



## Norbert Theodore Schmitz

January 27, 1944 - August 31, 2016

Mr. Norbert (Bert) Theodore Schmitz, age 72, of Sharpsburg, GA passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at his home. Mr. Schmitz was born January 27, 1944 in Perryville, MO to the late Norbert Frank Schmitz and Germaine Trimberger Schmitz.

He obtained his Master's Degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Bert worked at Johnson Controls as an engineer and later became a plant manager. He was the President of the Newnan Rotary Club from 1995-1996. Bert's favorite pastimes were watching the Green Bay Packers and participating in shooting sports.

Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years, Jane Schmitz, two sons and their spouses, Norbert (Bert) Andrew Schmitz and his wife Marie of North Carolina and Jeffrey Allen Schmitz and his wife Angie of Illinois; four grandchildren, Emily, Morgan, Kelly, and Tom; and one great grandchild, Sebastian.

A service will be planned at a later date. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your preferred charity in Bert's name.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 38 Jackson Street Newnan GA 30263  
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# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 1.

Service planned for later date

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Thank you for the opportunity to have cared for Norbert. Please know that you are in our in our thoughts and prayers.

Sacred Journey - September 13, 2016 at 03:25 PM

Emily Schmitz

“ 3 files added to the album Emily's favorite Photos



Emily Schmitz - September 12, 2016 at 03:59 PM

KL

“ I first met Bert at MSOE. He was in the electrical engineering program, and I was in the mechanical engineering program. In those days MSOE made both EE's and ME's take a lot of the same coursework so we would be better educated. Bert was married and I was about to be.

He was responsible for me choosing to go to work at JCI where he and I worked for many years. Our families got to spend a lot of time together doing some of the most simple things. These included having get togethers regularly- many at the Hartland sportsman club and enjoying breakfast on Sunday mornings before opening the club. In the beginning, I was the better shooter, but it did not take long before he was. Even as our lives diverged, we never did. He would call me on my birthday and ask how the "old man" was. You see our birthdays are on the same day, me being one year older.

When I found out he had AML I was crushed because I knew the seriousness of this diagnosis. We communicated more often and when Jane called and told me Bert had passed I was torn apart because I was going to call after Labor Day. My wife and I will never forget the good times our families spent together. Rest in peace Bert.

*Ralph and Kathy Ley*

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**Kathy Ley** - September 11, 2016 at 10:40 AM

JS

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**Jane Schmitz** - September 10, 2016 at 01:34 PM

JS

*The Schmitz guys.. Tom, Jeff, Andy and Bert.*

**Jane Schmitz** - September 10, 2016 at 01:42 PM

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**Andy** - September 10, 2016 at 11:03 AM

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*Bert & Jane 50th Anniversary at the Greenbrier*

**Andy** - September 10, 2016 at 11:05 AM

RD

“ *Bert was a great leader in Rotary Club of Newnan. His organizational skills introduced us to computerized record keeping back in the 90's. Always willing to help his fellow Rotarians. It was my pleasure to see Jane and Bert come through the jewelry store door, Bert always had such a big grin on his face. Praying for your peace and comfort in the days ahead.*  
*Ray DuBose*

**Ray DuBose** - September 06, 2016 at 09:02 PM

JD

“ *Jan and I were in the first SSC squad. We had a lot of fun thanks to Bert. I know he will be missed. May God watch over the family.*  
*Jeannie Dillard*

**Jeannie Dillard** - September 06, 2016 at 11:07 AM

AS

“ Bert was such a great guy. We always enjoyed seeing him, especially at the Social Shooting Club events. He was a man that went above and beyond the call of duty! The first year I won the "Social Shooting Club's Top Gun of the Year" award, he took a Wheaties box and put my picture on it. This thrilled my son, Eli, who was six at the time! After telling Bert how Eli took the Wheaties box to school for show and tell, he made me another box the next year. I still have both boxes and still get a kick out of sharing them with friends and family! Bert will me missed by so many people. He touched many lives with his wit and his knowledge! Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Alex Sumner

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Alex Sumner - September 06, 2016 at 05:55 AM

RM

“ My wife and I first met Bert and Jane at one of the early Social Club shoots that Bert organized. For the next ten plus years we went to ever club shoot we could get to and shot on other weekends with Bert, Jane, and others we met thru the club. We always look forward to those days which included friendship as well as shooting. Although I retired and moved away ten years ago I still think of Bert often when shooting. It is strange and often not appreciated how friends gained and then lost can have such a positive and lasting effect on us. I am still shooting regularly and not a month goes by that I don't chide one of my shooting companions with one of Bert's pithy sayings. My favorite is "don't play with your food" when someone follows the target forever before shooting. Thanks Bert. Ray Morrissy

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R Morrissy - September 05, 2016 at 09:22 AM

  
Morgan  
Reyes

“ There is so much to say about my Grandpa Bert. He was an amazing man with, as my dad always says, knowledge on any subject, and who could always give you advice on any problems you were having because he had the experience.



