



## Edwin Henry Schmidt

June 23, 1936 - April 29, 2024

Edwin Henry Schmidt

Age 87 of Minnetonka, MN, passed away April 29, 2024 into the arms of Jesus. Survived by loving son Tom (Michele), daughter Kathy (Mark Rasmussen), son Gary (Heidi), grandchildren Haley, Jesse, Evan, Alec, Ella and Max, sister Jeanette Lund, nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years Shirley, parents August and Bertha Schmidt, brothers Frederick and Ralph, sister Marion.

Edwin "Ed" is remembered for his genuine kindness and deep love for God and others. Ed was born on June 23, 1936 in Fergus Falls, MN. In his early years, he lived East of Bemidji, Minnesota. He graduated from Bemidji High School where he played football and enjoyed his classes (especially Math & Science). He attended Bemidji State University for 2 years and transferred to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities for 3 years. He was the first member of his family to attend college. He graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. It was at the University of Minnesota where he met his wife Shirley at a campus church. In November 1959, Ed married Shirley and settled in Minnetonka where they raised 3 children. They lived in the same home for 58 years. Ed and Shirley moved to Amira Choice Minnetonka in August 2018 where they enjoyed the final years of their lives.

Ed worked for Honeywell beginning in 1959 where he was an Electrical

Engineer in the Defense Division. While working full time, he earned his Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Minnesota. Honeywell eventually spun off their Defense Division which then became Alliant Techsystems. During his career, he worked hard and received many patents and advanced in management positions up to the level of Defense Group Vice President. He retired in 1995 at the age of 59.

Ed enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, golfing, watching sports and attending worship concerts. He had a deep love for God and His Word throughout his life. He frequently engaged in Bible studies and anchored his eternal hope and salvation on God's promises throughout Scripture.

A celebration of life service will be held at Cross View Lutheran Church, 6645 McCauley Trail W., Edina on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00am with a luncheon to follow. Public visitation will be held at Cross View at 10:00am prior to the service. Burial to follow the luncheon at Eden Prairie Cemetery, 8810 Eden Prairie Road. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cross View Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross View Lutheran Church  
6645 McCauley Trail W  
Edina, MN 55439

## Church Service

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cross View Lutheran Church  
6645 McCauley Trail W  
Edina, MN 55439

## Graveside Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Cemetery  
8810 Eden Prairie Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

# Tribute Wall



“ John & Stephanie Lloyd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin Henry Schmidt.

John & Stephanie Lloyd - May 21, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwin Henry Schmidt.



May 21, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edwin Henry Schmidt.



May 17, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ May God hold you in the palm of His hand planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin Henry Schmidt.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand - May 15, 2024 at 09:23 PM

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“ *May God hold you in the palm of His hand purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edwin Henry Schmidt.*



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**May God hold you in the palm of His hand** - May 15, 2024 at 09:23 PM

RJ

“ *I have had the opportunity to work with and know some very impressive people over the course of my career. Only some of those people though, made a true impact on my life. Ed was one of those people. He gave me guidance and encouragement and the occasional, well deserved, kick in the backside. He made me understand the value of preparation and diligence. You never made a presentation to Ed without being well prepared, at least not more than once. He made me a better professional. But what I want to thank him for the most is he shared with me the value of perspective and balance between business and personal life. Tom and I played on the same Honeywell softball team and there were many times when Ed would come to the games. Here's an executive who's responsible for hundreds of millions of dollars of high pressure business and he makes the time to watch his son and a bunch of guys play a softball game. Ed was a rare breed. I would just like to thank him for the impact he made on my life. Rest in peace.*

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**Roman Jamrogiewicz** - May 06, 2024 at 12:06 PM

KJ

“ I was BLESSED to have Ed as my Co-Worker at Honeywell/Alliant and as a Friend. I admired and appreciated his work ethic, his intelligence, devotion to Family, and strong belief in God’s promise. In early Honeywell years, we shared “geek Experiences” in Magnetics as we both pursued advance degrees from the U of Minnesota. As we progressed in Management positions, We shared successes and concern for employees as we were forced to “right size” in a declining market....and helped Alliant Techsystems to be a very successful spin-off from Honeywell. We enjoyed sharing lessons learned from our Youth in “a small town” and “an even smaller town” with emphasis on responsible and dedicated work. A bonus was sharing time with our Families in our few off-hours from work and in Retirement. It was a privilege to have Ed Schmidt in my Life. Ken.....and Marlys Jenson.

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**Ken Jenson** - May 05, 2024 at 10:41 AM