



Harold Schmidt

January 1, 1923 - April 20, 2012

Harold P. Schmidt, 88, Topeka, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on April 17, 2012 at Lexington Park Post Acute Care under Grace Hospice Care. Harold was born Nov. 24, 1923 in Catherine, KS the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Staab) Schmidt. He was raised in Catherine, KS, a Volga German farming community. After graduating from St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays, KS, he served two years in the U.S. Army in Japan. Upon returning, he married Mary Agnes Gerstner on Nov. 26, 1949. They moved to Topeka where he was a Goodyear employee and a member of US Steel Workers Union for 35 years. He was also a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. His warmth and unique sense of humor broke down every barrier that would either immediately or eventually bring forth a smile. He never met a stranger no matter where his life took him. Harold left behind an unforgettable legacy of laughter, compassion, determination and energy. His hobbies were carpentry, woodworking, gardening and love of wildlife. Harold is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Mary Agnes; his five children, Deborah Wasko, (Jim), Olathe, Paul Schmidt, (Joy), Scranton, Bruce Schmidt, (Brenda), Olympia WA, Jason Schmidt, Topeka, Rod Schmidt, Olathe; his seven grandchildren, Nathaniel, Simon, Philip, Madalyn, Joseph, Anna and Sara Schmidt; a sister, Anita Stang, Great Bend, KS and a brother James Schmidt, Phoenix, AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother and six sisters. A visitation will be Friday, April 20, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., 66614; where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6

p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th St., Topeka KS. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Grace Hospice or Most Pure Heart of Mary Church sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Schmidt*

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“ *Dear Aunt Mary,*

*My prayers to you and all your family. I am so grateful that I got to visit with you and Uncle Harold last May. He was my godfather and often took care of me before I moved to Japan. He was a joker and could make anyone laugh. He will be so missed. Love to all of you.
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