



James W. Schmider

April 25, 1941 - September 11, 2022

James “Jim” Schmider of Groveland passed away at home on Sunday, Sept 11, 2022, at 12:45pm.

Jim was born April 25, 1941 in Peoria IL to Archie and Marjorie (Thomas) Schmider. He married Judie Ramos on June 7, 1974 in Pekin IL. She survives.

Jim is survived by his four children Catherine Schmider and Jamie Schmider from the state of Washington, Jill Janes of Washington IL, Jeff Schmider of Bartonville IL, and his favorite fishing buddy and son-in-law, RJ Janes of Washington IL.

Also surviving are his grandchildren Nick, Carson, Carmella, and Tyler Miles; 2 sisters, Linda Schaeffer, Dorothy Crabb and sister-in-law, Mary Schmider.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his four brothers, Tom Schmider, Danny Schmider, David Schmider, Chuck Belk, and two sisters, Rose (Belk) Stolz and Joann Schmider.

Jim joined the US Navy on Jan 12, 1959 and was honorably discharged on May 29, 1962. He worked for 35 years with Illinois American Water Company, Local 165 retiring in 2006. He was a member of the American Legion in

Bartonville IL.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. A Celebration of Life open house will be on October 22, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at 401 Bessler Lake Dr, Groveland, IL.

Memorials may be made to the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 606 W Glen Ave, Peoria IL 61614.

Online condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.Schmidt-Haller.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Family Home
401 Bessler Lake Dr
Groveland, IL 61535

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James W. Schmider.* ”



September 21, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Schmider.* ”



September 19, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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“ When I was 4 or 5 years old I was at one of the frequent family gatherings at Grandma Marjie and Junior's house at Bessler Lake. The kids got into swim suits and life jackets and went down to the dock where the adults were congregated. We were paddling around happily near the dock for a while, but I being inexperienced in the water started to float out toward the center of the lake. To my little eyes Lake Bessler which isn't much more than a pond, looked like Lake Michigan, and I was floating away. I was so terrified I was frozen and couldn't move but I called out to Dad. Though he was a Navy man, Dad did not enjoy swimming and he was not in swimming attire. He called out to me to lean forward and kick my feet. I cried and said I can't, I can't! So my Dad jumped into the lake and swam out to me. I immediately wrapped my arms around his neck in a life-or-death grip. He splashed and sputtered back to the dock with me in tow around his neck. He sat me on the dock and said that's enough swimming for today. I agreed. Thank you for looking out for me Dad. -Cathy Schmider

Catherine Schmider - September 17, 2022 at 07:13 PM