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Delores Schmidt, 82

Delores Schmidt, 82, of Deep River, passed away Friday, July 4, 2014, at the English Valley Care Center in North English. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was at the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River following



the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Delores Mae Tuttle, daughter of Bernard and Edna (Hiner) Tuttle, was born on September 13, 1931, the youngest of nine children. She grew up on the family farm north of Victor, and attended Victor High School where she graduated with the class of '49. On September 15, 1951, Delores was united in marriage to Samuel Schmidt in Lancaster, Mo. They began their life together in Grinnell and Victor before moving to Deep River. In 1955, they purchased a rural farm south of Deep River where they lived for 45 years. Delores and Sam owned and operated Schmidt Trucking for 35 years, as well as Sam's Place in What Cheer from 1961-1974. The couple was known for trying a lot of different ventures, all of which seemed to be successful. Together, they had a lunch wagon that provided food to hungry auction crowds. For many years the couple set up at the What Cheer Flea Market. You could always find Delores' delicious pies and baked goods ready for sale at their stand. She also sold her pies and baked goods at the local farmer's market for many years. Many local and passersby could not resist stopping in to purchase Muscatine melons from their roadside stand. No matter how busy she was with her ventures, she always found time to be a loving mother to her children, William, Robert, and Brenda.

After retirement, Delores and Sam traveled south to Texas for several winters, and also enjoyed attending the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. She loved playing bingo, cards, attending 50+ Club, and watching music shows at the What Cheer Opera House. She enjoyed going out for a nice meal, and had a love for dancing that she shared with her close friend, Norm. They attended dances together for as long as she was able and enjoyed every minute of it. Delores was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend whose smile and caring spirit will not be forgotten.

Delores is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Samuel (2000); her siblings, Howard Tuttle, Earl Tuttle, Vera Tuttle, Bud Tuttle, Pat Tuttle, and Fern McKusker.

Left to honor her memory are her children, William (Traci Murray) Schmidt of Deep River, Robert (Debra) Schmidt of Deep River, and Brenda (John) VanDee of Deep River; special friend, Norm Axmear of North English; her grandchildren, Jodi (Roger) Cheney, Travis (Sara Fowler) Schmidt, Brianne (Anthony) Forbes, Chad (Jessica McNaul) Schmidt, Brandon (Traci) Schmidt, Shane (Brandy) VanDee, Sidney (Abby) VanDee, and Stacey (Ben Coover) VanDee; her brother, Russell (Mary) Tuttle of Malcom; and sister, Edna Marie Shepherd of Williamsburg; as well as sixteen great grandchildren, three step grandchildren, three step great grandchildren, and many, many friends.

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