



Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt

August 10, 1931 - October 6, 2025

Alvin M. (Smitty) Schmidt passed away Monday, October 6, 2025, at his home in Sun City West, Arizona, with his wife of 31 years, Kathy, by his side. Smitty was born on August 10, 1931 in Morrison County, Minnesota to parents, Leonard Walter and Anne Amanda Ida (Ehrenberg) Schmidt. He grew up doing chores on the family farm and working at various creameries in the area.

When Smitty was older, he moved to Montana, where he found work at Peterson Metal Works. He met Charlotte Ann Elpel in Glendive, and they were married on August 27, 1952. Smitty then served in the U.S. Army, in Korea, from 1952 to 1954.

He and Charlotte lived in Glendive where Smitty worked at Wagner Plumbing & Heating. Four children were born to their union. Smitty and Charlotte were married for 39 years, until Charlotte passed away on August 13, 1991.

They moved to Bozeman in 1980 where he started Smitty's Plumbing & Heating with two of his sons. Smitty met Kathy Williams there and they were married on December 30, 1993. They lived in Bozeman for several years and then moved permanently to Arizona.

Smitty was predeceased by his parents, Leonard and Anne Schmidt, parents-in-law, August and Mabel Elpel, his wife, Charlotte, brothers, Elmer and Willis Schmidt. Brothers-in-law, Joseph, Edwin and A. Gerald Elpel, Larry Flesch and Arthur Tomscheck. Sisters-in-law, Lila Mae, Marilyn, W. Joan Schmidt and Eve Elpel.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and stepson, David Lee Williams. Four children, Cheryl (Greg) Shaffer of Glendive, Montana, Daryl (Michele) Schmidt of Snohomish, Washington, Darwin (Carla) Schmidt of Bozeman, Montana and D'Wayne (Nita) Schmidt of Billings, Montana. His brother Larry Schmidt and sister-in-law, Donna Schmidt of Long Prairie, Minnesota, sisters-in-law Joan Elpel of Billings, Montana and Jan Elpel of Bozeman, Montana. Grandchildren Amanda (Steve) Gillispie and their children, Erica and Brenna, all of Glendive, Montana, Paul (Jessica) Shaffer of Pleasanton, California, Sara (Nick) Chavez and their children, Maverick and Charlotte, all of Billings, Montana, Jennifer Kolling of Belgrade, Montana, Brandon (Megan) Schmidt of Bozeman, Montana, Stephanie (Kurt) White and their children, Kacy and Adalyn, of Townsend, Montana, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Services will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment with military honors will be in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Refreshments will be served at the Moose Hall following the interment ceremony. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

SN

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all on the passing of Smitty. Many memories come to mind of our Dodge Street neighborhood, family and work connection. Lifting you up with prayer for comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Family of Leona (Henry) Niemeyer

Nancy and Terry Pedersen

Sharon and Tom Neel , Breanne & Emily

Gayle Zickuhr, Nicholas & Kendra, Emily Ann

Jolee (Kevin), Chelsey & Kyle

Sharon Niemeyer Neel - October 24, 2025 at 09:21 PM

CP

“ Condolences to all of you! Hoping you can cherish all the fond memories of life with Alvin.

Cherise Patterson - October 24, 2025 at 04:38 PM

PS

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to Uncle Smitty's Family.
Love, Jim & Pam

Pam Sundsted - October 24, 2025 at 01:09 PM

DV

“ *Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt*



Deb Pete Vogel - October 21, 2025 at 02:41 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt.



October 20, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ So when you think of Smitty, all you can do is smile!! When I first met him I was so intimidated, I learned pretty quickly He was nothing but a big teddy bear, full of life and laughter! And a little bit of BS to top it off! Heaven has gained a good man, an amazing angel and a legend! Cheryl, Daryl, Darwin and Dwayne and all the families, keep those memories alive! It will keep you laughing for sure! Sending friendship and hugs during this difficult time he will never be forgotten!



Mike & Jacky Boje Saur - October 19, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Kelli Alexander - October 19, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Arnell Wagner lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt



Arnell Wagner - October 19, 2025 at 01:25 AM

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“ *Belinda Pavek (Schmidt) lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt*



Belinda Pavek (Schmidt) - October 17, 2025 at 02:18 AM

DW

“ *David Lee Williams purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt.*



David Lee Williams - October 16, 2025 at 11:06 AM

LA

“ *My deepest condolences to Kathy and all Smitty's children and extended family. Smitty was a great person and was always so helpful to others. One of my fondest memories of Smitty is him bringing in donuts to Kathy and I's work place to share with the staff. It was just so Smitty. He will be missed. May God Comfort You and Bless Each of You, Lori Anderson*

Lorraine K Anderson - October 15, 2025 at 08:45 PM

NS

“ *Norma Shearer lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt*



Norma Shearer - October 15, 2025 at 02:24 PM

LB

“ Linda R Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt



Linda R Baldwin - October 14, 2025 at 08:00 PM

AR

“ Andeen A Raymond lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt



Andeen A Raymond - October 14, 2025 at 03:42 PM

KA

“ Kathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt.

Kathy - October 13, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt.



October 13, 2025 at 07:57 PM

CP

“ *Condolences to all of you. Hope cherishing his memories will give you some comfort during this time of sorrow.*

Cherise Patterson - October 13, 2025 at 07:05 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Gregory lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt*



Cindy Gregory - October 11, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *Kymerley Allen lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Smitty" Schmidt*



Kymerley Allen - October 10, 2025 at 02:40 PM

JE

I remember being introduced to Smitty by my big sis Kathy. What a CARD! He was thoughtful and witty and a joy to be around. Always loved our visits that were much to infrequent! Love and miss you! Jerry Stanton, (Kathy's "little brother").

Jerry - October 28, 2025 at 07:21 PM