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**Theodore Emil "Ted" Schmidt**, age 90, of Tecumseh, passed away at Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL January 2, 2012. Ted was born October 20, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Emil and Marie (Attra) Schmidt. On July 12, 1947 he married Helen Kempf at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on the Ridge, Britton and she survives. Ted served honorably in the United States Army during World War II. After 44 years of service he retired from Tecumseh Products. Ted had a love of farming and for many years ran a dairy operation. After retirement, Ted was an avid gardener both in Tecumseh and Florida. In the last few years he worked in his garden saying, "I'll have a smaller garden next year." But it only got bigger.

He also enjoyed fishing with his son, Gary, and son in law, Charles and a good friend, Bob. He was a life long member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Britton, life member of the Tecumseh V. F. W and American Legion and was member of the Moose Lodge in Florida where he enjoyed playing cards. In addition to his wife, Helen, Ted is survived by his daughter, Phyllis (Charles) Williams; son, Gary (Catherine) Schmidt, both of Tecumseh ; grandchildren, Jerry Williams and Megan Schmidt; great grandchildren, Nicole, Kendra, and Kaylie Williams; his garden friend, Todd Klanke and many loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Lucas and 10 brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be 11:00 A. M. Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Britton with Pastor Douglas Adams officiating. Burial will follow in Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens, Tecumseh with full military honors conducted by the Tecumseh American Legion Post #34 and Tecumseh VFW Post #4187. in which he was a lifetime member of both. Visitation will be 3:00 - 7:00 P. M. Monday, January 30, 2012 at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Britton or a memorial of your choice. [www.PurseFuneralHome.com](http://www.PurseFuneralHome.com)

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