



## Duane "Mike" M. Schmidt

January 30, 1949 - August 5, 2023

Duane "Mike" Schmidt, 74, passed away on August 5, 2023 at Kearney Regional Medical Center. Mike's final wish was fulfilled by donating his body to science to continue and aide in research for Multiple Sclerosis. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Mike's children, grandchildren and great-grandchild were his greatest joy. "Gramps" sense of humor was known and loved by all. He loved talking with people and helping others. His dog Chevy was his best pal, sticking by each other's side for the last 14 years.

Survivors include his daughter, Lani (Henry) Heeg of Kimball and their three children Henry J. Heeg of Colorado Springs, CO and Justine and Kaitlin Heeg of Kimball. Daughter Koley Ellingson and her significant other, Eric Keen, along with Koley's sons Austyn (Allie) Ellingson and their son Styles, Tanner (Whitley) Ellingson and Jacob Ellingson all of Kearney, NE. Sister, Dianne Moffett of Mangum, OK.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Varneal Schmidt, brothers, Gerald "Jerry" Schmidt, Richard "Dick" Schmidt and infant granddaughters Hope Ellingson and Alexandria Heeg.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lani and Koley, I'm so sorry about the loss of your father. My mom never forgot that Mike was the first upon the scene of a vehicle accident she experienced decades ago, and she truly appreciated his kindness and compassion that day and beyond. Blessings to you now and always.*

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**Bill O'Neill** - August 09, 2023 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Lani, Koley, Diane and families, we are so sorry about you losing Mike. When he spoke of you, it was so apparent that his love for all of you went so deep. And the way he was cared for by you was so heartfelt and truly what every parent wants. May you feel God's presence now and always. We love you, Uncle Jeff and Auntie Sue*

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**Jeff Beattie** - August 08, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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*Mike was one of the good guys. From w/in that somewhat rough exterior would come a kind word and a helping hand. He is missed. Peace to Mike's family. So glad he had his Chevy these past many years.*

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**Linda Everett** - August 09, 2023 at 10:35 AM