



## Gerald C. Schmidt

May 18, 1936 - December 29, 2023

Gerald C Schmidt, age 87, of Shelby Township, passed away December 29, 2023, on the same day his wife passed 19 years earlier (12/29/04), with his family by his side. Gerald is survived by his eldest brother Merrill (Edna). Children: Chris, Jeff (Kim) and Julie (Don) Larson. Granddaughters: Paige and Katelyn. He is predeceased in death by his loving wife Beverly, parents, Charles and Anna, and his brother Robert. Gerald was born May 18, 1936, in Mount Clemens, Michigan. His younger years were spent at his father's business (Schmidt's Boat Livery) in Anchor Bay, before the family moved to Utica. Gerald attended Utica High School and worked on cars before joining the Marine Corps in 1958, stationed at Camp Pendleton. Gerald had a successful career in automotive body repair, painting, and finishing. His passion for automobiles led him to General Motors where he held a successful 26-year career before retiring as Manager, Service Technology Group (STG) in 1992. Gerald was also an avid antique collector and dealer. Throughout his life he dedicated much of his time volunteering, including many years at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center performing various tasks, such as, building and monitoring duck houses at Holland Ponds. He also dedicated his time to plant and maintain flowers surrounding the concrete bench he dedicated to Beverly at Heritage Garden. Gerald was a very active outdoors man and a family man. Everything he loved to do, he did with his family; gardening with his wife, fishing with his sons, and scuba diving with his daughter. He cherished spending time with his granddaughters, playing in the

snow, skating, sledding, fishing, doing crafts or feeding the ducks. He was patient, loving and adored each of them. He was also enamored with his daughter-in-law, Kim, who loved him dearly and always kept him laughing. A private burial service is being held by the immediate family. Please share a memory with his family at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **White Chapel Memorial Cemetery**

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Tribute Wall

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“ *As we lived so far apart I did not get to spend much time with my uncle but he was a kind and gentle person with an infectious smile. During a visit to Michigan many years ago he gave me a Rose of Sharon plant that has bloomed abundantly over the years. It will now be a constant reminder of a wonderful man who gave gifts of himself in everything he accomplished. Rest in peace Uncle Jerry.*

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**Cheri Schmidt Wiggins** - January 01, 2024 at 05:11 PM