*My favorite memories of my grandpa are playing piano with him. I believe he's the one who instilled music in my life at an early age and I'll always fondly remember sitting with him and playing "Heart and Soul," and trying my absolute hardest not to mess up because I didn't want to disappoint him! Not that he would have been.*

*I love you, Grandpa Bert. I'll be teaching my son Heart and Soul as soon as possible.*

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**Morgan Reyes** - September 04, 2016 at 10:09 PM

MA

“ My prayers are with the Schmitz family during this difficult time. I didn't know Bert very well, but I always admired the way he organized and ran the social shooting club. I did have the pleasure of shooting with him on a few occasions. He was a professional in every sense of the word, and I know he will be missed by all those that knew him.

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**Martin C. Anderson** - September 04, 2016 at 02:38 PM

AH

“ Bert was always the leader that took the hard jobs and did a lot for Sporting Clays in Georgia. He always had time to help all cities (like Columbus, Ga.) develop the sport over the years. We all will miss Bert. Al Hayes

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**Al Hayes** - September 04, 2016 at 09:46 AM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bert's passing. I was working at Johnson Yokogawa when he came to work there as manufacturing plant manager. He seemed to be a stern, serious man and some of us felt intimidated a little. I was wrong about that. Bert was such a nice man who warmed up to us Southerners and made a big impression on me that caused me to respect him for what he did. He would walk around the manufacturing area and ask how we were doing. There were times on our breaks in the cafeteria, he would come in and sit at our table and talk. I had never heard of a manager doing that! He learned that my son had gone to Marshal to play football and my husband worked for Pepsi here in Newnan. I learned his daughter in law (if memory serves me correct) worked for Pepsico. I also learned from him that he didn't like to fly. Not sure if that dislike ever changed. The last time I saw Bert was at a Red Cross Blood Drive several years after he left JYC. I know he will be missed by a lot of people. My condolences to all his family.  
Carolyn Smith

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**Carolyn Smith** - September 04, 2016 at 05:45 AM

BR

“ I have just completed reading all of the condolences from Bert's long list of friends, which are heart-warming.



*Bert and I first met at Johnson-Yokogawa in Newnan. He was the Director of Manufacturing, and I was the Human Resources Director. We discovered early on that we both came from the Milwaukee area. We supported each other in our roles, and worked together like a Swiss watch.*

*Early on, he talked about his love of shooting sports, especially Sporting Clays and Atlanta's Road America auto racing. We took many trips to RA to watch his eldest son, Andy, race.*

*After a couple trips to different sporting clay clubs, I was hooked. He encouraged me, taught me, and enabled me to enjoy this amazing pastime. We traveled to a variety of locations throughout Georgia and surrounding states to play with the clays.*

*Tim Bastyr was also a regular participant, and consequently, a strong bond was formed among us. Our motto was " a bad day shooting still beats a good day at work."*

*I will never forget Bert. We were family.*

*Thanks for your friendship and fond memories,  
BOB RENDL*

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**BOB RENDL** - September 03, 2016 at 04:41 PM

BD

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**Bobbi Deling** - September 03, 2016 at 01:14 PM

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*Bert on the Toccoa River Swinging Bridge, Oct. 2015*

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**Bobbi Deling** - September 11, 2016 at 01:17 PM

DB

“ *I was honored to have Bert as a fellow employee at JYC. He made a significant contribution to the success of the company. He was a very personable, caring person and I enjoyed being around him. He will be missed.*

*Dave Bigler*

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**Dave Bigler** - September 03, 2016 at 01:02 PM

RC

“ I am sincerely saddened. It's life I know. We touch as many souls as possible in this life and try to improve the journey. Bert touched me many times over the 21 years I knew him. With humility and great common sense he moved thru our lives. Bert's guidance and creative nature are in evidence through the GSCA as we know it today due to his great influence. As I say, I am saddened but know that we all must move forward. It is great tribute to Bert and his lovely wife that we must commit to the improvement and continued excellence for the sport that he lived and committed his life in retirement. We can only hope to approach his knowledge and experience. I will miss knowing Bert is out there helping and teaching us how to be better. However, in the same vein, I know he is watching us and will help guide us from a far. God's speed my friend, I will never forget you! Thank you for all the opportunities you gave me to be the best shooter and person that I was capable of being. Ronnie Cail

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Ronnie Cail - September 03, 2016 at 07:51 AM

JW

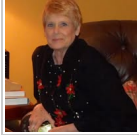
“ I want to express my heartfelt condolences to Jane and the rest of the family at the loss of Bert, our beloved Shootmeister. I don't believe there has ever been anyone in the shooting community that was more respected or better liked than Bert Schmitz. I will never forget the great years when he was at the helm of The Social Shooting Club. That club provided so much fun and camaraderie for so many people. For many of us, the friendships we formed in the context of the club will last a lifetime. I am currently living in Paris, and the day after receiving the sad news about Bert, I met for lunch with Larry Rainwater, an old squadmate and friend from the SSC and his wife. They just happened to be visiting Paris at the time. I was sorry to have had to break the bad news to them. None of us are accustomed to drinking wine at lunch, but on this day, we all ordered a glass of white wine so we could raise it in a grateful toast to our dear friend Bert.

