



## Forrest Carl Schmitz

July 22, 1933 - March 16, 2020

Forrest Carl Schmitz, 86, born and raised in Mason City, Iowa, passed away at home on Monday, March 16, 2020, with family at his side.

At his request, there will be no service.

He was born at home on July 22, 1933, to Amerett (Winey) and Glenn F. Schmitz, the 10th of 12 children: Dorothy, Doris, Phyllis, Kenneth, Daryl, Jean, Patty, Joyce, Glennys, Gale and Coralee.

As a young man, Forrest worked at the chicken hatchery and his father's artificial ice factory. He retired after 42 years from Allied Mills/Wayne Feeds.

He enjoyed reading, bird watching, building his own canoe, camping and fishing and exploring local Indian ruins and museums with his wife and four children and many of his grandchildren, archeology, astronomy, singing in the Barbershop Chorus and listening to big band music, researching his family history, family reunions, and running in a marathon with his brother-in-law and buddy, Larry Harrington, at age 50. After Forrest retired at age 62, he and Norma drove to southern Texas for 18 years to enjoy the warmer winters. They met many people there who are still dear friends to this day.

Forrest is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of over 68 years, Norma (Belding); 4 children: Tom (Lynda) Schmitz, Diane Woodman, Randy (Jean) Schmitz and Mike Schmitz; 10 grandchildren, Jason, JodiLynne and Jennifer, Shannon and Morgan, Justin and Zackary and Courtney, and Rachele and Emily ; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters, Doris Johnson, Jean Stone, Patty (Dean) Osgood, Joyce Evans, Coralee (Jim) Johnson; brother, Kenneth Schmitz; brother-in-law, Larry Harrington; sister-in-law, Evelyn Schmitz; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Dorothy Buffington, Phyllis Haugen Beaver, Glennys Croxton, Gale Harrington; brother, Daryl Schmitz; brothers-in-law,

Johnny Johnson, Glenard Haugen, Gaylord Buffington, Earl Croxton, Maynard Beaver, Kenneth Stone, and Donald Evans; sister-in-laws, Bonnie Schmitz and Jean (Doug) Peck.

# Comments

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“ Forrest could give us all lessons on the way to hug someone! He gave me the best bear hug this last November!! I will always carry that memory with me. Thank You Forrest!! Norma, Diane, and families I keep you in my prayers and thoughts at this sad time. Our sympathy and love to all of you.

Margie and Randy Stoltenberg

**Margie Stoltenberg** - March 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will forever miss Uncle Forrest's contagious smile and wonderful hugs.  
My thoughts, sympathy and love to all of you.

Becky Schmitz Olson

**Becky Schmitz Olson** - March 21, 2020 at 07:34 AM

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“ I had a nice visit with Forrest and Norma in November of last year when Diane was here helping them out. Thinking of you all during this difficult time...you now have a special guardian angel to guide and protect you !

**Julie Rubio-Frank** - March 20, 2020 at 08:38 AM

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“ Norma, Diane & family, So sorry to hear of Forrest's passing. May you find comfort with memories you all shared. God bless you all at this difficult time.



**Juanita Rubio** - March 19, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Aunt Norma, Tom, Diane, Randy and Mike, and all the grandkids, please know you are in my heart. I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Forrest while I was growing up. He was really the most fun uncle a niece could have. I'm so glad to have all those memories. You will all be in my heart and on my mind.

Love to all of you.  
Trudy (Schmitz) Field

**Trudy (Schmitz)Field** - March 19, 2020 at 11:24 AM

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“ Hello! I was a neighbor and a classmate of Forrest as we grew up. My parents were good friends of Dorothy and Gaylord. You will remember me as Janice Osborne. Many condolences to those of you who remain. Janice Niemann

**Jan Niemann** - March 19, 2020 at 07:20 AM

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“ Uncle Forrest, I will keep your smile and kindness in my heart always. I hope Mom was waiting with open arms with one of her wonderful hugs. My sympathy to the entire family during this sad time

**Babby Schmitz** - March 19, 2020 at 12:35 AM