

Joseph “Joe” Schmaltz, age 74, of New Rockford, ND, died Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Sanford Health, Fargo, ND.

Joseph Adam Schmaltz was born on March 28, 1951, in Linton, ND, to Sebastian and Virginia (Heilman) Schmaltz. Joe attended school in Wishek and graduated from Wishek High School in 1969. Upon his graduation he enlisted in the United States Army. After an honorable discharge from active duty, Joe went to Officer Candidate School to become an officer in the North Dakota Army National Guard. He retired with the rank of Captain after 29 years of military service. Joe was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He attended college in Wahpeton, obtaining his Associates Degree in Electronics and also attended Cardinal Muench Seminary.

Joe enjoyed life to the fullest and had a passion for the outdoors. He had been on many hunting trips to Africa, Canada and throughout the United States. He went on many trips with his family to include elk, wolf, bear, caribou, and deer hunts, along with many fishing trips. Joe was especially proud of his five grandchildren, watching them as they grow and all of their activities. Joe was active at St. John’s Catholic Church through the years. He was a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council #2477. Joe has always been known to be ready to lend a helping hand to all those who were in need.

Joe loved the ranch life with his horses and sheep. He was part of the 7th Calvary C-Company headquartered in Barlow, North Dakota. He along with the other members, would participate in many 4th of July parades with their horses and covered wagons. Joe was one of the founders of the Vietnam Memorial in New Rockford. He was essential in getting the tank and helicopter to New Rockford for display. Joe was a Commander for the VFW in Carrington and a member of the Raymond B. Thorn American Legion, Post #30 in New Rockford.

From the early 1980’s to early 2000’s he owned and operated Joe’s TV Repair in Carrington and then moved his shop to New Rockford. During this time, he also started working at the Post Office in New Rockford. Joe was a rural Mail Carrier from 1982-2009, when he retired.

Joe is survived by his two children, Jeremy (Jackie) Schmaltz, New Rockford, ND and Tami (Joshua) Ochsner, Aberdeen, SD; five grandchildren, CJ, Madi, Abby, Connor and Sierra; siblings, George Schmaltz, Mary (Lyle) Dollinger, Roger (Araceli) Schmaltz, Rose (Kenneth) Schlader, Lucina Savey, Linda (Gary) Visto, and David (Michelle) Schmaltz; and many nieces and nephews.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Dennis and Leroy and a nephew, Nick Schlader.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Joe Schmaltz

MARCH 28, 1951 – NOVEMBER 29, 2025

Celebrating The Life Of *Joseph Adam Schmaltz*

March 28, 1951 – Linton, ND
November 29, 2025 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
Evans Funeral Home 1:00PM - 3:00PM
St. John's Catholic Church 4:00PM - 5:00PM
New Rockford, ND

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
Rosary 4:40PM
Vigil Service 5:00PM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Thursday, December 4, 2025
10:00AM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Fr. Reese Weber

SPECIAL MUSIC

Teresa Salazar
Rikka Gudmunson

PALLBEARERS

Dale Rosenberg ~ Randy Tedrow ~ Kent Ifland
Richard Anderson ~ David Schmaltz ~ George Schmaltz
Mike Nicolai ~ Jason Gill

HONORARY BEARERS

Joe's Grandchildren: CJ ~ Madi ~ Abby ~ Connor ~ Sierra

MILITARY HONORS

Raymond B. Thorn American Legion, Post #30, New Rockford
North Dakota Army Funeral Honors Team

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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