While I was with The Social Shooting Club, I was privileged to conduct the lunchtime raffle and to MC the year end parties. One of the great honors of my life was to be given the nickname, The Rafflemeister, by The Shootmeister himself in recognition of my role in the club. Even though I have moved to France and shoot only FITASC sporting here, I still wear my SSC shooting vest with “Rafflemeister” proudly emblazoned across the back.

With great fondness,  
Joe Wilkins, The Rafflemeister

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**Joe Wilkins** - September 03, 2016 at 01:59 AM



“ We are so sorry about Bert. We shot with Social Shooters for many years and he was always so gracious and a pleasure to be around. One thing I remember is I always seemed to lose something, my glasses, cap, bag , and Bert would always find it and knew immediately who it belonged to , just would find me , and with that smile would say" Think this must be yours!". Tommy and I cherish Bert, the Shooters and the good times we spent with them.

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**Paula Jones** - September 02, 2016 at 10:18 PM

RF

“ Bert was in his element around shooting. I can remember in the early days of the SSC, how Bert would take shooters to their stations on his cart. This was before most shooters had carts and Bert wanted to make sure things were going smoothly. He and Jane would wait and shoot in the afternoon. When the afternoon shoot was over and everyone was leaving, I would stay sometimes and help pick up the cones that everyone would gather at before going to shoot the course. I told him many times how much I appreciated what he and Jane did for the shooters. I went by their house at Christmas one year, and I was shocked to see all the prizes they had in the living room for the year end party. There is no telling how many people he helped introduce to shooting through the SSC. He truly loved what he was doing. He enjoyed running the Fitasc events at BRO after the SSC had shut down. I will miss him!

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**Ronnie Futo** - September 02, 2016 at 09:04 PM

TP

“ Good man,good friend.  
I will miss him.  
Troy

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**Troy peak** - September 02, 2016 at 08:26 PM

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**Jeff Schmitz** - September 02, 2016 at 08:24 PM

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**Jeff Schmitz** - September 02, 2016 at 08:23 PM

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**Jeff Schmitz** - September 02, 2016 at 08:13 PM

JS

“ One of the best memories of my father was a trip to the hardware store when I was very young. I do not recall what we had purchased, but we got what we needed and were driving home. A few blocks from the store he stopped the car and looked at the receipt. He made a U-turn and headed back. When we got to the store he informed the cashier that he had received incorrect change. He had gotten too much money back. He was there to return some money so the cashier's drawer would balance at the end of the day. He didn't say anything about it to me at the time. He wasn't trying to make a point or teach me anything. But he did. My father was an honest man who lived his life by a well defined code of conduct. He always had good advice and made time for me whenever I needed him. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was just plain fun to be around. You don't get to pick your father. You get what you get. I am fully aware of how lucky I am to have had a father like him. He was truly a great man. Words cannot express how much I will miss him. Jeff Schmitz

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**Jeff Schmitz** - September 02, 2016 at 08:06 PM

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**Norbert A Schmitz** - September 02, 2016 at 07:38 PM

CD

“ Jane,  
Bert was a dear friend to us. The day Bert convinced Charlie to come out to a sporting clay's shoot many years ago changed both of our lives. We treasure the friendship and times we've shared with both of you. While Bert is gone, his memory will live on within us forever. Jane, we look forward to our continued friendship in the years to come.

Love,  
Charlie and Bobbi

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**Charles and Bobbi Deling** - September 02, 2016 at 07:04 PM

CP

“ Mr Schmitz . Was a wonderful man. I only knew him a short time. But the time I spent with him I will hold in my heart dearly forever. I thank God for allowing our paths to cross. You will be missed my dear friend

Cammie Peace  
outpatient Infusion

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**cammie Peace** - September 02, 2016 at 04:19 PM

FW

Jane, Frank and I met you and Bert in the very early years of the Social Shooting Club. You and Bert were amazing in your dedication to the sport. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Together you and Bert developed quite a legacy among shooter enthusiast. Much love and appreciation for the good times shared together.

Frank & Trudy Whittington

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**Frank & Trudy Whittington** - September 05, 2016 at 07:29 PM

JJ

*I read the many nice comments about Bert. Two that spoke to me most were written by Ronnie Cail and Joe Wilkins. I also knew Bert and Jane thru the Social Shooting Club. This club was responsible for many lifelong friendships that would simply not have been if not for these many social shoots. Thanks again Bert. Jane and family, our prayers are with you.*

*Joe Rinehart Jr.*

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**Joe Rinehart Jr** - September 07, 2016 at 09:38 AM

EL

*The shooting community in Georgia and the Southeast owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bert. His influence built a small participation activity/hobby from virtual obscurity into a high growth sport. His leadership brought families, women, youth, etc., into a safe, fun, yet competitive experience. Thank you Bert and Jane, job well done. Missed but never forgotten,  
Eloise and Percy*

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**eloise/percy** - September 08, 2016 at 08:50 AM

TH

*Everytime we use Tobasco, Bert's name comes up and it will forever be that way! His love for clay targets moved mountains. We are thankful to count him as one of our blessings in life.*

*Mel and Teda*

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**Teda Huskey** - September 12, 2016 at 01:19 PM