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Weslaco/Sioux Falls, South Dakota-Gregory J. Schmit, age 71 of Sioux Falls, SD, passed away on March 28, 2025 at the Aurora Hospice House in Weslaco, TX. He suffered a massive stroke on February 13, 2025, followed by several insurmountable complications, and was finally set free of his earthly struggles after 6 weeks. Greg was born October 19, 1953 in Mitchell, SD to George and LaVonne (Brutty) Schmit. He grew up on a farm south of Artesian and graduated from Artesian High School in 1971. He married his high school sweetheart, Dixie (Scott), in 1972, and together, they raised three children. Early in his working career, Greg worked for Smith Farms, the Artesian and Struble Elevators, and UBC. He then found his calling in law enforcement when he started with the Brookings Police Department in 1975. Over the years, he also worked for the Brookings County Sheriff, the Sioux Falls Police, and the Minnehaha County Sheriff. Greg is fondly remembered as a tough but wise mentor to his coworkers and trainees and a role model to the youth in the Explorer Program. In 2018, Greg and Dixie fulfilled their dream as snowbirds in both Arizona and South Texas. Greg was a lifelong supporter of 4-H, Pheasants Forever, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was a Sioux Falls Police Department founding honor guard member and active in the Fraternal Order of Police. Greg was always willing to lend a hand and volunteer when needed. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, tended a large garden, and kept an impeccable lawn. Most of all, he cherished his grandchildren and was so proud of all they have accomplished and their bright futures. He is survived by his wife, daughters Stephanie (Dan) Svoboda of Carver, MN, and Rochelle (Kevin) Long of Bridgewater, VA, and son, John Schmit of Sioux Falls, SD, granddaughter Allison Seifert, and grandsons Benjamin Seifert and Cole Svoboda, step-grandson Jackson Long, brother Douglas (Roxy) Schmit, uncle Robert (Carol) Brutty, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends. He is preceded in death and welcomed into



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heaven by his parents, his father and mother-in-law Audrey and Orvilla Scott, brother and sister-in-law Garland and Audrey Schrank, step-granddaughter Molly Long, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Special appreciation to all the caregivers at South Texas Health System Medical Center McAllen, Aurora House and Opus Hospice during this final journey. Greg's funeral and Celebration of Life will be held at St Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Sioux Falls, SD on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10am. Family and friends are welcome to arrive starting at 9am. The family invites you to continue honoring Greg's life by joining them for a luncheon immediately after mass. Private interment at Calvary Cemetery in Mitchell, SD will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider a donation to the Aurora House Foundation in Greg's memory. You can make the donation online at www.Aurorahouse.org/donations or mail it to PO Box 976, Weslaco, TX 78599.



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SW

Stacey Wagley posted:

I am sorry to hear of Greg (Schmitty's) passing. Long time friend of my Dad's and co-worker of my cousin-in-law on the Sioux Falls PD. A gentleman who will be missed.

April 4 at 9:57 AM

DR

Dave Rowe posted:

He was an awesome co-worker with me at the police dept. !!!

April 4 at 9:57 AM

PB

Patricia L Bortnem posted:

Greg was a man of great character and passion for helping others. Our kids were in school together. Proud to have known him as a friend in Volga and Sioux Falls, SD. I had the privilege of visiting him at the Aurora House Hospice. Hugs to Dixie and kids!

April 2 at 2:17 PM

VL

Vern & Shirley Lathrop posted:

One of the best people we ever had the opportunity to meet, work and coach girl 4-H softball with. A real gentleman, RIP Greg.

April 1 at 6:35 PM

HW

Helene Vander Werff posted:

Greg was such a good man! I knew him at Christ the King Catholic Church and he became a dear friend. He helped educate the teenagers about street drug usage. He also taught the adults about Church Safety. His smile and warm greetings were contagious. I will miss him a lot.

March 31 at 3:06 PM

HW

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March 31 at 2:48 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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