



Robert Smidt

August 17, 1934 - February 19, 2024

Robert Smidt, 89, of Lennox, SD, passed away on February 19, 2024, at Legends on Lake Lorraine, Sioux Falls, SD, under hospice care.

Robert Lowell Smidt was born on a farm east of Lennox, SD, on August 17, 1934, to George and Doris (Gerber) Smidt. He grew up attending Miller Rural School District #76 and later graduated from Lennox High School in 1952 where he was voted Homecoming Marshall. Initially, Robert worked in construction before starting his career at John Morrell & Co. that spanned 35 years. In 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and after basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, he worked as a commander of a tank retriever at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After exchanging a series of daily love letters, Robert returned home on leave to Lennox to marry the love of his life and partner of nearly 70 years, Carol Hammerstrom, on April 20, 1954. After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1956, the couple made their home in Sioux Falls, with Robert returning to work at Morrells. After two years in Sioux Falls, they purchased their first farm on Klondike road, northeast of Lennox.

In addition to farming, Robert was an active and faithful member of the Second Reformed Church in Lennox. He loved to farm, travel with his family, attend his children and grandchildren's activities, hunt jackrabbits, and cheer for the Chicago Bears. He and Carol enjoyed the Turner County Fair and Lennox Municipal Band concerts. Above all else, Robert was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who deeply loved his family.

Besides his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ann

Hammerstrom.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Carol; children: Jill (Doyle) Christensen of Parker, Karla (Bob) Smit of Lennox, and Brad (Teresa) Smidt of Lennox; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Janet (Duane) Schneiderman, Platte and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 24 at Second Reformed Church, Lennox, with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation, with the family present, also at Second Reformed Church will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.

Tribute Wall

PP

“ Sorry to here of Bobs passing. Thoughts and prayers to your whole family. Always enjoyed visiting with him,

Paul Persing - February 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Iâ€™m so sorry to hear of Bobâ€™s passing. As I told Brad on the phone, Iâ€™m grateful to have known him and Carol, who were so supportive when our parents died. Iâ€™m also grateful to have gotten Bob on the air from the combine cab talking about the 80-plus harvests heâ€™d been part of at that point (there were many to follow). Rest in peace, kind servant. Rest in peace.

Tom - February 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ From all of us at Legends, we hold you in love as you remember and honor Robert. May Godâ€™s grace and peace surround you all.

Legends on Lake Lorraine - February 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ It is sad to know of Robertâ€™s passing!
Also Great to know he Loved the Lord Jesus Christ!! He had a good and rewarding life that impacted many people. God comfort family and friends!!



Lynn Hammerstrom - February 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Carol, Jill, Karla and Brad,

It is with sadness that I read of the passing of your dad, Bob. He was bigger than life and along with the rest of the family fill my memories of growing up and going to church, choir, Sunday school and catechism. Please accept my condolences on Bob's passing.

Jeff Radel - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am sorry for your loss, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Judy Sturzenbecher - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Prayers to the Smidt family for your loss. May God's love comfort each of you.*

Sara Kahl-Klinger - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My Greatest condolences on the passing of Robert. A true gentlemen and great father who supported and provided for his children. Amazing individual who certainly will be lost in the community. What he gave and provided for his kids speaks volume of the classy man he was. God Bless you sir and rest in peace. Will plant a tree in honor of him.*

Brian Robert Lind - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM