

**Gordon Fredrick Schmitz** was born at the family home in Mantador, ND, on December 14, 1933, to Fred and Gladys (Woiwode) Schmitz. Gordon graduated from Hankinson High School. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force and served his country for four years. When he came home, he attended college in Minneapolis for two years, learning the trade of Electronic Technician. After his graduation, he went to work for AT&T in October of 1960, he remained employed there until his retirement in 1991, having served 31 years for the same company.

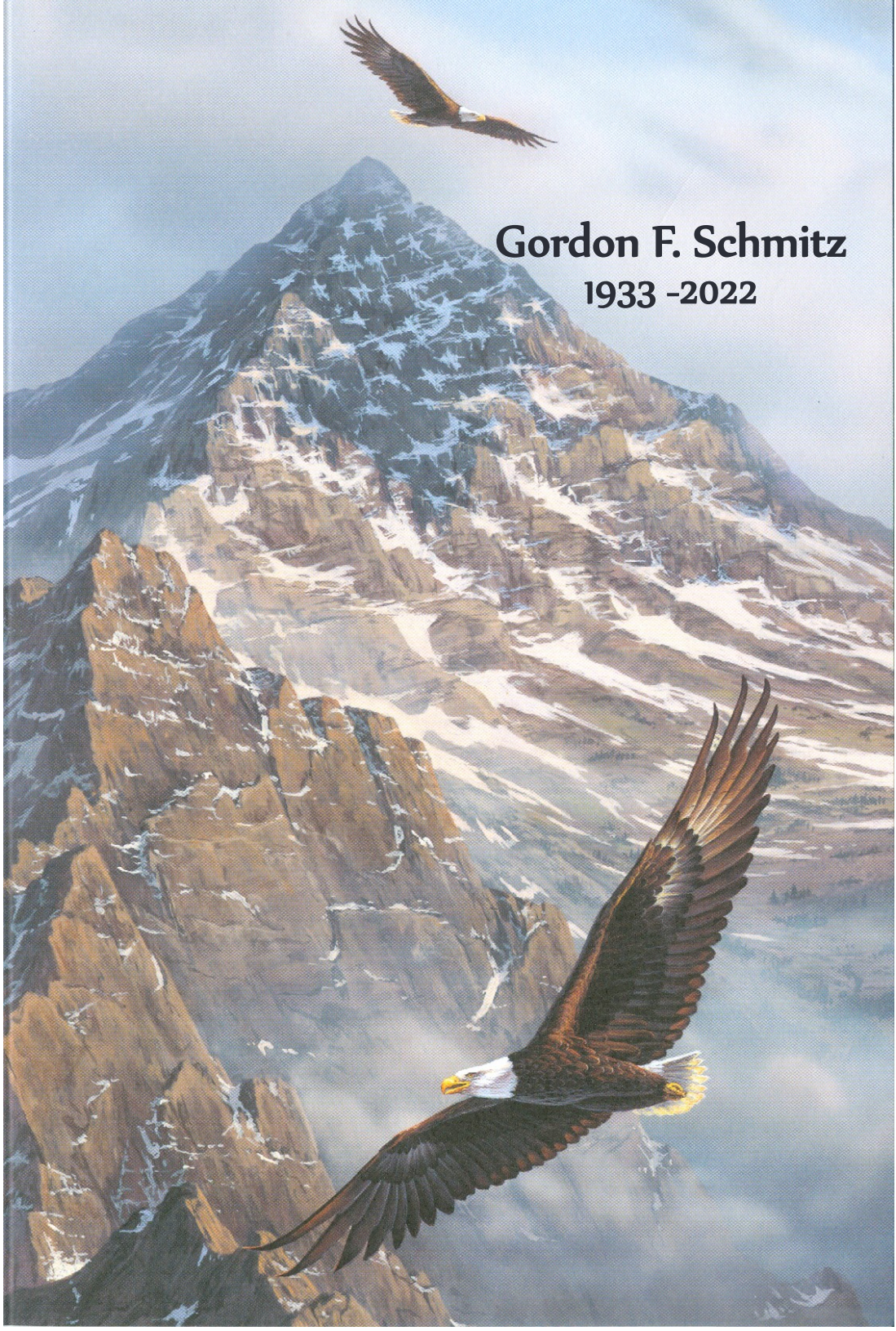
He met the love of his life, Mabel in the restaurant she owned outside of Hankinson, ND. They married October 23, 1970. They then moved to Casselton, ND. In 1974, they built a beautiful new home and resided there until September 2019, having spent 45 wonderful years there. When the time was right, he and Mabel then moved into the Cheyenne Crossing Assisted Living Apartments.

Gordon and Mabel enjoyed hunting, fishing, growing a big garden, and working on their beautiful yard. They took much pride in keeping their home and lawn in tip-top shape. They had also purchased a retirement home in Mesa, AZ, and spent four months out of the year there.

Gordon took Mabel's four daughters into his heart and treated them like his own. He is survived by Delores Differding, Dorine Green, and Diane (Eugene) Johnson; 13 grandchildren; great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Virginia and Wendell Langendorfer, Phylis and James Stamness, Jane and Orville Nold, and Mercedes and Arnold Swenson; daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Lou Flanders; and sons-in-law, Peter Differding and David Green.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> of this year, Gordon lost his loving wife, Mable. After his funeral mass, both Gordon and Mabel will be laid to rest together at Fairview Cemetery, Wahpeton.



**Gordon F. Schmitz**  
1933 -2022



God hath not promised skies  
always blue. Flower-strewn  
pathways all our lives  
through: God hath  
not promised sun  
without rain, joy  
without sorrow,  
peace without  
pain. But God  
hath promised  
strength for the  
day; rest for the  
labor, light for  
the way; grace for  
the trials, help from  
above; unfailing sympathy,  
undying love...



# In Loving Memory

## Gordon F. Schmitz



### Age

88 Years | 5 Months | 2 Days

### Born

December 14, 1933 - Mantador, North Dakota

### Passed Away

May 16, 2022 - Fargo, North Dakota

### Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM - Monday, May 23, 2022  
St. John's Catholic Church - Wahpeton, North Dakota

### Con-Celebrants

Rev. Riley Durkin and Rev. Eric Seitz

### Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

### Cantor

Brian Olsen

### Congregational Hymns

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Softly and Tenderly"

"The Lord's Prayer"

"On Eagles Wings"

### Pallbearers

Brad Green, Logan Strand, Rod Myhra  
Duane Strand, Barry Green, Payton Green

### Interment

Fairview Memorial Gardens - Wahpeton, North Dakota