

Wilma Mae (Jenkins) Schmitz was born on June 14th, 1937 in Org, MN to Garold and Marjorie (Killen) Jenkins. As a young girl, Wilma had a special affinity for horses, especially her black and white pony, Midnight. She attended school in Worthington, before eventually meeting and marrying Leo John Schmitz on April 10th, 1954. The couple were blessed with six sons: Kenny, James, Ronald, Robert, Leo, and Art, and resided in Org, MN before moving to multiple states over the course of several years, following Leo's work in construction. The family eventually put down roots in Boyd in 1969, settling into family life.

Wilma could play a mean game of "crazy 8's," "up and down the river," and Scrabble. She amassed such a large collection of aluminum cans that a semi-truck had to come and pick them up, "replenishing the world's supply of cans after a shortage," as her sons would tell you. Wilma loved to shop, but was prudent and frugal in her methods, relying on coupons and her trusty motto, "if it's free, it's for me!" She bought in bulk and stocked up to be able to provide for anyone that may happen to need something in a pinch. By far her favorite activity was to peruse every aisle in the dollar store, pick up an item, especially if it was her favorite color—purple, remark, "that's a good buy," then promptly set it back. She loved watching wrestling, taking trips to the casino, and could always be found with three adoring teacup poodles on her lap.

On Thursday, June 30th, 2022, at the age of 85, Wilma passed away at the Clara City Care Center surrounded by her boys and her family. She is preceded in death by her parents, Garold and Marjorie; husband, Leo; granddaughter, Jody Korstad; parents-in-law, John and Della Schmitz, and several brothers and sisters-in-law.

Wilma is survived by her sons: Kenny (Dorene), Jim (Linda), Ron (Tammy), Bob (Mona), Leo (Jessica), and Art (Natalie) Schmitz; 23 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren, and brother, Harold "Tub" (Karen) Jenkins.

In Loving Memory



Wilma Mae Schmitz

1937 ~ 2022

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

In Memory of

Wilma Mae Schmitz

June 14, 1937



June 30, 2022

Funeral Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
Boyd, Minnesota
Wednesday, July 6th, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Bob Knutson

Casketbearers—Wilma's sons

Kenny Schmitz	Bob Schmitz
Jim Schmitz	Leo Schmitz
Ron Schmitz	Art Schmitz

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Wilma's grandchildren

Interment

Adrian Cemetery
Adrian, Nobles County, MN

We wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support as we navigate through our loss. Please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude in lieu of a thank you card.

~The Family of Wilma Schmitz~