



North Mankato Post 518 Proudly Honors This Veteran of the Month



The Flag flying from this site is flown in honor of Army Sergeant First Class Edward Norbert Hammerschmidt for the month of June, 2025 by North Mankato American Legion Post 518.

Edward (Eddie) Hammerschmidt was born on December 29, 1938 to Edward and Amelia Hammerschmidt in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. Eddie attended High School in Wabasso, Minnesota. He married Irene Helen Burtzel on September 29, 1962. Eddie made his living as a postal clerk at the Springfield Post Office, and at the Mankato Post Office. They made their home in Mankato, Minnesota.

Eddie was as President of the Jaycees, and received the distinguished service award. He was a member of the Catholic Church, American Legion Post 518, in which he was 2nd Vice and past commander, and Color Guard member, and helped with many projects.

Eddie enjoyed tap dancing, entertaining at parties and Nursing Homes, and competed at the State Fair. He also enjoyed telling jokes, fishing, family, friends, and the study of history. He also received the WCCO "Good Neighbor Award".

Edward Norbert Hammerschmidt began service to his country by joining the Army National Guard in 1961 till his discharge in 1968. He took his basic training in Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served for two more years in the US Army Reserve from 1975 – 1977. He achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class.

SFC Edward Norbert Hammerschmidt passed away on December 24, 2022 in Mankato, Minnesota. He is survived by his: **Wife** – Irene; **Children** – Kevin, Karen, Karla, Keith, and Kenny; **Sister** – Theresa; **Sister in Laws** – Janice and Marlys; **Brother in Law** – Lenus & wife Linda.

SFC Edward Norbert Hammerschmidt is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Mankato, Minnesota.

