



## Larry W. Schmidtbauer

June 29, 1939 - April 26, 2024

Larry W. Schmidtbauer, 84-year-old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Friday, April 26, 2024 at the Pierz Villa. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz with the Rev. Aaron Nett officiating. Burial will take place in the Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and 9 to 11 A.M. Thursday, May 2 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Pierz, MN. Caring for Larry and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Larry Schmidtbauer was born on June 29, 1939 on the family farm near Buckman to Math and Mary (Hoheisel) Schmidtbauer. A graduate of Pierz Memorial High School, Larry served his country in the U.S. Army from 1962-1964 stationed in Washington DC during the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. His unit was responsible for creating the original Eternal Flame still burning today at the gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery. Larry married the love of his life Helen Cremers on November 4, 1972 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz. They spent almost 50 years together until her death in 2021, treating their many nieces and nephews as if they were their own children. A self-taught mechanical engineer, Larry worked for 45 years at Tri-City Paving. He was a lifetime member of the Pierz American Legion and Pierz Knights of Columbus. Very active in the community he served 29 years on the Pierz Fire Department, 20 years as a Pierz Lion, and

sang for over 50 years in St. Joseph's Church Adult Choir. In retirement, he volunteered many hours at the Pierz Area Food Shelf, delivered meals for the Pierz Senior Center and built handicap ramps for Horizon Health Faith In Action. In his spare time, Larry enjoyed playing cards, tending to his rose bushes or just sitting on the front porch visiting with friends and neighbors.

Larry is survived by brothers, Leon Schmidtbauer and Alban (Donnella) Schmidtbauer; and sisters, Lora Vardas and Carol (Norman) Hamann. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; his parents; and siblings, Melvin Schmidtbauer, Alan Schmidtbauer and Lois Zimmermann

The family would like to thank the Pierz First Responders, Pierz Villa, and Horizon Health Hospice for their exceptional care in Larry's time of need.

## Cemetery Details

### St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

## Previous Events

### Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Will miss you uncle Larry 😞



Micheal Schmidtbauer - May 01, 2024 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ RIP Cousin Larry!  
Doris (Hoheisel) Sorensen



Doris Sorensen - April 30, 2024 at 11:40 PM

JL

“ Back in 2007, Larry worked with Horizon Health Faith in action to build a ramp onto our original entry way to split level house.

Julie Langer - April 30, 2024 at 10:44 AM

TS

“ Thomas Stangl lit a candle in memory of Larry  
W. Schmidtbauer



Thomas Stangl - April 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Jack Lyons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry W. Schmidtbauer.

Jack Lyons - April 29, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry W. Schmidtbauer.



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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry W. Schmidtbauer.



April 29, 2024 at 03:14 PM