



Carol Edward Schmidt

August 28, 1921 - March 13, 2019

Carol Edward Richard Schmidt was born August 28, 1921 in Niederwald, Texas to Benno and Edda Schmidt. Farm life was hard but rewarding and he did ride a donkey to school. After primary school, he told his father he wanted to go on to high school because he didn't want to farm. His father sold a calf to buy him clothes and Carol moved to Lockhart and lived with an aunt in order to attend Lockhart High School. After graduation, he moved to San Antonio, working at bakeries to earn his living. When the United States went to war, he enlisted in Army Air Corps in 1941, was in for three years serving as a baker. His main service was in Liberal, Kansas.

He met and courted Jullienne Perkins—shortening her name to Julie—and married her on April 24, 1943. They were devoted to each other for 73 years until her death in 2016.

After the war he became a salesman for the J. R. Watkins Co. and almost immediately became the trainer for salesmen who went door to door—while continuing himself to sell door-to-door. Many customers called him “the Watkins man” as they saw him coming up the sidewalk. He eventually became the distributor for all Watkins Products in this part of Texas. Julie worked with him for about ten years as they developed the business.

A wonderful loving home was the center of this family into which two children were born-- Carolene in 1945 and Larry in 1949. Both parents worked hard and provided for them the things that were necessary and things that were fun. His many hobbies that he shared with us include collecting antique

clocks, landscape painting, reading on topics such as architecture and travel, rock and arrowhead hunting, and vegetable gardening. Carroll was a great father—teaching by doing, learning himself at all times, and just showing everyone how to enjoy life.

To his great sadness, his son Larry and his son-in-law Bill Zehner preceeded him in death. Left here to treasure his memory are his daughter, Carolene Schmidt Zehner, his daughter-in-law, Cathy Carvel Schmidt and her companion Jimmie Cernesek. Also his adoring grandchildren, Nikole Schmidt Jones, Michael and Shawna Schmidt, and Gretchen Zehner. And his adored greatgrandchildren are Garrett Jones, Lauren Jones, and Camden Schmidt who will miss his happy ways. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 3:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, with Rev. Bill Shockley officiating.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

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“ *P.S. Please add the names of Jim (Clint) and Dorothy Piland to the listing of the "Nixon gang" members who were integral to the Bunco Club and the incredible circle of friends of both Caroll and Julie Schmidt.*

Bill Richard

Bill Richard - March 18, 2019 at 10:25 PM

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“ It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of Caroll Schmidt, a dear friend, model citizen, patriot, and proud member of "the greatest generation." To my knowledge, he was the last remaining member of the originators of the long-running Bunco Club that arose in San Antonio after WWII, and which was highlighted in the SA Express News when the club reached its 50th anniversary nearly 25 years ago. The article noted that the club was the longest continuously operating bunco club in South Texas. Caroll and his lovely and elegant wife Julie were truly stalwarts of the club, which included my own parents, Herman and Mary Richard, and which met monthly on a rotating basis, without fail, at one of the 12 member couples' homes. I and my sister Brenda looked forward to attending these bunco parties where we could always count on the friendliest of greetings from Caroll and Julie. Julie was part of the "Nixon gang," a circle of friends who were reared in the Nixon, Texas, area and who adopted Caroll seamlessly into their group, which included Mary Richard, Alton and Nettie Cook, Art and Jeanette Samuels, William and Joyce Key, and Mel and Lenora Rose, among others. They all took a sincere interest in the growth, development, schooling, and, later, the formation of our own families, just as they did with all "the kids" of the club's members --- the next generations. By age, Brenda and I were closely aligned with Carolene and Larry, and so it was they who became our treasured playmates in our earliest years while our parents were busy "rolling the dice" and intermittently screaming out "BUNCO!" Such happy times! Caroll will truly be missed. God bless you, Carolene. With deepest sympathy, Bill Richard

Bill Richard - March 18, 2019 at 10:11 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences and happy memories to the family. I know that Caroll will be missed.
Winston Wright

W L Wright - March 16, 2019 at 01:02 PM

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Carroll’s death. It is truly the end of a generation. My Mother Dorothy Pfeiffer Doehne passed away in September 2018. I tried to reach Carroll to let him know but the number was disconnected. He and Mother were the last of the remaining first cousins! Both came from large families. Mother had 71 first cousins! The past few years she always enjoyed talking to him on the phone. Julie and Carroll were wonderful to frequently visit with my Aunt Paula and Uncle Alvin Pfeiffer in San Marcos. They both are wonderful examples of our German heritage and its strong work ethic. Raised on a black dirt farm by parents whose first language was German, they both demonstrated their determination and commitment to a better life- and we are the beneficiaries. We are so lucky to have had our parents with us so long. Good German genes! I am also thinking of Flop- he had such a good heart. Please know my prayers are for all of the cousins of that wonderful generation that are gone. I wish I could be with you tomorrow.
Diane Doehne Rath, San Antonio
Granddaughter of Ella Schmidt and Joe Pfeiffer, Maxwell, Texas.

Diane Doehne Rath - March 15, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Caroll Edward Schmidt.



March 15, 2019 at 05:33 PM

JD

“ *A beautiful man and We have only good memories. He always seemed so happy and set such a great example. J.R. and Faye Doughty*



J.R. and Faye Doughty - March 15, 2019 at 05:18 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. Mr.Schmidt's influence on my life has been profound and immeasurable. I was only in his life for a few months but I am grateful for the opportunity I had to able to learn from him. To learn not only how to find the light in the dark but also how to be an outstanding, meritorious human being. With love and sadness,
Samuel McChesney*

Samuel McChesney - March 15, 2019 at 11:19 AM