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BILL SCHMITZ

William J. "Bill" Schmitz worked for seven railroads during his long career as a railroader. He began working in Mobridge when he was 18 and was working at Moreau Junction when he was called into service during World War I.

Wounded in service, he returned to work on the railroads in Mobridge and other points in the Dakotas, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. When he retired he was an engineer for the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company.

Mobridge was home to him and upon his retirement he returned to Mobridge to make his home. He died Friday, Jan. 24, 1986 at the Mobridge Care Center at the age of 93.

Schmitz was born Oct. 20, 1892, in Brooklyn, Iowa. He left home in 1908 and established residence in Mobridge in 1911.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army on May 25, 1918, in Selby and was discharged from service on March 21, 1919. In 1927 he married Norma Olson Day in Crown Point, Ind. His wife died Dec. 26, 1976.