



John (Jack) Robert Schmitz

December 4, 1935 - December 19, 2024

John R. (Jack) Schmitz of Lakeville, MN, passed away on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at the age of 89. He is survived by Jan, his wife of 65 years; 6 children: Jean (Bob) Steffen, Jim (Karen), Joe (Bonnie), Jeff(Pam), John (Alison), and Greg (Katie) Schmitz; 12 grandchildren: Bobby (Brittany) Steffen, Emily (Mike) Labukas, Maddie (Frank) Freehill, Ben (Samantha), Matt(Paige), Lauren, Jessica, Lucy, Anna, Jack, Luke, Maggie Schmitz, four great-grandchildren and siblings: Rob (Judy), Tom (Shirley), Ric (Jane) and Marlys Wishy. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marcene Schmitz.

With his intelligence, humanity, and giving spirit, Jack was a natural leader, and a person people relied upon for support, friendship, and guidance.

After graduating from Central High School in 1953, Jack volunteered for the United States Army and was stationed in Japan serving as a foreign-language specialist. Upon his return to America, Jack used the GI Bill to earn a degree in business administration.

Jack met his future wife through mutual friends. Together, they built a loving, happy and busy home in Bloomington, MN. Jack was a true family man. He supported his kid's various academic, sport and artistic endeavors and served in several volunteer coaching and manager roles through the years. He

provided his family with great vacation and adventure experiences. Most importantly, he led by example, consistently demonstrating integrity, humility, and hard work. Jack loved his grandchildren and was active in their lives. He taught them cribbage and other card games. He was fun-loving and adored by them.

Jack had a successful career as an automotive rental executive, helping to build the Minnesota location of a national rental car agency and as a business consultant. Jack and Jan traveled extensively in retirement, visiting 35 countries across six continents and each of the 50 United States. Jack enjoyed playing some of the world's great golf courses and was a mainstay at the senior center bridge table.

Memorials may be made to Nativity of Mary or VEAP food shelf.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
9900 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Adam, Parmesh and Sundaram planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.

Adam, Parmesh and Sundaram - January 04, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ Adam, Parmesh and Sundaram purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.



Adam, Parmesh and Sundaram - January 04, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.

January 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.



January 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.

January 01, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.



January 01, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ Dawn Foods Commercial Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.

Dawn Foods Commercial Leadership Team - December 31, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ Dawn Foods Commercial Leadership Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.



Dawn Foods Commercial Leadership Team - December 31, 2024 at 12:25 PM

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“ You’re North America Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.

You’re North America Leadership Team - December 31, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ You’re North America Leadership Team purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of John (Jack) Robert Schmitz.



You’re North America Leadership Team - December 31, 2024 at 10:57 AM