



## Gene Schneider

October 15, 1945 - July 15, 2022

Hampton - L. Eugene Schneider, better known as GENE, passed away Friday, July 15, 2022. Formerly of Perrysburg, OH and currently residing in Hampton, NH, Gene died at Portsmouth Regional Hospital of heart complications. He was 76 years old.

Gene was born October 15, 1945, in Newell, WV, the third son of Clarence Leslie and Hazel Florence (née Walters) Mandley. His father died in October 1947 and Gene was later adopted by his stepfather William Phillip Schneider. Upon the death of his mother in June 1956, Gene and his brothers became wards of the Oesterlen Home for Children in Springfield, OH. In June 1959, Gene and his brother Jim were rescued by a young couple, Pastor Jerry and Carol Schmalenberger whom they call Dad and Mom to this day.

He graduated from Bellefontaine High School (Ohio) in 1963, attended Wittenberg University and earned his bachelor's degree in public relations from Bowling Green State University in 1979.

Gene received the Purple Heart during his service with the Army's 4th Division in the Central Highlands of Vietnam in 1968. He was proud to have served his country and a true patriot for the rest of his life.

His professional experience included News Reporter and Sports Editor for

The Advertiser-Tribune, Tiffin, Ohio; several management positions with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Toledo, Ohio; Executive Director of Pease Development Authority, Portsmouth, NH; Project Manager for Statistica (VA) at the National Visa Center, Portsmouth; retiring from the National Passport Center, Portsmouth, in 2016.

Gene was a son, brother, husband, uncle, and a friend to many. However, his greatest joy was the role of father to David, or “Boo” as Gene nicknamed him from the day he was born. Despite a complicated work schedule, often involving travel, he always found time to be with his son. Gene was a fine athlete and passed that on to David over the years. From playing catch in the yard, shooting hoops in the driveway, coaching HYA Basketball or Baseball teams to teaching David how to golf. Gene also rode with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association groups in Ohio and NH with David as co-pilot, even when his son’s feet didn’t quite reach the footpads. Over the years, Gene and David rode thousands of miles together.

Gene’s unique sense of humor was ever present throughout his life. He was quick witted and connected with people through laughter. The better he knew you, the more he teased. Gene was also well known for his generosity and taking time to help others. From assisting friends and family with projects to serving the community, Gene took pride in giving back. He often served meals on major holidays and other times throughout the year at local homeless shelters. Gene would annually support the Wounded Warrior Project, Toy’s for Tots, and other organizations that sought help for those less fortunate.

Gene was preceded in death by his brothers: Ed (Jan) Schneider, Bob (Nell) Schneider, Jim (Robin) Schneider, Bill Tropp, and David Robinson, and foster dad Jerry Schmalenberger. Gene is survived by his son David Mandley Schneider of Waltham, MA, his foster mom Carol Schmalenberger of Sedona, AZ; the mother of his son, Beverly Schneider of Seabrook, NH; many foster

brothers and sisters, and too many nieces and nephews to count.

Visiting hours will be from 1-3 PM on Saturday, July 23, 2022, in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at Bethany Baptist Church, 14070 Bailey Road, Grand Rapids, OH, with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, located beside the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Gene's memory to Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>) P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church  
14070 Bailey Road  
Grand Rapids, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Schneider*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of Gene's passing recently. I was Gene's secretary at the Toledo -Lucas County Port Authority in 1985. Gene's personality and professionalism made him the ideal person to work both with and for. Additionally, Gene's lighthearted nature and compassionate spirit were an asset to our office. Bev and David my sympathy to you and your family. May the Lord comfort and keep you now and in the coming days. Angela Bailey*

**Angela Bailey** - September 09, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Thank you for the bond we shared, brother.*



**Sarah Wallace** - August 18, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *RIP Gene.*



**Frank Titus** - August 05, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**M** - July 25, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *I first met Gene when he was hired as project manager at NVC. Gene was one of those people that everyone just liked from the first moment you met him. We quickly became friends not only at work but away from work. I have many memories of golf trips , especially a road trip to Myrtle Beach and several memorable trips to Connecticut. NVC's year long food drive in 2003 to support food pantries in the southern New Hampshire area would not have been possible without Gene's support and guidance. You will be missed my friend.*

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**Andrew Polselli** - July 24, 2022 at 07:56 PM

GF

“ I met Gene at the Toledo Port Authority and while I did not hire him I used him as a model for all the people I did hire . Gene was an excellent writer . a very good speaker , a tireless worker and was not afraid to try new systems or methods . That made for an excellent colleague and a successful employee . Part of that style was to know when a little humor would help move things along . I remember Gene as happy and easy to work with .

