



## Ronald R. Schmidt

May 16, 1945 - March 6, 2018

Ron Schmidt had a heart bigger than life; after a short struggle with heart failure, it just couldn't keep up. He left us on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018, with his wife by his side.

Ron was born on May 16, 1945 in Battle Creek, Michigan to Dr. Robert and Helen Schmidt while his father was deployed in France. When his father got back from the war, they drove to Colorado and made Fort Collins their home in November 1946. The Schmidt family lived on Pearl Street, a block from City Park, where many happy memories were made with his siblings and friends. Voted Lambkin King his senior year, Ron graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1963 where he played football, wrestled and track. He went to Colorado State University, was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and graduated in 1968 with a B.S. in physical science. In college, he met the love of his life, Kathy, on the steps of Parmelee Hall in 1965.

On August 19th, 1967, Ron and Kathy were married in Santa Cruz, California. They lived in Aggie Village for a year while Ron completed his degree. After graduation, he joined the US Army Reserves, where he served for six years as a sergeant. In 1969, Ron began working at Markley Motors as a salesman until 1973, when he became an agent for Farmers Insurance Group until he retired 44 years later on October 31, 2017.

He and Kathy had three sons: Tommy, Billy and Geoffrey. His family was the joy of his life. He took great pride in his children and all of their successes. As his family grew, so did the memories. Some of their favorites were CSU football games and tailgating, of which they only missed one game from the time Hughes opened until it closed. They spent many summers camping at Lake McConaughy and Glendo and in the mountains. Ron was an entertainer. Many spirits were poured behind his beautiful bar his sons made for him. You never went hungry or thirsty around Ron. Nobody could say no to Ronnie.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kathy, his three sons Tommy, Billy, and Geoffrey. His three daughter-in-laws Mandie, Nicole, and Tamara and his eight grandchildren TJ, Bailey, Hayden, Brooke, Emma, Zach, Beau and Lilly; sister Anita (John) of Boise City, Oklahoma, and brother Skip (Marilee) of Memphis, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Helen Schmidt.

A celebration of his life will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, Wednesday, March 14th at 1:00. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The American Cancer Society, or The American Heart Association.

As Ronnie would say, "I love you man," and pass it on.

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

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MAR **14**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 482-4244  
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Kathy and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I feel fortunate to have had Ron in my life, not only as my insurance agent, brother of my grade school friend, Anita, but also as a personal friend. I shared some terrific times with Ron, Kathy the boys. Ron always had a smile and a funny story to tell! He will be missed. I am thankful for my memories of Ron.*

*Sincerely,  
Mary (Goff) Ditzel*

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**Mary (Goff) Ditzel** - March 14, 2018 at 02:59 PM

GC

“ *Ron was my office partner. He provided consistent, excellent service to his clients. I never met anyone who didn't like Ron. He was friendly, fair and one of the best persons you could know. He will be missed by many.*

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**Gary Carnes** - March 14, 2018 at 12:11 PM

VD

“ *Ronald will certainly be missed.*

*Lois and Virgil Davis*

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**Vicki Davis** - March 13, 2018 at 10:25 PM

AG

“ Dear Kathy,  
We are sorry to hear the news and remember with warmth and fondness Ron's hospitality and kindness. His heart was truly bigger than life! Our love and thoughts are with you and your family.

John and Ann-Marie Gustafson

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**AM Gustafson** - March 13, 2018 at 06:56 PM

AL

“ Dear Kathy and Families,

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Ron had passed away. Our hearts go out to you all because of the big hole left in your lives. Ron was such a kind, thoughtful, loving person who made everyone's life better just by knowing him. We'll miss him deeply. Love and hugs and prayers to you all. 💔🙏 Andy and Andrea

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**Andrea Lawrence** - March 13, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Schmidt.



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March 13, 2018 at 11:07 AM

PS

“ Kathy, you have our sympathy and prayers! I am Pat Scarpella Confer and y'all lived right behind my folks Frank and Marty Scarpella! I figure you are still there! You and Ron were good neighbors and friends. Ron took care of my folks insurance until my Mom passed 6 years ago! God bless you and your boys! 💕🌸

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**Patricia Scarpella/Confer** - March 12, 2018 at 02:11 PM

BC

“ Kathy and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Ron's death. You two were great friends to us and Ron was our insurance agent until his retirement. We will miss Ron and his great smile and his gregarious personality. We will keep your family in our prayers!  
Barb and John Crowfoot

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**Barbara Crowfoot** - March 11, 2018 at 02:17 PM

GH

“ We enjoyed Ron's advice and service for more than 30 years. He was a true professional and we will miss the visits that always included talks about traveling. He was a great man.

Greg and a Karen Hurst

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**gregory hurst** - March 11, 2018 at 12:14 PM

MT

“ What a guy! I used to just "drop in" at his office just to say "Hi". He always welcomed me with a smile and a cup of good coffee. I'll sure miss him!

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**Mike Thorsrud** - March 10, 2018 at 01:19 PM

DS

“ Ron also taught me how to drive on ice.....took me out to city park on the frozen flooded ball field....showed me how to turn and stop.....when we got to Minn I was thankful for the know-how....Brother Skip

Don Schmidt - March 09, 2018 at 01:44 PM

DD

So sorry for your loss. Ron was our insurance man for a very long time. He was always so nice and helpful. He will be deeply missed! Your family are in are prayers. Dee and Gary Davis

Dee Davis - March 10, 2018 at 07:09 AM

DS

“ Ron ...taught me how to ski .....15 minutes instruction ..how to stop...how to turn...and then to the top of Breckenridge Mt. I only ran over two ladies on the way down....Brother Skip

Don Schmidt - March 09, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Schmidt.



March 09, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Schmidt.*



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March 09, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *Kathy and Family, our hearts are full of love and sympathy for you. We are so glad our life paths crossed with you and Ron. We will never forget his big smile, hearty laugh, and generous spirit. He will light up Heaven. Our prayers are with you as you grieve. Much love, Connie and Charlie Johns*

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**Connie Johns** - March 09, 2018 at 08:36 AM



“ *I met Ron when I was 3 years old while he was dating my sister Kathy! So many memories and good times. Ronnie was the nicest man I knew and so much fun. I am sorry he will not make it to Lubbock to visit Tommy and Family and most importantly the Buddy Holly Museum. Lots of memories watching the Buddy Holly movie with Ronnie and listening to the music. Rave On Ron!!!!  
Love, Wendy*

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**Wendy B Lembke** - March 09, 2018 at 01:35 AM



“ *Kathy we are so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Sending prayers to you and your family for tender peace and comfort.  
Tom and Jan Alexander*

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**Tom and Jan Alexander** - March 08, 2018 at 09:16 PM

NI

“ We are thinking of you all at the Weld RE-4 office. God bless all during this time. He sounds like a wonderful man! You were blessed for sure. May you find strength in each other.  
*Nikki Schmidt*

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**Nikki** - March 08, 2018 at 08:43 PM

BM

“ *Kathy, and Bill and Nicole, I'm so sorry for your loss, I'm so sorry that this time has come for all of you and the extended family. Love You. Betty Marcus.*

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**Betty Marcus** - March 08, 2018 at 08:28 PM