



## Robert Joshua Schmitz

June 5, 1978 - August 30, 2021

Robert Joshua Schmitz, age 43, passed away on Monday, August 30, 2021.

Robert was born June 5, 1978, in Berlin, WI to Bob and Nancy Schmitz.

He graduated in 1996 from Berlin High School where he met a bunch of great friends. Josh went on to attend UW-Platteville where he graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree. It was in speech class, spring of 98, where he met a girl that would later become his wife. On September 28, 2002, Josh married Kelly Hahn at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Berlin.

Josh and Kelly purchased a small house that became their loving home.

While working a full-time job at R&M Motors, Josh started 'Schmitz Farms' with 30 acres which eventually grew to 105 acres.

Josh's passion was farming.

He loved the land and the sight of acres of corn. While continuing to work and grow a farming legacy, Josh and Kelly had two loving and hard-working kids: Ann (16) and Bob (14). You could find the kids walking in their dad's shadow, greasing equipment, organizing tools and paperwork, or loading buckets of fertilizer. Josh taught his kids by his example a great work ethic, love of family, and faith in God.

Family time was spent in the field, watching Gold Rush around the home's only television, or enjoying a family dinner out at their favorite restaurant: Culver's.

Josh went on to work the PM weekend shift in the maintenance department at Alliance Laundry Systems in Ripon. There was nothing Josh could not fix or anyone he would not help.

Josh loved old-time country music, was a faithful 7:30 a.m. church goer and most of all

loved his family.

Josh is survived by his wife Kelly; daughter, Ann; son, Bob; parents, Bob and Nancy Schmitz; sister, Jennifer (Brian) Colbeck; Kelly's mom and dad, Frank and Pat; nieces, a nephew and many friends. Josh is preceded in death by his grandparents; and his Godmother, Janet Kessenich.

We love you Bear Bear, love us.

Family and friends may visit with the family on Friday September 10, 2021 from 4-7:00 p.m. and also on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9-10:15 a.m. at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the Saturday visitation at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Parish of Berlin with Father John Silva officiating.

Inurnment will follow services at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery of Berlin.

A Memorial has been established.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Visitation

SEP 11. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

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116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Funeral Service

SEP 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish  
N8566 WI-49  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-5252

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Joshua Schmitz*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - September 08, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ *" Those who have given of themselves to others, will live forever in each heart they have touched" My fond memory of Josh was seeing him from little on in church with his sister and wonderful Mom and Dad. My deceased husband Bob became friends with Josh when they would run into each other at Moriearty's. He always spoke fondly of Josh, and would say "he's a fun young man to be around". I truly share your sorrow, and words cannot take away the pain, but please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time and in the days ahead. Treasure your beautiful memories and may God Bless each of you with much comfort and peace. My sincere and heartfelt sympathy, Love, Shelly Chikowski*

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**Shelly Chikowski** - September 13, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert Joshua Schmitz.*



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September 09, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ 229 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - September 08, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of *Robert Joshua Schmitz*.



September 08, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of *Robert Joshua Schmitz*.



September 07, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of *Robert Joshua Schmitz*.



September 06, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert Joshua Schmitz.*



September 02, 2021 at 12:16 PM

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“ *A few family photos. Dad, Grandpa Schmitz, loved to crawl around on the floor with his grandchildren. The 3 cousins are laughing at Grandpa. Josh is on the upper step with the big smile.*



Candy (Schmitz) Meylor - September 01, 2021 at 08:34 PM

DV

“ *Deena Verheyen lit a candle in memory of Robert Joshua Schmitz*



Deena Verheyen - September 01, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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“ *When Josh was at UW-Platteville he helped me build my cabin. Often his good friend Dave would help. He also restored an old lawnmower that had belonged to his grandfather. He had a quite sense of humor. When something didn't make sense he would say "for crying out loud". To paraphrase my nephew and God Son, we are crying out loud as the world will not be the same without you. To his wife, his children, his mother, father, sister and his extended family, we be there for you.*

Tom Schmitz - September 01, 2021 at 10:25 AM