



Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt

November 29, 1929 - February 27, 2015

Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt, age 85, of Rittman, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, February 27, 2015 at Wooster Community Hospital following a long illness.

He was born on November 29, 1929 in Conneaut, Ohio to William F. and Anna (Robinson) Schmidt.

He had attended the Ohio School of Sight Saving and graduated from Conneaut High School where he was on the student council; was the class speaker at his graduation and also belonged to the National Honor Society. He then attended Southwestern Bible College and was ordained as a minister in April, 1961.

He married the love of his life, Phyllis V. Stemple, on September 3, 1949.

He worked as a commercial fisherman for 10 years before devoting the next 50 years of his life in the ministry. Throughout his ministry, he had pastored churches in Conneaut, Cincinnati, Huron, Carrollton, Newcomerstown, Girard, Newcumberland and St. Clairsville. Following retirement in December 1994, he served as interim pastor in Wooster and numerous other churches throughout Ohio.

He was a very talented pianist and organist; he had belonged to the Lions Club where he served as Secretary; was a member of the Band Boosters Club where he served as Vice-President and was also Vice-President of the Athletic Association.

In addition to his beloved wife of 65 years, he is survived by his children,

Jeffery (Judy) Schmidt of Coshocton, Kevin (Sandra) Schmidt of Conyers, GA., Robert (Gina) Schmidt of West Chester, Oh., Eric (Cathy) Schmidt of Shreve, Cheryl (Richard) Hamersley of Rittman, Kristi (Bill) Gross of Alliance, Oh. and Lori Jones of Port Clinton, Oh.; 35 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a granddaughter, Madison Jones; 4 sisters; 2 brothers and 2 infant brothers.

Services will be Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. at the EV-4 Church, 1633 Portage Rd., Wooster. It was his wishes there be a private interment following services.

Visitation will be Monday at the church from 6 - 8 p.m.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home in Wooster is honored with serving the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to either: LifeCare Hospice, 1900 Akron Rd., Wooster, Oh. 44691 or The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800 Nashville, TN. 37214-0800.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

Fred had a passion throughout his life for God. He also had a deep and enduring love for his wife and family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

EV-4 Church
1633 Portage Rd.
Wooster, OH 44691

Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

EV-4 Church
1633 Portage Rd.
Wooster, OH 44691

Tribute Wall

KS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathi Shworles - March 03, 2015 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ What a rich legacy he left to us all. From his fiery preaching, his impressionable teaching, his beautiful music, and his wit ("I am my own grandpa!") to his love of people, family, and God he impacted many, many lives! With love and prayers, Lurna Brown

Lurna Brown - March 03, 2015 at 05:44 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt.



March 02, 2015 at 09:39 PM

GM

“ I have so many memories of our beloved minister of God "Dad Schmidt". I was so happy that first Sunday morning when he and sister "Mom" Schmidt began their ministry, mostly because they had a daughter my age. (we were 12). The wonderful trips to CA rallies where our trio sang God's praises with Rev. Schmidt on the piano. I admired his dedication to God, his beautiful wife, children, and his parishioners. He truly exemplified what a Christian should be. My prayer is that God will ease the pain of your loss for he is rejoicing with the Lord.

Gayle Greathouse Marlatt-Adams - March 02, 2015 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Pastor Schmidt touched so many lives with his heart felt sermons. Sharing Jesus with everyone he met, and the talent he had playing the piano will never be forgotten. The example he & Phyllis displayed as a true, loving Christian couple was amazing like no other we have ever seen. He has left a beautiful legacy for his family. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy, Don & Jackie Brady

Jackie Brady - March 02, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt.



March 02, 2015 at 12:22 PM

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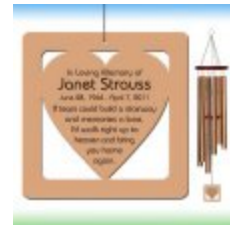
“ Love. Cyndi Baker purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt.



Love. Cyndi Baker - March 02, 2015 at 12:11 PM

CB

“ Cyndi Baker purchased the *Heart Wind Chime - Personalized* for the family of Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt.



Cyndi Baker - March 02, 2015 at 11:57 AM

KS

“ Phyllis & family - I wish to send you love & peace from the Father above. I haven't seen you in many years, but I will always remember Pastor Fred tickling the ivory keys & wishing God had given me a talent to do that. I also remember him marrying my Brother, Brad Maurer. He had a cast on his foot, & had to lay on the pew after the service to prop that foot up. Both Fred & Phyllis were dear friends with my mom, MilLEE Maurer ~ have him look her up when he gets there.



Kathi (Maurer) Shworles - March 02, 2015 at 08:20 AM

DP

“ Dear Phyllis and family, I am so sorry to hear about Pastor Fred. Mom(Dorothy) has kept me posted about him. He was a great man of God and gave wonderful sermons. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Debbie Kreider Pickens

DEBBIE PICKENS - March 01, 2015 at 07:09 PM

CH

“ We joined First Assembly of God in Conneaut, Ohio when Pastor Schmidt was the pastor and could not have asked for a more loving, caring man who was a true pastor to his flock. He was so down to earth and so approachable. As busy as he was, he always had time for everyone. Phyllis was the same, loving and kind to everyone and they were a great example of what a Christian marriage should be. I know how much he will be missed but what a tremendous reunion some day. With love and gratitude for your faithful service, Dick and Colleen Hakola

Colleen Hakola - March 01, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JS

“ I have many great memories of this dear sweet man. Many of them are of when he, Sister Schmidt, & the children moved to Newcomerstown, Ohio. Oh, what joy & hope he brought to our congregation! His praise and adoration of God was seen and felt as he ministered through word & song. More than not he would be accompanied by Sister Schmidt in song. His faith was strong and unwavering and his love for us was so great. I will always have an eternal love for him, Sister Schmidt, and his children. Praying that our great Lord will comfort his wonderful family at this time. My love to you, Judy Bradshaw Smith

Judy Smith - March 01, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Frederick C. "Fred" Schmidt.



March 01, 2015 at 12:51 PM



“ I am very thankful for Pasted Schmidt's love of Christ. During each communion he demonstrated his thankfulness for salvation with genuine strong emotion as if it were fresh and new to him. Phyllis, may God hold you in his strong arms as you grieve. With love, Tonya (McCosh) Davis.

Tonya (McCosh) Davis - March 01, 2015 at 07:22 AM



Pastor and Phyllis Schmidt are dearly loved long term pastors of Victory Assembly of God in Newcomerstown. God bless the entire Schmidt family and thank you for sharing this hero of the faith with us!

Brent and Lisa Heishman

Brent Heishman - March 01, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ I love listening to Bro. Schmidt play piano...My all time favorite was when he played "When they ring those golden bells".....It was amazing...The golden bells rang for him, but he will never be forgotten....My sincere sympathy to all the Schmidt family....He is in the presence of the Lord and there is no better place...I hope they have a gold piano for him (and me_) to play....

Pamala (Mencer) McMorrow - February 28, 2015 at 08:38 PM

JK

“ Grandpa performing his granddaughter Erin and I's marriage ceremony. Mostly by memory and it was fabulous!!!! Thanks for the honor Grandpa.

Joseph King - February 28, 2015 at 08:15 PM

LH

“ I loved to watch Pastor Ford play then piano or organ. He had such a serene look on his face when played. Then when he sang, it came from his heart. He will be my seed by many.
Danny and Lonnie Hosfelt..Kelly Chauvin and Kristal Chauvin Queen.

Lonnie Hosfelt - February 28, 2015 at 06:14 PM