schmidt, 13060 #309 Cypress Drive, Baxter, MN 56425.