



## Carl A. Schmitz

March 12, 1951 - October 5, 2021

On October 5, 2021, Carl A. Schmitz, 70, of Wadesville, IN, left his earthly life and met his heavenly father. He transitioned peacefully at the Linda E. White Hospice Center in Evansville. He survived 11 months after being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Carl was born in Evansville on March 12, 1951, to Earl and Esther (Reineke) Schmitz. He lived his entire life in Posey County, Indiana, on the family farm (Dutchman Farms, inc.). He met and married the love of his life, Delene (Phillips) Schmitz, on July 21, 1979.

Carl graduated from North Posey High School in 1969 where he was very active in the FFA, serving as a state officer in 1970. He was also active in Rural Youth for 8 years. He lived a very active lifestyle. His first venture was to scale up the family dairy farm, routinely milking his herd of registered Holsteins. In addition to the cows, Carl assisted in hay and grain farming on the family operation. He was also Northern Ohio Breeder's Association Semen Salesman for Southern Indiana for 7 years, and a cattle auction ringman for McIntyre and Wiley, and Price and Leffler Auctioneers.

Carl was elected to the Posey County Commissioners in 2012 and was currently serving the beginning of his third term in office. He loved serving his community through this office, as well as service with the United Caring

Shelter, United Caring Services Establishment Board, Robinson Township Conservation Club, charter member of the Southwestern Indiana Holstein Breeders Association, Evansville Young Dairymen, Indiana Milk Promotion Board, National Dairy Promotion and Research Board (a Presidential appointment), Posey County Farm Bureau, Inc., Posey County – Purdue Extension Board, North Posey FFA Advisory Board, Posey County Ag Day, judge for various FFA Career Development Events, 22 year delegate and director for Dairymen, Inc. (DFA), at one point winning the Kyana Young Dairy Couple contest.

Carl with three others were founding organizers of Partners in Food, and he was instrumental in helping find funding to establish God's Storehouse. He was farm and animal manager for the movie A League of our Own, partially produced on one of Dutchman's farms.

At Zion Lippe United Church of Christ, Carl was involved with the church council, a choir member, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, charter member of the Odds and Ends Sunday School Class, and restarted Men and Boys Brotherhood, as well as cooking for many fundraisers and funeral dinners.

Carl was honored by receiving the following awards throughout his lifetime: Master Farmer Award, 50-year United Commercial Travelers of America Award, Life Membership to the Dairy Shrine Club, Poseyville Kiwanis Distinguished Citizen Award, and 50-year member of Robinson Township Conservation Club. The Sagamore of the Wabash and Kentucky Colonel awards were bestowed upon Carl by the governors of Indiana and Kentucky.

He was survived by his wife, Delene (Phillips) Schmitz; sister, Nancy (Schmitz) Dougan; brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Tanya (Mofield) Schmitz, as well as his son and daughter-in-law, Hans and Cindy (Madden)

Schmitz; daughter and son-in-law, Carolina (Schmitz) and Michael Patterson. The highlight of his life was spending time with his grandchildren: Jackson Madden, Paige, Levi, and Josiah Patterson, and Harper Schmitz. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Schmitz and Esther (Reineke) Schmitz, sister-in-law, Christine (McFadin) Schmitz, and his brother-in-law, Galen Dougan.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 11, 2021 at Zion Lippe UCC, Rev. Jeff Long officiating. Burial will follow in the Zion Lippe Church Cemetery. Following funeral services at the church, there will be a meal and story-time held at the Robinson Township Conservation Club. The time there will last until the fellowship has concluded.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:30 AM until service time on Monday at Zion Lippe UCC, 9000 Copperline Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Partners in Food, God's Storehouse food pantry, or Zion Lippe UCC.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lippe U.C.C. Cemetery

9000 Copperline Road East  
Mt. Vernon, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lippe United Church of Christ  
9000 Copperline Road East  
Mt. Vernon, IN

## Funeral Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lippe United Church of Christ  
9000 Copperline Road East  
Mt. Vernon, IN

## Burial

OCT 11 (CT)

Zion Lippe U.C.C. Cemetery  
9000 Copperline Road East  
Mt. Vernon, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl A. Schmitz*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Carl's family. His physical presence will be sorely missed. His unending giving to our community will be remembered for such a long time. He is with our Savior now encouraging all of us to help each other!*  
*Bob & Sally Bullard*

**Robert Bullard** - October 10, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ *My sympathy to Carl's family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto Carl, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Carl's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**Cathy (Weiss) Funkhouser** - October 09, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *I was so sorry to read that Carl had been suffering from cancer and to read of his death. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family. My heart hurts for all of you but rejoices for Carl that he's made it!!! He's in Heaven!!!! I'm sorry I will be out of town and won't be able to attend visitation, but I will be thinking of all of you. God bless you.*

**Katie Wolf** - October 08, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carl A. Schmitz.*



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October 08, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *My sincere condolences and sympathy to Carl's family. I did not realize all the amazing things he has done in his life for so many people. He was hard working and truly a good person who cared about people. I'm sure he is enjoying his reward in heaven. Carl was a 1969 North Posey HS classmate.*

*Pauline (Luigs) Elpers*

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**Pauline (Luigs) Elpers** - October 08, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Kiesel Enterprises, INC lit a candle in memory of Carl A. Schmitz*



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**Kiesel Enterprises, INC** - October 08, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Prayers to the Schmitz family. Carl was a fine man.*

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**Janice McGennis-Carr** - October 07, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl A. Schmitz.*



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October 07, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Condolences to the family, he will be greatly missed for all the services he provided for many people and organizations. Lisa Renschler (daughter of George and Elvira Droege Renschler).*

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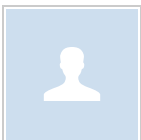
**Lisa Renschler** - October 07, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Tim and I were honored to photograph Carl and his family this past July. His sweet spirit was very present that day. We enjoyed the conversation about his farm, how long he has been a member at Zion-Lippe and the kitchen in his home, where we were told he love cooking. Peace to the family -- He was welcomed by his heavenly Father with wide arms. Well done my good and faithful servant - Matthew 25:21. Lvonne Bennett/Bennett Photography*

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**Lvonne Bennett** - October 07, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Carl A. Schmitz.*



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October 07, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *May you find peace and comfort in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*



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**Tom Latham** - October 07, 2021 at 12:21 PM