



Arthur J. Schmeltz

May 24, 1922 - February 25, 2019

WALKERTON- Arthur J. Schmeltz, 96, passed away Monday, February 25, 2019 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, IN.

Arthur was born May 24, 1922 in Walkerton, IN to Otto and Bertha Mae (Walters) Schmeltz and lived in the area all of his life.

On August 20, 1949 in Niles, MI, he was married to Carol "Joan" Cogswell who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Virgil Schmeltz, Linder Schmeltz, Evelyn Mark, Violet Kolmer and Ralph Schmeltz.

Survivors include two sons, Brad (Dawn) Schmeltz and Brian (Terri) Schmeltz; six grandchildren, Ryan (Rebecca) Schmeltz, Jill (Derrick) Klinedinst, Ethan and Levi Horvath, Amanda (Rob) Smith and Michael Schmeltz; great-grandchildren, James and Emily Klinedinst and Charlie Schmeltz; and one sister, Wanda (Norm) Jones.

Arthur was a member of the Walkerton United Methodist Church and the North Liberty Masonic Lodge #266 F&AM. He was a school bus driver for the John Glenn School Corporation for many years. He was an avid golfer and the club champion for the Lake June West Men's League in 2011 and 2013.

Arthur was a joyful man who always seemed to have a twinkle in his eye. He loved to visit with people and he never met a stranger. He loved his family deeply and will be missed by many.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. EST at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Burial will follow at the

Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm EST and Saturday one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the John Glenn Education Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Industrial Park Drive and US 6
Walkerton, IN 46574

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
(574) 586-2120
rannellsfh@mchsi.com
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur J. Schmeltz.*



March 01, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *Barb & Mike Hummel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Arthur J. Schmeltz.*



Barb & Mike Hummel - February 28, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Art passing....we enjoyed our little visits with him during the warm weather and he always had a twinkle in his eyes, and genuinely happy to chat and just spend a little time with us. I am going to miss seeing him this summer, sitting out on his porch and waving to friends and neighbors. He was definitely one of a kind, and a genuine kind hearted soul, with a little mischief thrown in. Our condolences to Brian and Terri, and the rest of the family...*

Barb & Mike Hummel - February 28, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sorry to hear for your loss. Sending our sincere condolences.*

Harvey & Kay Hyland - February 28, 2019 at 11:21 AM

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“ So sorry to here the news. Arthur was truly one of a kind. Truly loved the guy and his humor. The Lord broke the mold after creating Art knowing we couldn't hand two of him. Prayers for the family

Tom McCormick - February 26, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur J. Schmeltz.



February 26, 2019 at 09:06 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. We always enjoyed talking to him. God took two real nice men back home. Our Uncle Linder and your dad, Art. Thinking of you at this time. Sorry, Bill and Donna Eaton

Bill and Donna Eaton - February 26, 2019 at 04:50 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Schmeltz family. Art was one in a million kind of guy and will be greatly missed by our family. We made some great memories with Art the past two years and will be forever grateful to have known such a wonderful person.
The Shortt Family

Rhonda Shortt - February 26, 2019 at 04:17 PM