

Walter Ernst Schmidt

August 19, 1929 - July 3, 2017

Walter E. Schmidt of Sudlersville, MD, died on Monday July 3, 2017, in the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Chestertown. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Dover, DE, the son of the late Oscar and Else Schmidt. He graduated from Sudlersville High School and attended the University of Maryland. In 1956, Mr. Schmidt spent five months in Austria as part of the International Farm Youth Exchange. As life progressed, Mr. Schmidt served as President of the Maryland IFYE Alumni Assoc. and served as a Director of the National IFYE Alumni Assoc.

Grain and Livestock farming his entire life, Mr. Schmidt was a 4-H Club Leader for 10 years and served on the Maryland 4-H Older Youth Council. He was a member of the 4-H All-Stars, and his service to the Agriculture community continued through his service as a Past President of the Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau and a former Director of the Maryland State Farm Bureau. He was a former member of the Independent Pork Producers Assoc.

Other activities and services he enjoyed were his service as a member of the Queen Anne's County Forestry Conservation Board; a past member and Chairman of the Queen Anne's County Planning and Zoning Board for 15 years, a Charter member of the Sudlersville Ruritan Club, a Past Chairman of

the Kent School Board, a Member of the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital Board for 19 years, serving as President for two of those years. He served as a Director of the Sudlersville Bank and later served on the Centreville National Bank Board where he also served as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Schmidt was a longtime member of the Delaware Saengerbund and Dover German American Club.

Mr. Schmidt was inducted into the Maryland Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2007. He was a very active member of the Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church in Sudlersville, where he served for many years, including Chairman of the Administrative Council, the Building Committee, and volunteering in the Food pantry.

Mr. Schmidt enjoyed dancing, traveling, gardening, and working around his home.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Schmidt is predeceased by a brother, Oscar A. Schmidt.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy Rice Schmidt; two sons, Hans W. Schmidt and his wife Jennie and Alan W. Schmidt and wife Brenda all of Sudlersville, MD; grandchildren, Zachary, Katrina, Jacob and Tyler Schmidt; and one sister, Christa Pederson of Middletown, DE.

Funeral services will be held on Monday July 10, 2017, at 2pm, at the Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church, in Sudlersville, where friends and family may call after 1pm. Friends and family are also invited to call Sunday afternoon and evening from 2-4pm and again at 6-8pm at the Fellows Family Funeral Home 370 Cypress St., in Millington. Interment will follow church services in Sudlersville Cemetery, Sudlersville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in his memory to Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 202, Sudlersville, MD. 21668, and/or The Maryland 4-H Foundation Inc., Maryland 4-H Center, 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740-4000, and/or Wells for Ghana, 24321 Shore Highway, Denton, MD 21629.

Cemetery Details

Sudlersville Cemetery

Sudlersville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Family Funeral Home
370 West Cypress Street
Millington, MD 21651
(410) 928-5311
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JUL 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Family Funeral Home
370 West Cypress Street
Millington, MD 21651
(410) 928-5311
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JUL 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church
103 N. Church St.
Sudlersville, MD

Service

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church
103 N. Church St.
Sudlersville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 06, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *Walter Ernst Schmidt*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Walter Ernst Schmidt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter Ernst Schmidt*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

TK

“ I am very saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Schmidt.

He was a respected person by all who knew him.

Over the years i had heard stories, about Mr.Schmidt and how much of a hard working man he was and also would always give back to his community and surrounding counties.

I know Mr. Schmidt is in Heaven tilling the grounds!

I pray for God's blessings of comfort to Mr. Schmidt's family.

Tammy Marshall Kendall



tammy kendall - July 28, 2017 at 03:07 PM

JS

“ Walter and I served together on the Board of Directors of the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital. My memory of him is that of an quiet, thoughtful man with the kindness and courtesy of a gentlemen. It was a pleasure to associate with him. I extend my sympathy to his wife and family on their loss.

Jack Stenger

Jack Stenger - July 14, 2017 at 07:52 PM

CK

“ Cleamon & Robin Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt



Cleamon & Robin Kincaid - July 12, 2017 at 04:05 PM

TB

“ *Tim & Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Tim & Esther Blackiston - July 11, 2017 at 09:30 AM

JH

“ *Judy & Eric Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Judy & Eric Hopkins - July 10, 2017 at 07:58 AM

LW

“ *This is a heartbreaker. I am so very sorry for your loss. In the few times I met him during the early 1990's, he was such a gentleman and a kind soul. Thinking of you Hans, and your mom, your brother and your families. Sending hugs and love.*

Linda Roy Walls - July 08, 2017 at 04:24 PM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - July 08, 2017 at 07:52 AM

GP

Nancy and family: Our many blessings to you during the loss of Mr. Schmidt. He was truly a gentleman and was always great to chat with him. May his memories always remain in your hearts. Thinking of you in our prayers at this time. The community has truly lost of great man. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene Palmatary - July 08, 2017 at 07:54 AM

SS

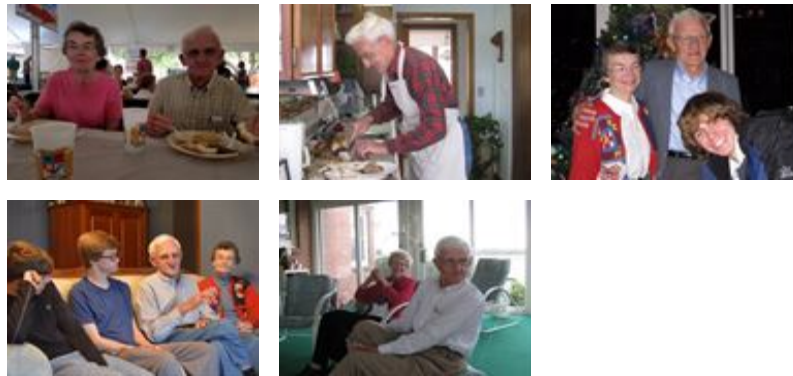
“ *Suzanne Skinner lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Suzanne Skinner - July 07, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ *6 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 07, 2017 at 08:41 AM

