

Father had trouble with asthma. He passed away November 16, 1920. We never had hunger. We have always had enough to eat.

- David J. Schmidt

JOHN UNRUH SCHMIDT, son of Jacob A. and Anna Unruh Schmidt, was born October 27, 1890 on a farm near Goessel, Kansas. On May 30, 1909 he was baptized into the membership of the Tabor Mennonite Church by the Rev. H. R. Voth.

John U. Schmidt was a member of a party from the Tabor and Alexanderwohl Churches that homesteaded in DuBois, Idaho. From Idaho he was called into the service for 3½ years during the World War I. When the First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, Kansas was built he was of the workmen from the neighboring churches that assisted with the construction.

While working on this project he met Marie Elva Gaeddert and they were united in marriage May 7, 1922 on the home farm of her parents by the Rev. A. J. Dyck. To this union were born two sons, Raymond Eugene from Borger, Texas and Richard Lee from Joplin, Missouri. John departed this life very suddenly, Monday, February 10, 1958, leaving to miss his congenial presence, his widow and two sons and their wives and five grandchildren and one brother David J. of Aberdeen, Idaho. His parents, two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a cabinet maker and his greatest joy was to design and build in wood. He took great pride in his work and for those that knew him his work was done to perfection. He held his position at the Woodwork Mfg. Co. of Hutchinson, Kansas for 25 years before retiring at the age of 66 in November of 1955.

John was a charter member of the First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson and remained a faithful and active member until his death. From time to time he held various offices on the church board. He was a lover of good music and enjoyed singing. He sang in quartets and was a faithful member of the church choir.

He was a faithful and loving husband, father and grandfather. His sense of humor added much joy and encouragement in the home and among his friends. His presence will be missed by the family and his friends.

"The pains of death are passed, Labor and sorrows cease;
And life's long warfare closed at last, His soul is found in peace.
Soldier of Christ, well done! Praise be thy new employ!
And while eternal ages run, Rest in thy Savior's joy."

- Montgomery

The family wishes to express their thanks to all their friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown them during their hour of bereavement.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 1958 in the Buhler Mennonite Church with Rev. H. Leonard Metzker and Rev. Irvin Richert officiating. Interment - Buhler Municipal Cemetery.