



# Merle L. Schmidt

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**M**erle L. Schmidt, age 86, of St. Clair, passed away peacefully, with his family at his side following a brief illness, on May 9, 2025.

He was born November 27, 1938 in Columbus Twp. to the late Leonard and Mildred Schmidt.

On September 23, 1987, Merle married Ruth Schuman. She preceded him in death in 2018.

Merle proudly served with the U.S. Navy.

He retired from Chrysler World Headquarters as a millwright in 2000 following many years of employment.

He was also a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Merle was an avid gardener and woodworker and a blessing to his many family, neighbors and friends.

He enjoyed all his visits and sharing stories with each of them.

Merle was always generous with his personal time to help anyone in need.

He will be dearly missed. Merle is survived by his daughters, Kelly Schmidt and Karry (Jamie) Hepting; step-daughters, Sherry Harms and Cathy (Steven) Wittbrodt; grandchildren, Kyle and Lexie Hepting; step-grandchildren, Kristie (James) and Carlie (Jeff); step great grandson, Benjamin; siblings, Don (Janet) Schmidt and Judy Schneider and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by brother in law, Leroy Schneider.

Funeral services are Tuesday, May 13th at 11:00 a.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp.



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Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, St. Clair.

Visiting hours are Monday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Blue Water Hospice.

To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)

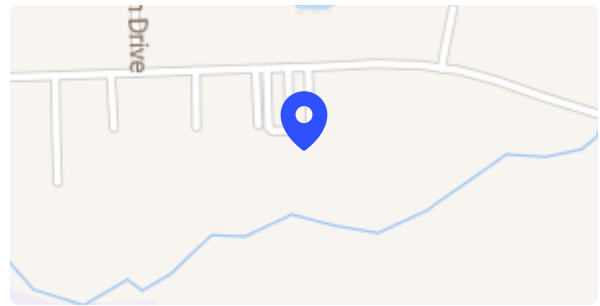


# Events

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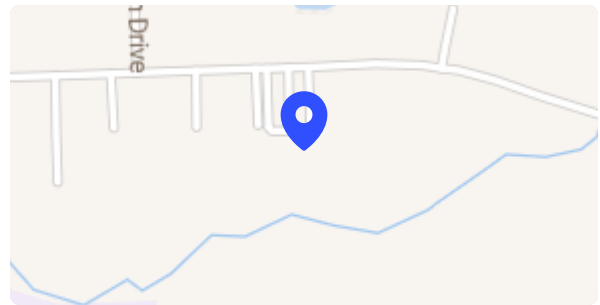
## Visitation

- Monday**, May 12, 2025
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



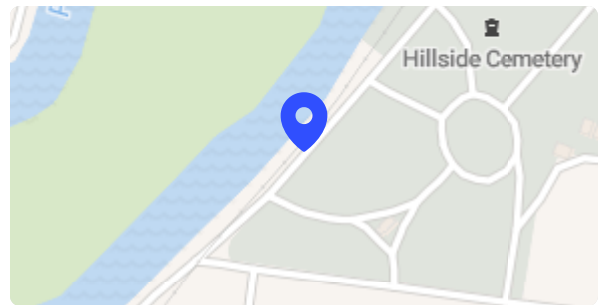
## Service

- Tuesday**, May 13, 2025
- 11:00 AM ET
- Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI
- Visitation prior to service 10-11 am



## Cemetery Details

- Hillside Cemetery**  
St. Clair Hwy., St. Clair MI 48079





## Tribute Wall

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LB

**Linda Boldyreff** posted:

I didn't know Merle well, but I saw him in church every Sunday. When I had surgery in 2022, he stopped me to tell me he was praying for me. Of course I was very touched. After that, not a Sunday went by that I didn't stop to say hello. Everyone I talk to at church says the same...."he was the kindest, sweetest man". Prayers for your family.

May 13 at 11:09 AM

BS

**Brian Schmidt** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



What a great man and uncle! Growing up he would always make us laugh with his imitation of Rosco P Coltrane from the Dukes of Hazzard. I remember he came to one of my grade school basketball games and heckled me during warm ups, I think he was trying to impress Aunt Ruth because they just started dating. I'm so lucky to have his military picture displayed with my dad's military picture right next to him. My Grandma and Grandpa proudly displayed this picture on their mantle. Kelly and Karry my thoughts and prayers are with you! All of my love,Your nephew,Brian

May 10 at 2:38 AM

NB

**Nancy Beaudua** posted:

Sympathy to Merle's family. Merle and my Mom, Mary (Kennedy) Beaudua graduated together from St. Clair High School in 1957.Nancy Beaudua

May 9 at 12:03 PM

JH

**Jody Hayes** lit a candle in honor of Merle.

My sweet Uncle. Had so many great times with him!! He will be very missed! He is at peace now and with many of his loved ones. Rest easy Love your niece, Jody ,



May 9 at 11:48 AM

GB

**Georiana Closs/Burns** May 9 at 12:18 PM

Condolences from another classmate. You will be missed by many. Rest in Peace.



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Merle by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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