



Ernest W. Schmidt

October 10, 1921 - August 25, 2013

Ernest W. Schmidt passed away at his daughters home on August 25, 2013, 7:10 am at the age of 91.

Ernie was born in rural Havana, Illinois on October 10, 1921 to Louie and Addie (Opp) Schmidt. He graduated from Havana High School in 1940 and was a member of the Salt Creek Township Board for 40 years. He served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1946(WWII) and from 1950-1951 (Korean War.) Ernest worked at Caterpillar as a machine operator and was a farmer in Mason County for over 40 years. He was involved in soil conservation and worked volunteer 21 years for SOAR (Save Our Area Resources) Recycling. He enjoyed wood working and had made many grandfather clocks.

He married Mary Helen Rutledge on October 29, 1943, she preceded him in death, then he later married Polly Kirkland August 4, 1979, she too preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by; his parents; 3 sisters Gladys, Ruby, and Vera; one brother Donald; 5 brother-in-laws; 2 sister-in-laws.

Ernie is survived by: daughters Linda (Bob) Schilling and Peggy (Brent) Carter; 2 sister-in-laws Geraldine Schmidt and Jane Rutledge; one brother-in-law Melvin Lascelles; 3 stepchildren Tom, Dan, Karen; grandchildren Jennifer (Darin) Stoll, Melissa (Nate) Provost, LeeAnn (Jared) Brown, Kevin (Bobbie) Schilling, Michael and Lindsey Carter; 6 great-grandchildren and one on the

way (Hannah, Emily and Luke Stoll, Carson and Noah Provost, and Trevor Schilling); and many nieces and nephews.

He is deeply loved and will be missed by his large family.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday August 29, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Burial will follow at Mason City Cemetery. Rev. James Sprinkel will officiate. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2013, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Memorial Contributions may be made to SOAR Recycling. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest W. Schmidt*

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