



Wilbur P. Schmidt

October 18, 1929 - August 1, 2012

Wilbur P. Schmidt, age 82 of Hamel, IL, died Wednesday, August 01, 2012, at Saint Louis University Hospital in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born October 18, 1929, in Hamel, IL, the son of Emil and Louise (nee Brunnworth) Schmidt.

On April 08, 1951, he married Lillian Mildred Schmidt nee Renken who survives.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was also a member of American Legion Post 564 - Worden, IL; St. Paul Lutheran Choir (50+ years); Cahokia Mounds Museum Society (over 40 years); Golden Agers of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Wilbur was born and reared on the family farm, Hamel Township and lived there all his life except for 2 years while he was in the U.S. Army. He served with the United States Army from 1953 to 1955; he was a hand radio operator operating Morse Code. He farmed grain and raised cattle most of his life. He retired in 1982. He enjoyed bowling and searching for Indian artifacts. He loved carving wood. He had carved the Paschal Candle Stand for St. Paul Church (in memory of Wilbur Behrhorst) and four Processional Crosses and four Torch Stands for St. Paul Church and for three other churches in the

area. He showed and spoke about his Indian artifacts at schools and nursing homes.

Survivors include :

Wife - Lillian M. Schmidt nee Renken, Hamel, IL

Daughter - Sharon L. (Lyndell) Shaw, East Alton, IL

Daughter - Jane M. Schmidt, Plano, TX

Son - Richard A. (Christina) Schmidt, Saint Peters, MO

Grandchild - Nicole (Patrick) Whitecotton, Cleveland, TN

Grandchild - Monica Ahsan, Plano, TX

Grandchild - Andrew Schmidt, Saint Peters, MO

Grandchild - Brendan Schmidt, Saint Peters, MO

Grandchild - Evan Schmidt, Saint Peters, MO

Great Grandchild - Riley Whitecotton, Cleveland, TN

Great Grandchild - Zoe Whitecotton, Cleveland, TN

Sister - LaVerne Schumacher, Alhambra, IL

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Emil Schmidt

Mother - Louise Schmidt nee Brunnworth

Brother - Russell Schmidt

Brother - Elmer Schmidt (as an infant)