



## Harry Norman Schmidt

May 23, 1929 - November 30, 2017

Harry Norman Schmidt, 88, of Charlotte, died Thursday, November 30, 2017. Harry was born May 23, 1929, in Carnegie, PA, the son of Herman and Sarah (Mulin) Schmidt. He graduated from Carnegie High School in 1947 before proudly serving in the U.S. Marine Corps aboard the USS Rochester in the Yellow Sea during the Korean Conflict. Harry moved to Charlotte in 1956 and started his family. He worked 30 years for the City of Charlotte, retiring as Public Works Foreman in 1989. Harry was a former post Commander of Charlotte VFW Post 2406, a member of the Marine Corps League in Lansing, and was a devoted member and volunteer of the Eaton Area Senior Center. Above all, Harry loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Margaret Schmidt; children, Harry E. Schmidt, Steve (Maureen) Sparks, Shannon (Kevin) Cooksley, Greg (Jeannie) Sparks, Kelly (Karen) Sparks, Carol (Robert) Horness, Conni (Douglas) Artin, Cindy (J.J.) Jackson, and David (Paulette) Weisenberg; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Katherine Sullivan; brother, Ralph Schmidt; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his first wife, Betty Schmidt; second wife, Sallie Schmidt; brother, John Schmidt; sister, Ruth; and son, John Sherman.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 -

4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the funeral home, and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017, just prior to the service. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte. Memorial contributions may be made to Fairview Grand AFC or Heartland Hospice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Harry on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Ceremony

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

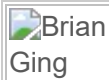


“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Harry Norman Schmidt



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 03, 2017 at 07:13 PM



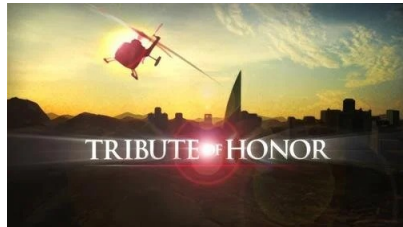
*Thank you so much to the incredible pastor who did such a wonderful job leading this service. Your compassion and honor to our Grandpas service have made it a beautiful honor to his memory.*

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**Brian Ging** - December 04, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry Norman Schmidt



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 02, 2017 at 12:35 PM

GR

“ He was great boss and Friend ,he will be greatly missed !! I always remembered he always wanted to race me ,running down to the gate , he would win most of the time!  
I am really sorry for the family loss,he was really good friend and Boss 🍺  
George Radee

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**George Radee** - December 05, 2017 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ Harry, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Deb Fredline Marquardt** - December 05, 2017 at 08:16 AM

 Brian  
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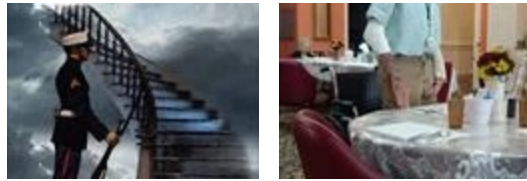
“ Harry was such an important part of our family. He was first a very loving and faithful partner and friend to my grandma Nell. They had such a wonderful time together. I'm so very happy that in my grandma's later years she was able to find love and deep friendship and companionship again. Harry was that and so much more to the family. I loved visiting with him and would stay at their house during my Michigan visits. Harry wasn't my relative initially and barely knew me in the beginning but he was instantly welcoming and took great care to make me feel welcome and fed and cared for on my visits. His compassion and care for others really knew no bounds. He truly became as close as blood over the years and I can't imagine a version of our family without him. As we welcomed Harry into our family he added so much to the spirit of holiday gatherings and events, with his warm laugh and gentle baritone voice and that twinkle in his eye that I always loved. It was like he was sharing a secret with you that only the two of you knew. I didn't get to spend a whole lot of time with Harry over the years, seeing him during my infrequent visits to Michigan but I will certainly remember him for the rest of my life and was so happy to call him family. I'm so sorry to lose him and my condolences for the family and Gramma who must be so hurt by their loss right now as I am. I hold you all in a big hug and know that I love you so much and am with you there in spirit. Rest In Peace Harry and know that you are so deeply loved and will be missed.

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**Brian Ging** - December 04, 2017 at 12:49 PM

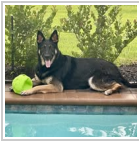
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“ I only had the honor and privilege to know and become friends with Harry for the last couple of months. In that short time he had a profound impact on me. His love of family, love of Country and love of the Marine Corps was always top of his list. Greeting my wife Bonnie and I always with a smile, he always called us by name. Having dinner together he enjoyed regaling stories of work and family which always made for an enjoyable meal. On Sundays, piano Joe would come in to play. He always played, in Harry's honor, the Marine Corps Hymn. Harry would rise out of his wheel chair, stand at attention and sing the hymn. I captured the image with my camera once and it is a prized possession of ours. Harry, yesterday piano Joe was in and in your honor they played and sang the Hymn. Harry, you made our challenging situation in life just that more endurable. I shall not forget you. God speed Marine, Semper Fi! Tommy and Bonnie Wright



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**Tommy Wright** - December 04, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ With our most sincere condolences and our deepest sympathy for your loss.  
- from Dave's LCC Fire Family

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**William Pawluk** - December 03, 2017 at 06:48 PM

PZ

Thank you for your service to our country Mr. Schmidt. Prayers to the family.

*Pete Zamora*

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**Pete Zamora** - December 03, 2017 at 07:09 PM

DW

*Thank you all at LLC Fire Academy for your incredible support and patience during this period. you truly are my second family!*

**Dave Weisenberg** - December 05, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Norman Schmidt .*



December 03, 2017 at 06:45 PM

LB

“ *Love from your coworkers at Independent Bank. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry Norman Schmidt .*



**Love from your coworkers at Independent Bank.** - December 03, 2017 at 06:51 AM

JW

“ *Our sincere condolences.  
Very Respectfully,  
John & Toni Willoughby & Family*

**John & Toni Willoughby** - December 02, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 02, 2017 at 11:32 AM

DB

“ So Very Sorry for your loss. Harry was always kind to me. As soon as he saw me he would come forward with his hand extended in greeting. Being a fellow Marine really meant something to him. I enjoyed my time with him and will miss him at Marine Corps League meetings and the Senior Center. Harry exemplified the notion that there are no former Marines. He was a Marine to the end. Drop Your Pack and Sit on your Helment Harry. Rest Easy Now. See You at the Pearly Gates. Semper Fi

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**Dave Bankhead** - December 01, 2017 at 04:51 PM