

Alfred "Fritz" Schmidtke

May 01, 1924 - November 03, 2014

Service:

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5038 19th Avenue. Entombment will follow in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park.

Visitation:

A visitation for Fritz will be held at the funeral home, 3720 39th Ave., Kenosha, WI, on Friday, November 7th, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. MGV Harmonia will conduct their musical service at 7 p.m.

Memorial:

Memorial remembrances to Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church, would be appreciated by the family.

Obituary:

Alfred "Fritz" Schmidtke, age 90, of Pleasant Prairie, passed away at the Hospice House on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Born on May 1, 1924, in Königsberg, Germany, he was the son of the late Johan and Marianne (Reich) Schmidtke. Raised and educated in Germany, Fritz served in the German Army from 1942 until 1945, moving to the U.S. and Kenosha on April 13, 1954.

On February 9, 1946, Fritz was united in marriage to Elfrieda A. Knabe. They were blessed with two children and 68 years of marriage.

For 13 years, Fritz owned and operated Schmidtke Plumbing and Heating. Prior to starting his own business, he was employed with Kaelber Plumbing and Heating.

Fritz was a member of Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church and was also an active member and past President of MGV Harmonia.





He will be deeply missed by his wife, Elfrieda; their two sons, Helmut (Victoria) and Harold Schmidtke; four grandchildren, Kyle (Tammy Harris), Kara, Kate (Phill Estep) and Fritz Schmidtke and two great grandchildren, Holden Estep and Kyra Schmidtke.

In addition to his parents, Fritz was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Condolences

Posted on: November 05, 2014 | By: Peter Schwalbe

I will try not to forget his stories when he served in the 21st Infantry Division in his old homeland, now Poland. If I forget I have his book for reference. But I'll never forget when he made me help him to re-route a tricky drain pipe in my house and we worked the whole day (sweating!) without a break until the job was done and we had a well deserved Jaegermeister and you deserve to rest now! Pete Schwalbe

Posted on: November 06, 2014 | By: Eugen Kopp

For helping my grandmother Adina, my wife Lynette and myself with all my plumbing problems in all the homes I've lived in. You could always count on you in great or inclement weather for professional service, a job well done with a great smile upon your arrival and when the job was completed. Your advice and guidance will be missed by many. I wish you and your family peace. Ruhe Samft in Frieden.

Posted on: November 08, 2014 | By: Marita Feld Block

Friedel, I just learned of Fritz's passing! I wanted to send you my sincere sympathies! You were both such good friends of my parents. Der Lieber Gott hätte ihr vielen guten Jahren zusammen gegeben! Gott segne dich. vielen Lieben, Marita u. Hans

