



## Robert G. Schmitt

June 17, 1927 - March 25, 2017

Robert G. Schmitt, 89, of Camillus passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Elderwood in Liverpool. He was born on June 17, 1927 in Boston and grew up in Braintree, MA, where he participated in track and cross country. Active in hockey most of his life, it was his first love in sports. While in high school, he played for the Weymouth Blue Birds who played throughout New England and Lake Placid. He served with the US Navy in World War II on Pelelieu in the South Pacific. He was employed by Jockey International of Kenosha, WI, makers of Jockey brand underwear.

He was active in Midstate Hockey Syracuse, both coaching and officiating and was a member of N.I.H.O.A. Syracuse Chapter of ice hockey officials. He was also a member of the first committee formed to build the Shove Park Ice Arena with details available at the Camillus Historical Society. He loved his family, his home and his church; always on hand to make them all the best that they could be. Bob was a member of Fairmount Community Church UCC, having served in many capacities. He was predeceased by his parents, sister and brother.

Survived by his wife 66 years, Helen; a son Robert Jr. (Ethel) of Cicero, NY; a daughter Virginia (Russell) Mc Gibbon of Venice FL; and five grandchildren Sarah Levonyak, Amanda Tortora, Stephanie Kirkby, Christopher Schmitt, Bryan Schmitt; six great grandchildren Kyle Kirkby, Sydney Kirkby, Alex

Kirkby, Zachary Schmitt, Parker Tortora and Kinsley Tortora.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 8th at Fairmount Community UCC, 4801 W. Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13219.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Fairmount Community Church UCC Endowment Fund.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairmount Community Church

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Helen, Ginny, Bob Jr.,  
It was a beautiful service today. Bob was a thoughtful, generous and  
conscience soul. Please know that so many are thinking of you with  
loving hearts.*

*With my deepest sympathy,  
Kim Predgen*

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**Kim Predgen** - April 08, 2017 at 03:58 PM



“ *California Healthy was purchased for the family  
of Robert G. Schmitt.*



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April 05, 2017 at 12:13 AM

TG

“ Mom and Dad and The Creech and Helen enjoyed a longstanding, special friendship going back to 1963 when we moved into Orchard Village. So many great family and personal memories of The Creech, Helen (Mrs. Schmitt) and growing up with Bob Jr and Ginger. The hockey games at the Coliseum, getting called for elbowing by the referee (I.e. the Cheech), the Friday fish fries at Wheelers, their trips to Saratoga and the cookouts throughout the summer following the guys rounds of golf at Westvale. My dad and Cheech were always pulling pranks on each other. One summer, my parents were traveling out of town and my brother and I stayed at the Schmitt's. When my parents got home, there was a bill from The Cheech. Room and board - \$12, food - \$14, Ketchup -\$119. Unlike the thousand dinner bills they shared, I'm not sure that bill got paid. As my dad and The Creech liked their cigars, providing they were a great deal, I pray they are once again enjoying a great smoke and lots of laughs together. To quote my brother Shawn, he was a great person, a true classic! God bless The Cheech!

*Tim & Sue George*

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**Tim George** - April 04, 2017 at 11:02 PM

TG

*.... and the free Jockey underwear!*

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**Tim George** - April 04, 2017 at 11:16 PM

BJ

*Tim: Thank you for the wonderful memories you have shared above. They were great times as two families and all their friends really enjoyed life to fullest.*

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**Bob Schmitt Jr.** - April 07, 2017 at 05:26 AM

CH

“ Our parents, Dick and Eileen, celebrated many holidays with Bob and Helen, and a few other couples . They enjoyed many laughs over many decades. Our condolences to Helen and the rest of his family.

*Carla Hamann ( on behalf of Dick Hamann and our entire family)*

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**Carla Hamann Hoenigmann** - April 02, 2017 at 08:28 PM

RG

“ One of my dad's very dearest friends. Bob and Helen and my parents Chris and Patsy George played golf all the time. And on Friday nights they'd play bridge at Westvale. My dad called Bob (Chi Chi ). I never knew why. He was a star to the George boys who always had a ball when the family's got together. He will be missed by all. Love to Helen, Bob jr and Ginny. Rob and Mary George.

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**Rob George** - March 31, 2017 at 03:54 PM

BJ

*Thanks Rob. Such kind words. Your Dad called him Chi Chi or Cheech because Dad always was a good putter, but when he made a putt of importance or of good length he would imitate the sword performance with his putter like the retired PGA great and showman-Chi Chi Rodriquez.*

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**Bob Schmitt Jr** - April 01, 2017 at 03:22 PM

LP

*Ginny, Helen & Bob, I am so sorry you lost your beloved Dad & Husband. I hope the good memories of him sustain you through the tough times. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Linda  
xoxo*

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**Linda Pansuk** - April 01, 2017 at 08:17 PM

CM

*Helen, Bob and Ginny, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear husband and father. His great humor and thoughtfulness of others will always be remembered by us. He was surely a favorite of Mom's. Sorry we are unable to be with you on Saturday, but please be assured of our caring thoughts and prayers.*

*Much love to you and your family, Shirley and Charlie*

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**Charles and Shirley Middleton** - April 03, 2017 at 02:03 PM

BJ

*Charlie and Shirley:*

*Thank you so much for your kind words and memories of Dad. We all hope you both and your family are fine.*

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**Bob Schmitt Jr.** - April 03, 2017 at 04:02 PM

NN

“ *Ginny and family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. I hope that you find peace and comfort in the many memories of your Dad.  
Hugs,  
Nancy (Buck) Nolan*

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**Nancy Nolan** - March 30, 2017 at 08:09 AM