



## Robert Alan Schmitt

June 3, 1949 - December 24, 2022

Robert Alan “Bob” Schmitt, 73, of Wadesville, IN passed away at his home on Saturday, December 24, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He refused to let cancer slow him down for over 11 years while remaining active until his work on this earth was done and it was time for him to rest peacefully.

Bob was born on June 3, 1949 in Wadesville to the late Clarence and Mildred Mary (Martin) Schmitt. He was a lifelong dairy farmer, a member of St. Wendel Catholic Church, and a proud veteran of the United States Army.

Bob was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he earned multiple medals and accreditations including the Purple Heart. Bob remained in contact with members of his platoon by attending annual reunions throughout the United States to honor those who’ve served and continue to serve. He returned home after the war to join his father on the dairy farm where he began building a lifelong legacy for his family. Bob met his wife Suzy in 1973, married her a year later, and the first of four children came the following year. As a dairy farmer he never had a day off, however, he did find time to celebrate life with friends and family throughout the years. He enjoyed his weekly “date night” with his wife, as well as boating, camping, horseback riding, and family gatherings. Bob had a strong religious upbringing, work ethic, and genuine love for life that he passed on to his family.

Surviving Bob are his wife of 48 years, Suzy (Axton) Schmitt; two daughters, Allison Renae Gauer and Laura Leigh (Ben) Phelps; two sons, Erick Scott (Ame) Schmitt and Jared Craig (Christy) Schmitt; a sister, Jennifer Egli, and brothers, Larry (Melody) Schmitt, Glenn (Brenda) Schmitt and Bruce Schmitt; grandchildren, Haley Holman, Tyler Holman, Jace Gauer, Aubrey Schmitt, Aliyah (Cameron) Strange, Kaylie Schmitt, Ellie Schmitt, Dominic Metcalf, Payton Metcalf, and Brooklyn Phelps.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his nephew Gregory Schmitt and niece Amy Schmitt.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street. A prayer service will be held at 4:00 PM followed by praying of the rosary. There will be a funeral Mass held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Friends may also visit the family prior to the Mass beginning at 9:30 AM until service time. Burial will take place in the St. Wendel Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites. For those unable to attend, the funeral will be live-streamed on the Saint Wendel Catholic Church Facebook page or viewed later on the Saint Wendel Facebook page.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to doctors and nurses on the Deaconess Gateway Adult Oncology wing and Heart to Heart Hospice caregivers for such thorough and compassionate care during this difficult time.

Memorial contributions may be made online to Disabled American Vets at [secure.dav.org](https://secure.dav.org).

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



# Cemetery Details

## St. Wendel Church Cemetery

10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JAN 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church  
10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Wendel Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Alan Schmitt*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - January 03, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Robert Alan Schmitt*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - January 06, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



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January 06, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I last visited him about 40 years ago. We went thru Basic Training at Ft. Knox Ky, Advanced Training at Ft. Polk La and then went to Nam in Oct. 69 to the Big Red 1 together where we were split up finally but saw each other from time to time in the rear area until our units were pulled and we were shipped elsewhere. God Bless and R.I.P. old friend. Was a super good guy!!!*

John L Westerfield - January 05, 2023 at 12:59 PM



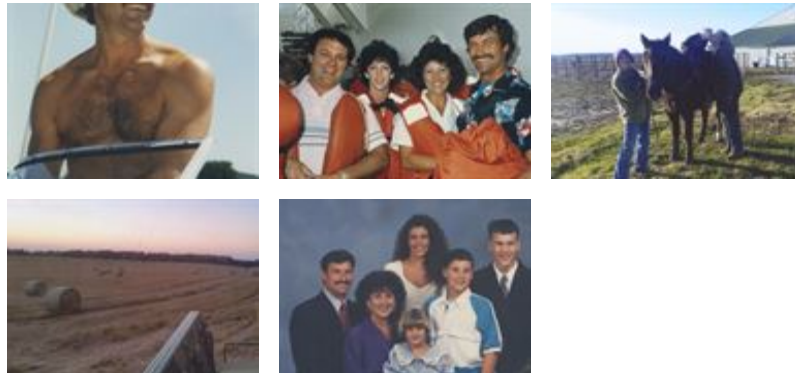
“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



January 04, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - January 03, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - January 03, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Mike, Terri, and family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



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**Mike, Terri, and family.** - January 03, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Always Alpha First Platoon purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



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**Always Alpha First Platoon** - January 02, 2023 at 04:53 PM

DM

“ Our prayers and thoughts for his family and close friends since he will truly be missed. He was a very easy going and humble person that warmed up the room wherever he was. David & Yolanda McClure

David A McClure - January 01, 2023 at 09:19 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers

stephan searcy - December 30, 2022 at 10:51 PM

PH

“ Peach & Gloria Hembree purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.



Peach & Gloria Hembree - December 30, 2022 at 11:20 AM

GE

“ Dear Suzy and Family~Jennifer~Larry~Glenn~Bruce, We are all better persons today for having lived, loved, and laughed with Bob during his life. My hope for all that remember Bob as Family and Friend will keep the energy of his life and his compassionate and considerate personality alive in ourselves~God Bless

Gary Egli - December 30, 2022 at 06:06 AM

LU

“ *Lanny Unruh purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



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**Lanny Unruh** - December 29, 2022 at 08:47 AM

SA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers, & thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Love, Jerry, Suzanne(Wagner), Jarett, & Nicholas Arnett*



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**Suzanne Arnett** - December 28, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



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December 28, 2022 at 02:17 PM

GS

“ *Larry and Melody. So sorry for your loss. God be with the whole Schmitt family*

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**Gil and Barb Stock** - December 28, 2022 at 01:20 PM

BF

“ *Suzy, please accept our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Hoosier will be dearly missed. RIP my brother. John and Betty Froidl*

**Betty Froidl** - December 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM

JF

“ *John and Betty Froidl purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of Robert Alan Schmitt.*



**John and Betty Froidl** - December 28, 2022 at 12:24 PM

CS

“ *Our sincere sympathy to your family. May God's caring love bring you comfort. Patrick & Carolyn Scheller*



**carolyn scheller** - December 28, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JW

*Words cannot describe how much Bob meant to me ! Jean and I want to express our deepest condolences to Suzy and the family!*

**Joe Washart** - December 29, 2022 at 11:40 AM

RC

*Bob and Sue, one amazing couple. Got to know them through the Vietnam Nam Vets. reunion. In September, Bob and I talked at length. He was so proud of his family farm and how the kids had had really stepped up to help. He was so proud of his family. I will miss his big smile and such a joy to be around. Please except my sincere condolences, I am sure he and I will meet again. Prayers of love and sympathy to you all... Ron Cardwell...*

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**Ron Cardwell** - December 30, 2022 at 01:18 PM

CB

*I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Prayers and my deepest sympathy to the family. Cheryl Benkert*

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**Cheryl Benkert** - January 10, 2023 at 07:56 PM