



Russell Schmalz

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Russell Schmalz went to his heavenly home, Monday, February 3, 2020, peacefully at home with his loving family. He was born on June 23, 1928 in the family home where he was raised, the middle child of 3 sons. He learned early on the value of a great work ethic and honesty. He went into the farming business with his dad and brother Charles, and later with his son Scott.

In 1953 he married Beverly Harvitt and they raised a daughter Peggy New, and son Scott Schmalz, who blessed them with 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was an active citizen-serving in the United States Army, assuming many roles at the Vermilion Evangelical and Reformed Church, where he was a life member. He served as a soil conservation supervisor, was a long-time member of Lorain County Farm Bureau council and served on Farm Bureau county board. He served 12 years as Brownhelm Twp. Trustee, helping to start Northern Ohio Rural Water in his area and then serving on its board. And for many years he delighted many children as Santa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie and Charles H. Schmalz; and brothers, Charles G and Harold Schmalz.

Russell is survived by his wife of 66 years, Beverly; daughter, Peggy New; son, Scott Schmalz; 8 grandchildren, Christopher (Sara) New, Brandon (Frankie) New, Lauren (Steve) New, Joshua Schmalz, Brooke (Steve) Zupic, Jeni (Andy) Schmalz, Hannah Schmalz, and Caleb Schmalz; and 3 great-grandchildren, Tiegan and Declan New, and Alexa New.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Vermilion Evangelical and Reformed Church, 752 Grand Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. Private family interment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions be made in memory of Russell to the Vermilion Evangelical and Reformed Church.



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The Schmalz family is very grateful to Stein Hospice for their excellent and kind care.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



Events


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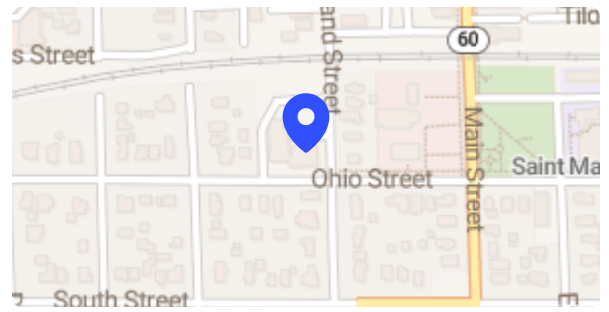
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 8, 2020

 10:00 AM ET

 **Vermilion Evangelical and Reformed Church**
752 Grand Street, Vermilion OH





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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Schmalz family.



February 7 at 12:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Schmalz family.



February 6 at 5:25 PM



Keith Kuhn posted:

Russell schmalz used to farm our field. It seems like yesterday to me. He was a sbig strong strapping farmer.Driving with huge tractors that plowed and planted the fields.I also remember as he used to sit in our field and wait to shoot the groundhogs so they would not destroy the crops.Russell was a big man in many ways.NeighborKeith Kuhn

February 6 at 2:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Schmalz family.



February 6 at 9:30 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Schmalz family.



February 6 at 9:01 AM



Joni Zaleha posted:

So many wonderful memories from my childhood. He was a wonderful man who always took the time to teach, make you laugh and knew what hard work was. Deepest sympathy to the entire family.

February 5 at 4:54 PM



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February 5 at 1:47 PM



Karen Edwards posted:

Sorry to hear of the loss of Russell. Our sincere condolences during this difficult time. Marjorie (Pippert) Edwards, Karen, Janet, & Herb Jr.

February 5 at 11:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Russell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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