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Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with William D. Olson, deacon, officiating.

Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Arnold Baetsle, Keith Bailey, Willard Emmert, Henry Harris, Thomas Harris, Jim Peflerman, Roger Peters and Roger Stewart. Honorary bearers were Marvin Billman, Dennis Harris, Walter Olrogge, Kenneth Paul, Ralph Reams, Steve Rutherford, Lyle R. Wiley and Leon Wilson.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials in Mr. Schmidt's name may be left at the funeral home.

The son of George Adam and Frances Mahaffey Schmidt, he was born Feb. 28, 1937, in Grinnell. He was a 1955 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was married to Barbara Ann Simpson, March 14, 1959, in Grinnell. Mr. Schmidt was a farmer and also worked for DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics and was a bus driver for the Grinnell-Newburg schools.

He was a member of the Grinnell Elks and Eagles lodges and several bowling leagues.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; one daughter, Annette Vaverka of Oakland Acres; two sons, Scott of Davenport and David of Grinnell; two grandchildren; his mother, Frances Reeves of Grinnell; and three brothers, John, James and Jack, all of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his father.

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