SC

“ We met Walter and Nancy at Sudlersville Senior Center. We sang there and they attended hymn sings at our church. A true gentleman



Suzanne Collison - July 07, 2017 at 06:55 AM

JT

“ Walter was an exceptional person and a wonderful friend, very warm and welcoming. He invited us many times to come to Sudlersville, but we never made it. Our regret. Nancy and his home was always open to International Farm (4-H) Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegates and in coming IFYEs from around the world.

We went to Europe together in 1956, he to Austria and I to Sweden and later we served on the National IFYE Board of Directors and attended many national conferences together. He had a genuine interest in people and always had a twinkle in his eye.

He lived his Christian faith and we are all better people for having known him. Thank you for being our friend, Walter. Rest in peace, faithful servant.

Jo Ann Smith Trail
IFYE from VA to Sweden 1956

Jo Ann Smth Trail - July 06, 2017 at 10:21 PM

SW

“ So very sorry for your loss. We will miss him greatly at the Sudlersville Senior Center. Prayers to Mrs Nancy and family



Shelley wheatman - July 06, 2017 at 08:51 PM

CA

“ Chris Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt



Chris Atkinson - July 06, 2017 at 08:14 PM

AC

“ I cannot believe that Walter is no longer with us. He leaves such a large void that will be almost impossible to fill. He was not only a very special husband, father, grandfather and friend, but was such a gracious, loyal and inspirational gentleman. The impact he made in and around the Sudlersville area as well as the entire county will always be felt. His leadership in so many organizations was key to achieving goals and he did it with such enthusiasm and dignity. Walter was my 4-H leader back in the sixties. He always encouraged all members to strive to do their best. He loved to laugh and had a way of putting everyone at ease. As the years passed, whenever I would see him, he made you feel so glad that he had run into you. His acceptance of everyone and genuine interest in people made him a cherished mentor. He actually seemed invincible to me all these years and never really appeared to age. His spirit will definitely remain in the hearts of all the people he touched. People will continue to reap the benefits of his wisdom as evidenced in the many organizations he was involved with. He created a magnificent farming operation which the entire state could be proud of. We will remember square dances, 4-H meetings, lively discussions and conversations and that quick smile. Bless you Walter; your life made many of ours so much richer. Ann Orem Campbell and family

Ann Campbell - July 06, 2017 at 06:39 PM

JL

“ To the Schdmith family.
So sorry for your loss. Remenbebr him from years 1991 when IFYE program stayed with him. Always very helpful to 4-H and everyone.

James Lin - July 06, 2017 at 04:44 PM

UE

“ *University Of Maryland Extension lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



University of Maryland Extension - July 06, 2017 at 04:04 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Sheila Schmidt - July 06, 2017 at 03:47 PM

SS

“ *I consider it a privilege and honor to have known Walter. I will always remember how much he liked the orange walls in the fellowship hall at church. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Sheila Schmidt - July 06, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 06, 2017 at 02:20 PM

AL

“ *Walter was a kind, generous, hardworking man of integrity. We are praying for you all during this difficult time. John and Angela Lancaster*

Angela Lancaster - July 06, 2017 at 08:09 AM

AL

“ *Angela Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Angela Lancaster - July 06, 2017 at 08:06 AM

JB

“ *To the Schmidt family
We are so sorry for your loss. What a
wonderful husband, father, grandfather and
mentor to the farming community. Remember
him from years ago when growing up from 4-
H. Always very helpful to everyone
Joyce (Dulin) & Wayne Bradley*



Joyce Bradley - July 06, 2017 at 07:12 AM

GD

“ *Gary Donavon lit a candle in memory of
Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Gary Donavon - July 06, 2017 at 06:56 AM

 Patti
Webb

“ *Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Walter
Ernst Schmidt*



Patti Webb - July 06, 2017 at 05:54 AM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory
of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



David and June Clark - July 05, 2017 at 09:02 PM

DC

*Dear Nancy and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you at this difficult.
Queen Anne's' County has lost another special person.*

David and June Clark - July 05, 2017 at 09:04 PM

MJ

“ *Sending prayers to all. Will miss seeing him in church and around the community. Walter was truly a wonderful man that will be greatly missed!! Malcolm & Dianne Faust*

Malcolm Faust Jr - July 05, 2017 at 06:51 PM

MF

“ *Malcolm & Dianne Faust lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Malcolm & Dianne Faust - July 05, 2017 at 06:49 PM

DF

“ *Dianne Faust lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Dianne Faust - July 05, 2017 at 06:49 PM

RP

“ Royden & JoAnn Powell lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt



Royden & JoAnn Powell - July 05, 2017 at 03:35 PM

CB

“ My condolences to the Schmidt family. Mr. Walter was one of the nicest people I had the pleasure of working with while I was at Southern States.

Cathie Blakeney - July 05, 2017 at 03:03 PM

CB

“ Cathie Blakeney lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt



Cathie Blakeney - July 05, 2017 at 02:59 PM

MR

“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Walter Ernst Schmidt



Maryann Ruehrmund - July 05, 2017 at 02:28 PM

DP

“ *Danielle Pierzynski lit a candle in memory of
Walter Ernst Schmidt*



Danielle Pierzynski - July 05, 2017 at 08:00 AM