

## **Anthony Schmitz, 79**

**TUSCALOOSA, AL** — Anthony George Schmitz (Tony, Bud, Paw-Paw), 79, of Daphne, AL, formerly of Tuscaloosa, passed away December 18, 2008 at his residence.

Born in Westphalia, IA, he retired from 22 years of service in the United States Air Force and settled in Tuscaloosa, AL where he worked for the United States Postal Service. He was actively involved as a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Anthony is preceded in death by his wife, Alice; son, Billy; mother, Katie Schmitz; father, Tony Schmitz; brothers, Edmund, Frank and William; and sisters, Valeria, Sylvia, Jeanette, Coletta, and Josephine. Survivors include children, Cheryl Corley (Paul), Tony Schmitz (Terry), Patty Etheridge (Doug), Ginger Ittenbach (Rick); 11 grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and sister, Mildred Arkfeld of Panama.

A rosary was said Sunday, December 21, followed by visitation at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Monday, December 22. Burial followed in Memory Hill Gardens. Pallbearers were Jayme Arkfeld, Doug Etheridge, Cody Etheridge, Rick Ittenbach, Francis Ittenbach, Mike Nix, Michael Schmitz and Erich Schmitz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund, 733 37th Street, East Tuscaloosa, AL 35405; Institute of the Incarnate Word Seminary, 113 East 117th Street, New York, NY 10035-4602; and the Western Province Dominican Order, Western Dominican Province, 5890 Birch Court, Oakland, CA 94618-1627.

