

Frederick Joseph Schmidt

Frederick Joseph Schmidt, 86, passed away peacefully at his home in Meridian, Idaho, on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023.

Fred was born in Greencreek to Joseph W. Schmidt and Theresa Reiner Schmidt on March 6, 1937.

He graduated from Greencreek High School in 1955 and pursued a career in education. In 1957 he completed a two-year degree at Lewis-Clark Normal School and began teaching at Deary, Ferdinand and Greencreek. He furthered his education at the University of Idaho during the summer months. "Go Vandals!" Fred went on to teach for the Lewiston School District for 29 years, primarily at Sacajawea Junior High School. Along with teaching, he coached



many sports and was a Driver Education instructor. Fred was a kind-hearted teacher who impacted the lives of his students.

His positive outlook, humor and storytelling abilities kept his students engaged and created a memorable learning environment.

Fred married Karen Regimbál on June 10, 1961, in Nezperce and together they had four children Keith, Diane, Cheryl and Dana. Family was extremely important to him and he treasured spending time together. Some of our fondest memories include camping, fishing and trips to the Oregon coast with close friends. He was famous for leading fireside sing-alongs which included,

"the Lion Hunt" and "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain." His favorite pastime was golfing.

Fred was a member of the Catholic Church. Fred and Karen were active in church ministries including: Engaged Encounter, Cursillo movement and religious education. He was ordained a deacon for All Saints Catholic Church in 2001. As a deacon, he was immersed in the lives of others by preaching, baptizing, assisting in funerals and serving as the church's witness for marriages.

He was a beloved, wonderful man, father and friend. Fred will be greatly missed.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Margaret Becker, Florence Lux and Delores VonBargen, and granddaughter

Jalea Williams.

He is survived by his wife Karen, of 62 years; his son Keith Schmidt and wife Julie (Shawn, Nicole, Brandon and families); daughters Diane Parks and husband Dave (Joel and Erica and families), Cheryl Horovitz and husband Dan (Jane and Joey) and Dana Morrell and husband Todd (Jack and Ben). His sisters Lucille Sprute, Clemy Bieker, Anna Gehring, Theresa Wemhoff and husband Willie; and brother Father Joe Schmidt; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be held Friday, July 19, 2024, at All Saints Catholic Church, 3330 14th St., Lewiston.

Memorial contributions can made to the Salvation Army, 1220 21st St., Lewiston, ID 83501.

DEATHS

Florence Cereata Smith

COEUR D'ALENE — Florence Cereata Smith, 97, of Kooskia, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at Kootenai Health Hospital in Coeur d'Alene. Trenary Funeral Home of Kooskia is in charge of arrangements.

Caroline Thomas

SPOKANE — Caroline Thomas, 94, of Kooskia, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. Trenary Funeral Home of Kooskia is in charge of arrangements.

Everett Clark Johnson

GARFIELD — Everett Clark Johnson, 68, of Garfield, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at his home. Kramer Funeral Home of Palouse is in charge of arrangements.

Jan E. Kucera

PULLMAN — Jan E. Kucera, 88, of Pullman, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at the Whitman Adult Family Home in Pullman. Kramer Funeral Home of Palouse is in charge of arrangements.

FUNERAL/SERVICE DIRECTORY

Today

Louise Marie Andrews, 81, of Lewiston — 2 p.m. memorial, Mountain View Funeral Home, 3521 Seventh St., Lewiston.

Dusty A. Teitzel, 74, of Lewiston — 2-6 p.m. celebration of life, Lewiston Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1104 Warner Ave., Lewiston.

Monday

Veda Wagner, 93, of Lewiston — 10 a.m. funeral and reception, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3810 16th St., Lewiston.

Tuesday

Patricia L. Odberg, 91, of Moscow and formerly of Genesee — 11 a.m. graveside, outside of Genesee Valley Lutheran Church, Genesee. Reception to follow at the Genesee Senior Center.

Thursday

William "Bill" R. Snyder, 70, of Clarkston — 5 p.m. memorial, Orchards Community Church, 822 Bryden Ave., Lewiston.

