

# Sam Schmidt

Sam Schmidt, 83, of rural Deep River, Iowa, died Thursday, December 7, 2000 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 9, 2000 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiating was Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma.

Sammie Lee Schmidt sang "In The Garden."

Casket bearers were Richard Schmidt, Fred Schmidt, Larry Tuttle, Steve Schmidt, Rusty Tuttle and Jerry McKusken. Honorary casket bearers Dick McWilliams, Kenneth Thorpe, Bob McLain, Maynard Zimmerman, Gerald Byerly and Mel Urdil.

Military graveside rites were performed by members of the Morrison - Schrader Legion Post No. 296, Deep River.

Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River, Iowa.

He was born October 12, 1917 on a farm near Lynnville, the son of Samuel and Lydia (Thompson) Schmidt. He attended rural schools near Lynnville. He served his country during World War II from 1942 to 1945. He served in Iran,

India, Burma and China. After his discharge he operated a taxi service in Grinnell.

On September 15, 1951 he married Delores Tuttle, daughter of the late Bernard and Edna (Hiner) Tuttle of Victor. In 1955 they moved to rural Deep River, where he owned and operated his own trucking business until his retirement. He belonged to the American Legion, Morrison-Schrader Post No. 296, of Deep River.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, two sisters, and two half sisters.

Sam is survived by his wife, Delores; three children and their spouses, William and Diana Schmidt, Robert and Debra Schmidt, and Brenda and John Van Dee, all of Deep River; eight grandchildren: Chad and Brandon Schmidt, Shane and Heather Van Dee, Sid and Stacey Van Dee, Brianne Schmidt and Drew and Kinsey Buckley, all of Deep River, and Jodi Schmidt and Travis Schmidt, both of Montezuma. He is also survived by a daughter, Sharon Hudson of Newton, Iowa; and other relatives and many friends.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department.

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