



Mr. Robert J. Schmidt

April 10, 1924 - September 2, 2018

Robert “Bob” J. Schmidt, 94, a long-time resident of Tallahassee, peacefully passed into God’s loving arms on Sunday, September 2, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was known by many names, such as Bob, Husband, Son, Brother, Dad, Grandad, Great Granddad, Sweet Ole Bob (SOB) and Boots to name a few.

He was son of the late Dennis and Emily Shinton Schmidt, and was born in Midland, Pennsylvania on April 10, 1924. He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Therese-Ann Sprenger Schmidt; son Paul David Schmidt; daughter, Suzanne Margaret Schmidt Peters; brother, Dennis Schmidt; and sister, Dorothy Schmidt Allison.

He served as a district manager for an insurance company and then went to work the State of Florida Department of Revenue as an Analyst.

Bob was a devout Christian, a member of St. Louis Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

He faithfully served his country in the United States Army during World War II, where he helped preserve our nation’s freedom, and the freedoms of many nations around the world by setting explosives on Normandy’s shores prior to the D-Day invasion. In December 2016 the French Government awarded him with their country’s highest honor, the Legion of Honor presented to him by the

French Consulate at ceremony in St. Augustine Florida.

Bob was passionate about Boy Scouting and devoted sixty-four years to the organization. Fifteen of those years he served as Scout Master for Troop #118 mentoring over 500 boy scouts during his tenure. Thirty-four boys under his guidance attained the rank of Eagle Scout, two of which were his sons and one grandson. Additionally, by his example and leadership, multitudes of scouts have become leaders in scouting and the community as well. Boy Scouts of America honored him with their highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award.

He loved to occupy his time doing woodworking, making jewelry, and donating time and effort to an array of charitable organizations.

Bob loved the Florida State Seminoles. He was a fixture at football, baseball, basketball, and various other FSU sporting events including women's volleyball and softball, anything as long as it was Florida State Seminoles.

Survivors include his children, Dennis J. Schmidt (Cheryl), Penny Scruggs (Jerry), Larry Schmidt (Brenda), Chris Kimmons (Bill), Doug T. Schmidt (Loretta), Martha Crow (Mike), Chuck Schmidt (Robin), Mary K. Parker (Dennis), Ann Marie Ivester (Terry), Pat Schmidt (Sandy), Mike Schmidt (Flo), Dorothy Gochanauer (Sam), Jimmy Schmidt (Connie) in addition to thirty-five grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

His legacy continues through his children, grandchildren, and his FSU & Scouting families.

There will be a Rosary at 5:30 PM, Friday, September 7, at Abbey Funeral Home, with visitation to follow until 7:30 PM. A Christian Burial Mass will be at 10:00 AM, Saturday, September 8 at Saint Louis Catholic Church, interment

will follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either Saint Louis Catholic Church or Boy Scouts of America. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
abbeyfh@comcast.net

Service

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Louis Catholic Church
3640 Fred George Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

EM

“ We send out thoughts and prayers to your family. It was most enjoyable setting over from your father. Always first with his ducks on the pond call. He will be missed. Cherish all of your memories.
Ed & Judy

Ed Mandell - September 16, 2018 at 03:11 PM

BK

“ It was a privilege to sit next to Bob at FSU baseball games over the years. He knew the game and could really get the crowd going with his duck call for bases loaded! He helped me keep score when I would get side-tracked by talking too much to all our friends in the stands. Condolences to all the family of whom Bob was very proud!

Betsy Kellenberger - September 14, 2018 at 05:20 PM

LS

“ You are blessed to have such memories of the wonderful guy your Dad was. He lighted up my life with stories and funny stuff when we worked at Revenue. In fact, Bob probably holds the record for the most funny things ever said by a tax man in a 5 hour stretch. Bob will always have a spcial place in the hearts of us who shared his light.

We send our prayers and condolences for your loss and know you will find comfort in the sure knowledge of the good man Bob was and the respect and esteem everyone felt for him. God bless you.

Larry Surles - September 10, 2018 at 07:51 AM

TR

“ Bob. Over the years and through the Boy Scouts our family loved interacting with yours. Kip and Jimmy were friends. Terri & Suzanne were friends. We admired you and your family. Richard and Thelma Rountree

Thelma T. Rountree - September 09, 2018 at 09:09 PM

KA

“ Sweet Ol' Bob was one of the first people I met when I started attending daily Mass and sometimes having coffee and a bite with the breakfast club. I am sure he has heard those marvelous words "welcome good and faithful servant." There are many prayers for Bob and the whole family.
Kathy Radford

kathy - September 09, 2018 at 05:19 PM

AM

“ I truly am honored to say I was blessed to meet Mr. Schmidt I still continue to enjoy hearing about his life's accomplishments. He has truly left one of the greatest examples to live by. May Jesus hold him close till we meet again. Art Musgrove

Art Musgrove - September 07, 2018 at 09:30 AM

SU

“ My heart and prayers go out to your family and friends. What a kind-hearted man with a wonderful sense of humor you were. You led by example and what a leader you were. Rest in peace Bob, you will be missed by many.
Penny and Jerry and family of Bob, I am sorry for your loss of this wonderful human being. May you find peace and comfort in your cherished memories. Susan Thomas

Susan - September 06, 2018 at 07:54 PM

EL

“ Sweet Ole Bob, you will be sorely missed! I am honored to have been able to sit next to you for a season of FSU baseball. It won't be the same without seeing you sitting on your scooter at the top. I have so many good memories of hanging out with you at the top. To Bob's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Just remember, to be absent from the body is to be present with God. God bless you all!
Elisa Loving

Elisa Loving - September 06, 2018 at 05:57 AM

LE

“ Love, Nunzio & Scott & Next Page Events purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Mr. Robert J. Schmidt.



Love, Nunzio & Scott & Next Page Events - September 05, 2018 at 03:54 PM

RM

“ Fond memories of Uncle Bob and Aunt Therese Ann up at Union Lake and other places. Long ago but not forgotten.

Rick Moeller
(Nephew)



Rick Moeller - September 05, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert J. Schmidt.*



September 05, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert J. Schmidt.*



September 04, 2018 at 05:21 PM