Celebration preparation



Jordan Opp/Tribune

Cyndi Robinett places a bow on a piece of garland Friday at the Nez Perce Fair Pavilion in Lewiston. Robinett, along with other volunteers, were preparing for the Christmas Connection's Celebration Day and Community Dinner event at the fair pavilion from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Christmas Connection is organized by St. Vincent DePaul of Clarkston and Toys for Tots, and has the goal of helping families in the area afford food and toys for children 15 and younger at Christmas.

PRIMARIES

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The ballot initiative would also transform Idaho's general election by creating ranked choice, or an instant runoff election system. Under that system, voters would pick their favorite candidate and then be able to rank the remaining candidates in order of preference. The candidate receiving the fewest votes would be eliminated, and the votes for that candidate would then be transferred to the second choice candidate on each of those voters' ballots. That process would continue until there are two candidates remaining, and the candidates with the most votes would be elected the winner.

Under that system, Idahoans would only vote in the general election once because their ranked choices on their ballots would determine the instant runoff races.

Idaho has had a closed primary law in place since 2011, which means that political parties don't have to let voters who are not affiliated with their political party vote in their primary elections. The law also allows political parties to choose to open their primary elections to other voters. During the most recent elections in 2022, only the Democratic Party opened its primary election to other voters. The Republican, Constitution Party and Libertarian primary elections were all closed, the Idaho Secretary of State's Office previously told the Idaho Capital Sun.

Supporters of the open primary initiative said their ballot initiative will force political candidates to be accountable to a wider range of voters because all voters would be able to participate in primary elections.

Opponents of the open primary initiative are led

by Idaho Republican Party Chairwoman Dorothy Moon and Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador, who have said the open primary initiative would interject confusion into Idaho elections and benefit more progressive candidates.

How is the open primary signature drive going?

The Idahoans for Open Primaries coalition has gained ground steadily. Hundreds of volunteers have been canvassing neighborhoods across the state carrying clipboards and using mobile phone apps loaded up with a database of registered voters' names and addresses as they gather signatures.

Organizers launched their signature drive Aug. 19 after a legal dispute with Labrador over the ballot titles that would be used to identify the initiative.

By Oct. 11, the coalition had gathered 25,000 signatures, the Idaho Capital Sun previously reported.

On Wednesday, organizers announced they had reached 50,000 signatures. Idahoans for Open Primaries also announced Wednesday it had reached the 6% threshold in seven legislative districts and had obtained more than half of the necessary signatures in seven additional districts.

The coalition has until May 1 to turn in its signatures. If ballot initiative qualifies for the November 2024 general election, it would take a simple majority of voters to approve it.

Clark Corbin has more than a decade of experience covering Idaho government and politics. He has covered every Idaho legislative session since 2011 gavel-to-gavel. Prior to joining the Idaho Capital Sun he reported for the Idaho Falls Post Register and Idaho Education News. His reporting in Idaho has helped uncover a multimillion-dollar investment scam and exposed inaccurate data that school districts submitted to the state.

RECORDS

Of Friday, Dec. 15, 2023

Births

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Rachelle and Neil Kunnari, of Moscow, a daughter, Nema Isobel Kunnari, born Wednesday.
Tayler and Dillon Smith, of Lewiston, a daughter, Charlie Jo Smith, born Tuesday.
Savannah and Joe Kaschmitter, of Lewiston, a daughter, Estelle Marie Kaschmitter, born Thursday.
Nicole Andersen and Hunter Cobbs, of Orofino, a daughter, Brylee Lynn Cobbs, born Thursday.
Cori and Nicholas Pinque, of Weippe, a son, Rett George Pinque, born Thursday.

Marriage Licenses

Nez Perce County
Morgan Felix Glidden and Rebecca Lynn Chamberlain, both of Lewiston.
Tyler James Schmechel, of Jerome, Idaho, and Abigail Christianne Defilippo, of Lewiston.
Kaden Thomas Schwartz, of Culesac, and Malayna Gayle Hambly, of Craigmont.

District Court

Nez Perce County Judge Michelle Evans
Ralph N. Sandgren, 66, of Spokane, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone hydrochloride), a felony. Sentenced to withheld judgment 30 days jail discretionary, 100 hours of community service, five years felony probation and pay \$1,345.50 in fees.

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