

## Gerald R. Schmidt



Gerald R. Schmidt, 77, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral mass for Gerald Schmidt was held at 10:30 a.m. today (Monday) at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with burial at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Born April 27, 1928, in St. Paul, Minn., he was the son of Amelia Schmidt Johnson. He was raised near Lakeville, Minn., and educated in rural schools.

He entered the U.S. Navy at 17 and was honorably discharged in August of 1946 in Minneapolis. He continued

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to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserves until 1954.

On June 25, 1955, he married Patsy Dempsey at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca, Minn. The couple had four children. They lived in Waseca, where he worked as a plumber, then joined AT&T, working as a cable splicer.

The couple moved to Grinnell in 1961. He continued to work for AT&T on the Mitchellville-Coralville communication line.

His family described him as someone who would do anything for anyone. He was an avid pheasant hunter and a handyman. The Schmidts enjoyed playing cards as a couple and being with their family. Gerald was an fan of the Vikings, the Cubs and the Twins.

He is survived by his wife; his son, Scott, of Grinnell; his daughters, Lori and Stacie, both of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Wendy.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at the Smith Funeral Home website, [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to Grinnell Regional Medical Center's "Blueprint for Health" campaign.