Albert J. Schmidt was born May 30, 1923 to John and Katherina (Elberg) Schmidt in Dickinson, N.D. He grew up in Dickinson, attended St. Joseph's Elementary School and later graduated from Dickinson High School. He attended college for a year in Kansas City, MO, where he studied aeronautics. When Albert returned to Dickinson he continued to farm and did custom work along with working at the clay plant, Queen City Oil Refinery and REA Express in Dickinson. On February 4, 1952, he married Doloris Meyer at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dickinson. They purchased the family farm northwest of Dickinson in 1960 and it was there that they made their home and raised their family. He raised dairy cows for a while along with small grain and hay that continues to this day. Albert enjoyed custom work, auctions and antique tractors but he especially enjoyed his time swathing. He loved traveling across the United States and Canada to visit relatives and friends. Albert passed away Thursday, August 9, 2007 at his home North of Dickinson. Survivors include his wife, Doloris, Dickinson; three sons: Allan Schmidt, Denver, CO, Douglas (Kathleen) Schmidt, Dickinson, ND and Gerald Schmidt, Billings, MT; a daughter, Cynthia (Al) Heidt, Glendive, MT; a brother, Nick (Francis) Schmidt, Dickinson, ND; a sister, Bertha Staudt, Batavia, IL and five grandchildren: Adam and Derek Schmidt and Dustin (Kristy), Devin and Christopher Schmidt; He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Bill and Ted Schmidt and a sister, Eleanor Schmidt.

Beyond the rainbow's farthest end, there lies a land that's always filled with love and light. Where shadows never fall and dim the skies; For in this lovely land, there is no night.
God gives us each a gift of life
  To cherish from our birth.
He gives us friends and those we love
  To share our days on Earth.
He watches us with loving care
  And takes us by the hand,
He blesses us with countless joys
  And guides the lives we’ve planned.

Then, when our work on Earth is done,
  He calls to us to His side,
To love with Him in happiness
  Where peace and love abide.