



## John Lavern Schmidt

November 2, 1941 - January 29, 2024

John Lavern Schmidt, age 82, unexpectedly passed away on the 29th of January 2024. John was born in 1941 on the 2nd of November in Judsonia, Arkansas – the town that he called home most of his life. It was here that John developed a deep love for family, the outdoors, and country music. Coming from a large family, John became a natural nurturer with a gentle soul. He was known for spending as much time as possible in the great outdoors. Be it fishing, hunting, or gardening – John always kindly shared his bounty with those he held dear (and anyone lucky enough to receive his strawberries or okra can say just how lucky they were). He made his living as a master electrician, a profession that allowed him to literally bring light to the lives of others. He did it all with a song in his heart and a smile on his sun-kissed face. John was predeceased by: his parents Marion and Arthur Schmidt; his brothers George Schmidt and Jarrel Schmidt (Linda – Living); his sister Francis English (Robert – Deceased); and his wife Brenda Joyce Schmidt. He is survived by: his son Joel Schmidt (Jennifer); step children, Amanda Walker, Anthony Owens (Glenda), and Angela Owens; his sisters Dorothy Powell (Harvey – Deceased), Valeda Miller (Dennis), and Rosalee Bowren (Reggie – Deceased); his brothers Clifford Schmidt, James Schmidt, Jason Schmidt (Debbie – Deceased), and Mitchell Schmidt (Diane). He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will begin at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 3rd at Powell Funeral Home, located at 1272 AR-367, Bald Knob, AR. Funeral services will follow at

2:00 PM. With Scott Adair officiating. Interment will follow in the Providence Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Providence Cemetery

Providence Cemetery Rd.  
Providence, AR 72020  
powellbk@cablelynx.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
Bald Knob, AR 72010  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Lavern Schmidt



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 03, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ Sure going to miss not having my fishing buddy around :( John was always so sweet and kind to me he didn't have a mean bone in his body. John loved everyone and his smile always showed that, he loved to fish and loved to eat fish more and that man sure loved his desserts exsp banana pudding . God sure gained an angel when he gave John his wings. Life won't be the same without you buddy so fly high. Loved you then and love you now Debbie Cullum 💖

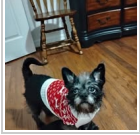
Debbie Cullum - February 03, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John Lavern Schmidt.



February 02, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *When my daughter Kailey was just a little girl, maybe 3,4 years old, john made it a point every strawberry season for her to get that very first ripe strawberry. He was a wonderful stepdad, husband, and grandfather to us all. We couldn't have asked for a better one. We love you and You will always be a part of us all. Rest easy ol' man.*

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**Angie Owens** - February 02, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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*John was a very special person to Ray Dean and myself. I think he wired every house Ray Dean built.our relationship went much deeper than that. We made many memories with John, especially on our cruise. We enjoyed many fruits of his labor in his garden, his apple tree, and blackberries. After he lost Joyce, I always made his chicken and dressing, and his ice box pickles. He was a hood man loved by many, and the world was a better place with him in it. Rest easy John. Love and prayers to Joel and all his family.*

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**martha Douglas** - February 02, 2024 at 06:20 PM