



## Dixie R. Schmidt

September 19, 1943 - February 26, 2019

A Memorial Service for Dixie will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., at the First Congregational United Church Of Christ in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Stuart Davis presiding.

No Visitation - Cremation

Private Family Burial Of Ashes at a later date.

Memorials are to be directed to the First Congregational United Church Of Christ or To The Family For A Later Date.

Dixie Rae Schmidt was born to Louis (Bill) South and Margaret Ilene (Gustin) South on September 19, 1943 at Guthrie Center, Iowa, and passed February 26, 2019 at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was one of ten children in the family.

Dixie graduated from Geneva Jr. Sr. High School in 1961. She married Roger Schmidt of Fairmont, Nebraska on December 15, 1962, and to them three children were born. Roger and Dixie lived on the Schmidt family homestead where they raised their three daughters, Cindy, Tracy and Stephanie. She was a graduate of Southeast Community College, Licensed Practical Nursing Program.

Dixie was a sassy, straightforward, no bullsh\*\* lady with a quick wit and a huge heart. She cared deeply for her family and cherished time spent visiting with friends (sometimes over a bottle of wine, or perhaps a mango margarita). While she could often provide words of wisdom and comfort, she also loved to tell jokes. In recent months, she asked Emma and Abbi to record her telling jokes and requested they be played at her funeral. She did not want us crying for her loss, but laughing in her remembrance.

She was a talented, self-taught seamstress. As a child, she learned to sew by making her own doll clothes. If you asked her to make you something and she couldn't find a pattern, she would just make her own. A prolific quilter, she made quilts for every resident of Heritage Crossings, where she worked for over 30 years. Some of those quilts were returned to her over the years and will be given to the homeless.

After Roger's passing in 2012, Dixie purchased a home in Geneva. She was very proud of her home and her door was always open. She especially enjoyed having the grandkids stop by during school lunch break. Not much made her happier than having food ready when they made their quick, 20 minute lunch stop. What a cook she was...apple pie, fried chicken, and dressing were some of the family favorites; and don't forget her "special lemonade."

There are not enough words to describe this special lady. Cherish your memories of her as we will.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill; mother, Ilene; and brother Michael (Mickey).

She is survived by daughters Cindy (Larry) Chapman, of Cortland, NE, Tracy

(Sal) Ramirez, of Sacramento, CA, and Stephanie (Kerry) Smith, of Fairmont, NE; Brothers Larry (Gloria) South, Jerri South, Stanley (Peggy) Palm; Sisters Becky (Glen Roesler), Gina (Joe) Jorgenson, Susan (Tom) Hume, Rhonda (Lynn) Rich, Peggy (Fred) Gebert; Grandchildren Emma Smith, Abbi Smith, Bob Smith, Ashley and Clint Foutch, Ashley Ramirez, Andrew Ramirez, Whitney Zweifel; Great-grandchildren Addison Foutch and Cora Foutch; nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
906 H Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall



“ 25 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 29, 2019 at 12:33 PM

JK

“ Dixie was one of the very first nurses i worked with as a CNA she taught me a few things in the nursing field that ive always carried with me prayers and comfort for Steph and her family God Bless

Joanna Kuhns - March 06, 2019 at 03:48 PM

TB

“ Sincerest and Deepest Sympathy to Dixie's family. I'll always remember her fondly, doing her crossword puzzles and soduku puzzles on her break. She will be truly missed!



TerryAnn Brandt - March 06, 2019 at 02:40 PM

BC

“ you always knew where you stood with Dixie. She loved seeing my kids outside, especially the boys being naughty. Leo loved running over barefoot to the back patio when she was outside. Neighborhood will be a little less now. Brandie, Dave, Destiny, Malorie, Elijah, Leo and Glenda.

branide conway - March 04, 2019 at 10:42 PM

PH

“ Dixie and I worked together and we laughed a lot. Together. Dixie was one of a kind!

pat hayse - March 04, 2019 at 03:30 PM

BR

“ I will never forget all the laughs, and good times had with Dixie. Me and her granddaughter Emma were best friends in high school and we shared so many memories together with Dixie ❤️

Brandon Reinsch - March 03, 2019 at 12:26 PM

DR

“ Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Dixie R. Schmidt



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - February 28, 2019 at 08:14 AM

MB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.  
We know she will be deeply missed everyone who knew and loved her.

Sincerely,

*Marvin & Bridgette Brummer*

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**Marvin & Bridgette Brummer** - February 28, 2019 at 12:41 AM

LD

“ Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of  
Dixie R. Schmidt



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**Lisa Dondlinger** - February 27, 2019 at 11:34 PM

BM

“ Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Dixie  
R. Schmidt



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**Brenda Motis** - February 27, 2019 at 10:59 PM

LP

“ LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of  
Dixie R. Schmidt



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**LaDonna Pendleton** - February 27, 2019 at 09:52 PM

SS

“ Steve And Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Dixie R. Schmidt



steve and barb sadd - February 27, 2019 at 07:57 PM

BR

“ Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Dixie R. Schmidt



Bonnie Rippe - February 26, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ Amy Franssen lit a candle in memory of Dixie R. Schmidt



Amy Franssen - February 26, 2019 at 08:55 PM



*Heritage will never be the same without her visits and still coming into work when needed. The memorial Christmas tree was her creative gift to honor all that have passed at Heritage. It will forever be "Dixie's tree" and hopefully she will be proud of us carrying on her traditions. We will miss her and all of her wisdom.*

Amy Franssen - February 27, 2019 at 08:31 PM

CC

*Thank you Amy. She would appreciate it being known as Dixie's tree.  
Cindy*

**Cindy Chapman** - March 02, 2019 at 07:38 AM

MB

“ *The Schmidt family have been the Uldrich's "next door" neighbors along Turkey Creek for generations. There are so many wonderful memories of spending time with the Schmidts...mostly playing with Cindy, Tracy, and Stephanie. Whether it was Barbie dolls. making mud pies, inner-tubing on the creek, or playing royal rummy...life was definitely fun with the neighbors. Dixie was an excellent seamstress sewing clothes for Marian and myself along with many outfits for dolls. Our moms made sure we grew up together, and our parents were always looking out for each other's families. Dixie was my personal attendant at our wedding 32 years ago in Tucson. Having Dixie & Tracy there to celebrate with us made the day extra special. I appreciated Dixie's straightforward way of telling me how things truly were... and that she always wished the best for me. When I would come home from AZ to visit. Dixie would make a special dessert for me. Roger & Dixie were true friends of Myron & Marian. I'm sure there will be much "catching up" when these souls reunite in heaven where they will enjoy: perfectly grilled steaks, talk of crops & cattle. kids & grandkids and perfectly poured "red mugs". Happy camping in the great beyond! Rest in peace dear friend. Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Dixie's family and friends.*

**Mary Uldrich Bruhn** - February 26, 2019 at 08:40 PM

CC

*Thank you Mary.*

**Cindy Chapman** - March 02, 2019 at 07:39 AM

DB

“ I was so shocked to open the website and see that Dixie had died. I presume she must have been ill, but I hadn't seen her for awhile and hadn't heard. It seems like I knew Dixie forever. I had the most contact with her when Joe's mother was at Heritage. It seemed like Dixie was always there offering care and comfort and understanding to all the residents. She made them feel at home and like family but was also able to "make them behave" and follow directions that were for their benefit.

*Prayers for the family, that you will be comforted by good memories of times shared and love exchanged through the years. May she be resting in the peace of Christ and enjoying the reward of her labors and service.*

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**Deb Bixby** - February 26, 2019 at 06:30 PM