

The Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch

Obituaries

Orville Milton Schmidt

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Orville Milton Schmidt, 92, passed away April 15, 2017, at Reflections at Three Links Care Center in Northfield. Memorial services will be held 11 am Friday, April 28th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Northfield with the Reverend Brent Klein officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Northfield, with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Northfield Veterans Memorial Park.

Orville was born Feb. 24, 1925, to Frederick and Lena (Beckman) Schmidt in Sleepy Eye. Orville served with the US Navy in Hawaii from 1943 to 1946. Like many young men returning from their military service, Orville sought to start a family. He married Phyllis Domke on June 22, 1947. Together they moved to Minneapolis where he attended the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill. They then settled in Sleepy Eye, where their four sons were born. Orville's early career was in the dairy processing industry. The family moved to Lewisville in 1956, then to Waseca in 1963, and finally to Northfield in 1966. Orville was the plant manager for the Webster Cooperative Creamery and later the chief engineer at the Northfield City Hospital from which he retired in 1990. Orville was a very active member of the Northfield American Legion, where he served as Commander for a term. He was an active member of the Honor Guard, and he was a member of the fund-raising committee for a war memorial that is part of the Northfield community. Orville was devout in his faith, which gave him great strength throughout his many health challenges. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Orville is survived by his sons: David (Sara Klasky) of Inver Grove Heights, Greg (Barb) of Northfield, Mark (Nancy) of Mantorville, and Steve (Lori) of Northfield; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Paul (Nydia) of Litchfield; his sister-in-law, Marlene Carlson of Spearfish, S.D.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; his parents; and six brothers: George, Howard, Ervin, Willard, Raymond, and Frederick.