



Richard G. Schneider

August 2, 1930 - September 4, 2021

Richard Graham Schneider, Philadelphia Attorney, Dies at 91

Richard Graham Schneider, 91, retired attorney and active community member, died Saturday, September 4th, 2021 of natural causes.

He was born in Bryn Mawr, PA., on August 2nd, 1930 to Vincent Bernard Schneider and Marion Graham Schneider.

Mr. Schneider was an attorney and senior partner with Dechert, Price & Rhoads in Philadelphia. He was with the firm from 1958 until his retirement in 1995. At Dechert, Price and Rhoads, he was a highly respected anti-trust attorney, a member of the American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and Philadelphia Bar Association. In 1993, Mr. Schneider chaired a Task Force which explored Anti-Trust Law Patent Infringement Claims and published highly acclaimed and influential findings. As a result of some legal work in Kentucky, he was designated an honorary Kentucky Colonel.

Mr. Schneider graduated from The Episcopal Academy in 1948, where he played football and captained the baseball team. He later served on the Episcopal Academy Board of Trustees from 1976-1983. He attended Yale University, graduating in 1952 with a BA in American Studies. He was a member of St. Anthony Hall and played freshman football. He later served as the Philadelphia Yale Club president from 1966-1968 and was a local alumni

admissions coordinator, actively interviewing local prospective candidates for many years.

Following his time at Yale, Mr. Schneider served as First lieutenant United States Air Force 1952-1954, stationed in Okinawa. Consistent with his commitment to community and natural curiosity, he joined the church there and made many friends on the island.

Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Schneider received a Law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1957, and was a member of the Order of the Coif. His continuing interest in American Studies, led him back to the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn where in 2001, he received an MA in the College of General Studies.

Mr. Schneider loved to play golf and was a long-time active member at the Merion Golf Club, where he served as Secretary in 1997. He was also a member of the Merion Cricket Club and the Eagles Mere Country Club. His love of sports extended well beyond the golf course and throughout his life he played, coached and supported sports in the community and those in which his children participated. He was a diehard Phillies and Eagles fan.

His strong commitment to community and desire to give back led him to serve on the Board of Episcopal Community Services in Philadelphia, as an avid supporter and vocal advocate for many years. He was also a member of the Baldwin School Board of Trustees from 1971-1979, secretary of the Eagles Mere Condominium Association, and a dedicated supporter of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. He was an active member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Gladwyne along with his wife, Peggy. He had a strong intellectual interest in spiritual exploration and enjoyed lively conversation during the bible study group meetings that they hosted at their home for decades. It was through the church that Mr. Schneider developed his

deep interest in the relationship between the Christian community and charitable service. He published a work called "The Caring Hand of God", which discussed the role of the church in the community.

Mr. Schneider had a captivating smile and twinkle in his eye. Everyone who met him was awed by his kindness, sense of humor, breadth of curiosity about people and life, and his love for his family and his dogs.

He was a humble man and as a cousin said, "In spite of his accomplishments, of which there were many, he was always kind, considerate, with a smile that could melt one's heart, and he was great fun to be around. None of his friends or family ever heard him complain. Because of his gentle manner, it was very easy to overlook his intense strength and courage. We all learned a lot from him."

Mr. Schneider is survived by his spouse of 63 years, "Peg", Margaret Fritz Schneider of Gladwyne, his daughter Margaret Schneider Maclay of Edgewater, New Jersey, his sons Richard Graham Schneider, Jr. of Eden, Utah, and John Fritz Schneider of Corvallis, Oregon as well as 6 granddaughters and one grandson.

A private family service will be held at St. Christopher's Church in Gladwyne, PA. on October 2nd at 11:00 AM. The service will be live streamed here: <https://vimeo.com/event/164121>

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Episcopal Community Services
225 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19106

Tribute Wall



“ *Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home created a Dick Schneider in memory of Richard G. Schneider*



Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home - September 15, 2021 at 11:10 AM

TH

“ *I will always remember the many conversations in the Gladwyne car pool that Dick and I and other shared on current events and many other topics. As a lawyer, Dick was always ready and willing for a good discussion or "argument". I also appreciated his friendship during the Gladwyne years. Always a kind and listening ear. The Rev. K. Palmer Hartl.*

The Rev. K. Palmer Hartl - October 01, 2021 at 08:05 PM

PR

“ *Peggy, so sorry to hear about Dick's passing, but I hope you can find some solace in having been able to spend so many years together. You and Dick were so kind to Harold and I when we were members at Merion We so much enjoyed to golfing group dinners that we shared for so many years. You were both so supportive after Harold passed away by including me in those dinners for quite a while. Dick was a wonderful, caring and very bright man. He will be missed. My condolences to you and your family.*

Pat Rahmlow

Patricia M Rahmlow - September 30, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JH

“ My husband and I were members of a very long-lasting car pool from Gladwyne into Philadelphia for years. Dick was always fun to talk to about life, about sports, about his dogs. A kinder man you'd never find!

we will miss him for sure! Judy Hartl

Judy Hartl - September 20, 2021 at 05:14 PM

DK

“ Dear All,

I remember, so fondly, staying over at the Schneider house full of laughter and dogs and activity with your dad at the centre of it all, fixing bikes, sorting out something, taking children to games, always cheery with a warm smile and good laugh. I am very sad that he has gone, but I am sure he had a wonderful, joyful life.

Much love

Deb xx

Deborah Appleton Karlsen

Deborah Appleton Karlsen - September 18, 2021 at 01:35 AM



“ *To the Schneider Family,*

We just heard this news and we are heartbroken. Your family has held a very special place in our lives. We loved growing up next door, seeing you at church functions, singing in the choir together and meeting up at Azalea Day every year. You were always offering your home to guests of ours and were so supportive of Bob (Dad) when he was ill. We will be forever grateful. Dick was a wonderful man. He was one of the most caring and gentle men we ever knew. Please know we are all thinking of you.

With sympathy and much love,

The Kendalls (Pat, Linda, Cindy, Janet and families)

Janet Kendall - September 16, 2021 at 05:31 PM