

# Obituaries

MARCH 4, 2009

## Lewis D. Schmidt, 61

**JAN. 23, 1948-MARCH 1, 2009**

WOODBINE, Md. - Lewis Duke Schmidt, 61, of Woodbine, died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at his home.

Born Jan. 23, 1948, in Hagerstown, he was the son of the late Lewis Richard and Julia Flohr Schmidt.

He was the husband of Eileen Joyce Kazer Schmidt of Woodbine.

He served four years in the U.S. Navy as part of Operation Deep Freeze.

He had been a maintenance mechanic for the Howard County government for many years.

He was a member of the Mason Dixon Umpires Association for over 30 years, umpiring Baltimore-area high school baseball. He also umpired recreational leagues, college, semi-pro and the Orioles Fantasy Camp. He had been a basketball official for 10 years for Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Carroll County schools, and Carroll County recreational leagues. He was a football official for five years in both Frederick and Carroll counties. He created the umpire training program at Sykesville Little League. Two generations of youth learned the love of the game from "Big Lew," as he was affectionately known.



He also coached in his son's and daughters' teams in basketball for Winfield Recreational Council, and his son's baseball at Sykesville Little League. He was a lifelong fan of the Baltimore Colts, then the Baltimore Ravens and the Baltimore Orioles. As part of his job, he was able to attend three Super Bowls, several NBA All-Star games and numerous Army-Navy games.

He was a member and current president of the Maryland Chapter of Wastewater Operators of America. He was a member of Winfield Fire Department for over 25 years, and loved his job calling bingo every summer at the carnival.

Surviving in addition to his wife are son and daughter-in-law, Lewis Brian and Amy Schmidt of Westminster; daughters, Amanda Schmidt of Ellicott City and Jessica Gibson of Woodbine; grandchildren, Zackery, Marijane and Zoey Page, all of Ellicott City; mother-in-law, Eileen Kazer of Ellicott City; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, William G. and Roseann Kazer of Roswell, Ga.; and four nephews.

He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Thomas F. Gibson Jr.; and by his sister, Patricia Hoffeld.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Haight Funeral Home and Chapel, 6416 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, Md. Interment with military honors will be in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills, Md.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.