



Robert Lee Schneider

October 7, 1929 - July 1, 2021

Robert Lee Schneider, 91, of Traverse City, Michigan, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2021 at Cherry Hill Haven. He leaves behind his wife Shirley, two daughters, Laurie and Carol Schneider, Carol's long-time partner, Joe Cacaci, a Grandson, Sam McCarthy, and many nieces and nephews.

Born on November 7th, 1929, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan to Bernice (Krieg) and Leonard Schneider, Bob had a younger brother, Burton and sister-in-law Monna. He attended school in Grosse Pointe, while in high school played the tuba in the marching band and competed on the high school varsity tennis team.

After serving two years in the army, during the Korean war, he graduated from Bowling Green State University, in 1956 with a degree in business administration. It was at Bowling Green that he met Shirley Browne of Wyandotte. After spotting her on the tennis court, he called one day and offered her a ride home that semester, officially beginning their 66-year relationship. They married in June of and moved to Saginaw, Michigan, where both their daughters were born.

Bob began working as an auditor for the State of Michigan in 1956. In 1970, he took a position at the State Hospital in Traverse City, and the family relocated there. In 1991, he retired; and he and Shirley enjoyed many years traveling south for the winters. He was an avid tennis player from his youth well into his eighties and attempted to teach his daughters how to use top spin and two-handed backhands. He largely built two family homes; and singlehandedly transformed a mountain of gravel into a beautiful back yard over which Shirley planted a dazzling garden of flowers.

A great example of hard work and perseverance, Bob had a kind and quiet spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. Rarely missing a day of work, he was seen going to the hospital on a sled down Wayne Hill when the roads were impassible. He insisted on shoveling the long driveway by hand. His admonishment that what you need is just a little outdoor exercise' would ring in his daughter's ears always.

In the years before the internet, Bob taught himself to read German and spent hours writing letters to churches in Germany seeking information on his ancestors. With the help of a friend, August Winter, who did the leg work in Nuremburg, he compiled an extensive genealogy reaching back to the 16th century. In 2010, he and Shirley traveled to Germany

and met August and his wife, Silva.

Bob's later years were spent at Cordia Senior Living and then Cherry Hill Haven. He never lost his cheerful, kind spirit and sense of humor and was always interested in what others were doing even while dealing with his Parkinson's in later years.

The family wants to recognize the wonderful staff at Cordia, Cherry Hill Haven, and Heartland Hospice for their love and kindness, as they worked with Bob, making his last few years of struggle happy and full of good humor. Bob was a beloved husband, father, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11am on October 16, 2021, The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to The Parkinson's Foundation in Bob's name.

Kindly share thoughts and memories with his family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 11 at 10:04 AM



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Send Flowers - July 09 at 10:17 AM



“ Katherine Myers lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Schneider



Katherine Myers - October 14 at 11:43 PM



“ Bob, (Wheels) Schneider , wheels because he could run down and make so many impossible shots at tennis. So many other talents, builder of his own homes, remodeler, grand landscaper, accountant, musician and likely more unknown to us.

Quietly proud husband of his pretty, talented wife Shirley, lovely daughters Laurie and Carol and of course grandson Sam.

A brother-in-law of mine, Mal Malcomson and Dick (Deacon) Somerville. We shared so many memories and just good times. Though all four of us were spread around the country we enjoyed telephone chats and family visits. Actually before they were my brothers in law , each in their own way, were like older brothers to me. Bob and Shirley wintered in Florida and Alabama then back to Florida, to The Villages. Evonne and Mal followed, Joyce and Bud a bit later. Two to three months long mini family like reunions evolved. Jackie and Dick were able to join us one year and play golf and tennis too.

In recent times our contacts have been limited to phone chats with Bob at his long term care facility because of COVID regulations. An attendant would answer the phone and we would hear her say Bobby you have a phone call from Joyce and Bud. We would reminisce and how was he doing and what was going on in The Villages.

What a splendid life I feel our families have been blessed with. Carol's wedding in New York City, all of us together attending. A special Broadway performance with front row seating, the night before and a visit to Carnegie deli afterwards. A grand old hotel all within eyasy walking distance. Wonderful wedding and reception. Then Lion King after that.

Blessed memories, there are so many. It would take hours to review them all. Thank you Bob,

Joyce & Arthur (Bud) Browne





“ Thank you Uncle Art and Aunt Joyce. So much love to you both.

Carol Schneider - July 12 at 05:11 PM



“ I love the memories of Uncle Mel and Uncle Dick and Dad. Thank you for such a lovely post of Dad. Love you much.

Laurie Schneider - July 12 at 11:38 PM



“ Karen McLane lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Schneider



Karen McLane - July 11 at 12:17 AM