



Melvin Schmidtbauer

July 10, 1941 - December 24, 2019

Melvin J. Schmidtbauer, 78 year old resident of Pierz, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, January 3, 2020, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN, at 11:00 A.M., with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. Burial will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery in Pierz, MN. A visitation will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M., and from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday at the church. Military Rites will be conducted by the Pierz American Legion Post #341.

Melvin Joseph Schmidtbauer was born on July 10, 1941 to Math and Mary (Hoheisel) Schmidtbauer. Melvin was the 7th of 11 children. He grew up on the family farm south of Pierz and it was there that he learned his lifelong work ethic. Melvin married Pamela Rebeschke on August 27, 1965. Together they had 2 daughters, Jane and Lori. He proudly served his country in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1966. Melvin earned his living working with farm implement sales and construction. He owned and operated R & S Farm Equipment in Pierz with his late father-in-law, Fred Rebeschke and then worked at Tri-City Paving until his retirement in 2015. Melvin appreciated the value of a hard day's work. He enjoyed "checking town out", visiting with family and friends and cooking with his daughters and grandchildren; usually a special dish from his childhood days and always enough to share with those

he cared about most. A storyteller was Melvin! He enjoyed reminiscing about his childhood on the farm and explaining the family bloodlines to the younger generations. Some (most) of the stories that he told could be questioned for their credibility, as he could make anything sound factual! Melvin was naturally ingenuitive, a problem solver, and he was pretty good at “pushing buttons” to get people riled up. He liked a good joke and enjoyed making wisecracks, bringing laughter and smiles to his listening audience. It would also be important to Melvin to mention the many, very close friends that he had in and around the Pierz area. Some of his closest friends ranged in age from under age 10 to those older than himself. Please know that he sincerely valued those friendships!

Melvin is survived by his daughters, Jane (Jeff) Brunn of Sauk Rapids, Lori (Randy) Schweitzberger of Baxter; grandchildren, Sarah and Lizzie Brunn, Logan and Kiera Schweitzberger; siblings, Leon, Larry (Helen) Schmidtbauer, Lorae Vardas, Carol (Norman) Hamann, Alban (Donella) Schmidtbauer; sister-in-law, Bernadette Schmidtbauer; brother-in-law, James Zimmerman, and many nieces and nephews.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Pamela; infant siblings, Math, (twins) Richard and Marie; brother, Alan; and sister, Lois.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 30, 2019 at 02:35 PM



Such a beautiful smile! I see your father in you, Lori.

Wendy DeGeest - December 30, 2019 at 08:47 PM



So much Love!

Barb McColgan - December 31, 2019 at 01:40 PM



Love seeing pictures of Melbyand Pam. We go way back. He will be missed.♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

Bob and Bonnie - December 31, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ *Melvin Schmidtbauer*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

LA

“ Way back in 1953 I taught Melvin in the Buckman school. We remained friends ever since. We have exchanged Birthday and Christmas cards every year, We called each other once and awhile. He was and always be my friend. Laura Hesch Alkofer

Laura Alkofer - January 09, 2020 at 05:38 PM

TP

“ Tim Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer



Tim Preimesberger - January 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM

MN

“ I friend from church who is from the Piez area told me of Melvin's death today. I am so sorry to hear that. Although we don't see our cousins too much anymore, now that all of our parents have passed on, he was one of my favorite cousins. Always up to mischief and had a smile that would light up a room. May he rest in peace.

Mary Ann (Gould) Neuman (Lorene's daughter)
New Hope, MN

Mary Ann Neuman - January 02, 2020 at 04:15 PM

KL

“ Your newly found cousins in California extend our heartfelt condolences. May God provide comfort to you all during this difficult time and grant eternal rest to Melvin. May his joie de vivre continue to shine through all that knew him. RIP.

Kathy Leipelt Lack - January 02, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Melvin Schmidtbauer.*



January 02, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Russ, Cindy, Preston, And Jordan Marshik lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Russ, Cindy, Preston, and Jordan Marshik - January 01, 2020 at 05:30 PM



We will deeply miss Mel and his visits. The boys especially had a special place in their hearts for him as he came out to the farm to see them. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Russ, Cindy, Preston, and Jordan Marshik - January 01, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ *Victoria J. Bayerl lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Victoria J. Bayerl - December 31, 2019 at 05:16 PM

VB

“ Always loved your Dad. Tried to include him in a few of our last birthday parties behind the Old Bank, Stalpes House. He would come and peek but not join. At least I got to talk to him a few times. He stopped by when we were selling and closing down the house too. When we were young, and he worked across main street, he would constantly ask to see my sister Colleen's hands, and then tell her they were not clean. Over and over we would argue that they were clean, and he kept saying they were not clean. Took us years to figure out he was playing with us on her name Colleen. - Victoria Bayerl

Victoria J. Bayerl - December 31, 2019 at 05:13 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Mel was a wonderful man to work with, at Tri-City Paving. We even had a couple good bologna days with him in Pierz! Cherish those many great memories you had with him and May He Rest in Peace.



Roger and Michelle Schneider - December 31, 2019 at 12:24 PM

DB

“ Dick Bernel and family, & Jill and Bill purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Melvin Schmidtbauer.



Dick Bernel and family, & Jill and Bill - December 31, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 31, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Melvin Schmidtbauer.



December 30, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 30, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Schmidtbauer.*



December 28, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ *Trudee Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Trudee Preimesberger - December 27, 2019 at 10:20 PM



Jane and Lori, Your dad sure did enjoy the days he would be heading to see you. He was a proud grandpa, too. I enjoyed listening to him talk about each of them, he certainly had a joy when he did so. Prayers to you all as you lay him to rest.

Trudee Preimesberger - December 27, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ *Colleen Hendrickson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Colleen Hendrickson - December 27, 2019 at 06:49 AM

MW

“ Mike & Pearl Wilson lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Schmidtbauer



Mike & Pearl Wilson - December 26, 2019 at 11:14 PM

MF

“ My Dear Jane,

I am soo sad to hear that your Dad passed away. He was still such a young man You have always been such a good daughter. Always there to take him to his appointments and cook him his favorite foods. Such a beautiful relationship you had with him. Hold those memories deep in your heart forever.

*Blessings and Prayers,
Marcia Finnerty*

Marcia Finnerty - December 26, 2019 at 10:31 PM

MF

“ Marcia Finnerty lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Schmidtbauer



Marcia Finnerty - December 26, 2019 at 10:27 PM

DR

“ *Dean & Paula Rocheleau lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Dean & Paula Rocheleau - December 26, 2019 at 08:36 PM

DH

“ *Dennis & Janice Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Dennis & Janice Hoffman - December 26, 2019 at 01:07 PM

CA

“ *The John & Carrie Gruber family send their heartfelt sympathy & prayers to all who were touched by dear Melvin.*



Carrie - December 26, 2019 at 12:55 PM

JP

“ *Joe & Maggie Plante lit a candle in memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Joe & Maggie Plante - December 26, 2019 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ *Andy, Maria, Michael & Christopher Marshik
Our deepest sympathies to the family. So
sorry for your loss at this time of year. Hugs to
you Lori. Andy will miss talking with your Dad.
Will be praying for all of you.*



Maria Marshik - December 25, 2019 at 11:49 PM

RH

“ *Rick & Shirley Herold lit a candle in memory
of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



Rick & Shirley Herold - December 25, 2019 at 08:48 PM

LH

“ *LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel lit a candle in
memory of Melvin Schmidtbauer*



LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel - December 25, 2019 at 04:13 PM