



John Preston Schmitz Jr

November 25, 1929 - December 10, 2022

John Preston (Bud) Schmitz, Jr, passed away peacefully, on December 10th 2022 at the age of 93. John was preceded in death by his loving wife of 46 years, Audrey Schmitz, his mother Anna Boreman, father John P Schmitz Sr and brother, John Francis Schmitz.

John is survived by his immediate family Effie & Jim Hardin, John & Kris Schmitz, William & Jayne Schmitz, Marti & Jonathan Cunningham, J Schmitz & Mark Cristello, Debra Burrell & Paul Partlow, his grandchildren, Michael, Amber, David, Zachary & Crystal and his great-grandchildren Tia, Annalisa, Kya, Isidora, Jedi, Trinity & Kira, extended family, George Mialki, cousins and many close family friends.

John served in the US Army from 1947-1968, retiring as Sergeant First Class. John received a Bronze Star, Koren War Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation and several other citations.

John was a major player in the AFC Bowling League in Waldorf for 40+ years and most recently bowled with the Long Shots, until January 2022. John's hobbies included buying and selling PEZ worldwide, playing Phase 10, playing Bunco with his Oak Hill Neighborhood Gang, gardening, watching Westerns, his pets, dining out with friends and most importantly enjoying Maryland Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs. John was a quiet man; he loved his

family and friends, was a giant kid at heart and possessed a heart of gold. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park, 11000 Crain Highway, Newburg, Maryland, 20664, 301-932-1900.

Viewing and sharing will be held at Raymond Funeral Home, La Plata, Md. January 4th at 10:30am with a eulogy at 12:00pm. Interment will be at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery on January 4th at 1:45pm. A Celebration of Life will follow at Golden Corral at 2800 Robert S Crain Highway, Waldorf.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Eulogy

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Preston Schmitz Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *John Preston Schmitz Jr*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I like the obituary, it was written very well and it talks 🐞🐟 about him and who he was if you knew him you were very lucky. I will miss him dearly he will always be in my heart ❤️ I love you dad*



Debbie Burrell - January 05, 2023 at 03:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Preston Schmitz Jr.*



January 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Preston Schmitz Jr.*



December 30, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Carolyn and I always appreciated John's sense of humor. Every year at the community's annual crab feast, we could always count on John to greet me holding up one crab, saying he had saved one for me and insisting that I sit and enjoy the fruits of the Chesapeake with him. We would always exchange friendly, old guy insults every time that we saw each other. We have known him and his family for a very long time. I first became acquainted with him and his family before we moved into Oak Hill (we moved in on Memorial Day weekend 1971.) I worked for the county health department and was working in the neighborhood when I discovered that his daughters were in danger because of a fire in their home. Fortunately, I was able to successfully help them. Over the years we have enjoyed John and Audrey's hospitality and friendship. We will miss John greatly. Jim & Carolyn Story*

James M. Story - December 20, 2022 at 04:23 PM