Condolences to Beverly and David . Keep all the fun memories at the top of your thoughts .

Gary and Susan Failor

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Gary Failor - July 23, 2022 at 10:15 AM

MS

“ It was sad news to hear of Gene's passing. Our deep sympathies to Bev & son David. When I first met and hired Gene at the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, I knew quite soon he had the personality and ability to be successful at the agency. His record with us proved that to be the case. God bless Gene.

Mark & Ruthanne Sweeney  
Toledo, Ohio

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Mark Sweeney - July 22, 2022 at 03:18 PM

CH

“ Our deepest condolences to Bev and David. Gene brought a great deal of joy and laughter to many people he worked and socialized with. Chip and Barbara Hannon

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Chip Hannon - July 22, 2022 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ Rest in peace brother, have fun playing golf with Jerry and Jim! love you, Steve

Steve Schmalenberger - July 22, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene Schneider.



July 22, 2022 at 01:29 PM

KS

“ I have learned much about "Leslie" over the last week. I understand why he believed everyday should be fun. All of a sudden; I have known Gene for 20 years. Starting at NVC and riding with him in Gold Wings Every trip was exciting and sometimes scary.He kept his eye on me. Where ever he maybe hope there are Gold Wings and Diet Pepsi. Keep the two wheels on the ground..you are missed.

*Kim-eroo....Gene's name he hung on me.*

Kim Sullivan - July 22, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - July 22, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DB

“ *What a guy he was. I worked for Gene at the National Visa Center and knew him from our son's sports days. One Xmas I had a Santa Claus stolen off my front porch. The next day I came home from work and there was a new one on my porch. He wouldn't admit to it but I know it was him. He was instrumental in getting an emergency passport on short notice so my son could go to Spain. I so enjoyed working for him and considered him a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. Debbie Blake*

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**Debbie Blake** - July 21, 2022 at 11:43 AM

ML

“ Deepest sympathy to David and Beverly. Ron and I were neighbors on Munsey Dr. in Hampton for many years, and in all those years I never knew when Gene was serious! They say that the more he knew you, the more he teased. We'll, I guess he knew me quite well, because he was always teasing me! So many good memories from our friendship with Gene. David was his everything, and always there to support him with academics or sports. It was sad to see such a vivacious man decline with failing health. Ride high in the sky, Gene..RIP

*Ron & Mickey Locke*

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**Mickey Lockr** - July 20, 2022 at 07:26 PM

JG

“ David Malcolm and I were so sorry to her about your dad, he truly will be missed. We loved talking to him at the games and he all ways had a smile on his face. And we would see him riding his bike with the bear on the back. Our thought and prayers go out to you at this difficult.



*Malcolm & Julie Graves*

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**Julie Graves** - July 19, 2022 at 02:10 PM

SR

“ Gene was such a good guy with love in his heart. He will be sadly missed My sincere sympathies to David and Beverly and the rest of your families Rest In Peace my friend

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**Suellen Moots Reuber** - July 19, 2022 at 10:57 AM

AB

*Gene was one of the people who hired me (Angela) at the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. My days working both with and for him are times that I will forever cherish. I'll never forget when he got his Gold Wing motorcycle and he took me for a ride on my lunch hour. He was such a safe driver that he literally helped me overcome my fear of motorcycles. He was like a kid in a candy store on his bike. That was one of many "Gene" stories that I recall. He was an awesome storyteller and joke teller. To know him you would never have guessed that his childhood had so many ups and downs. Gene's compassion and non-judgmental spirit about those less fortunate were a fundamental part of his personality. Gene adored his son David and was a true friend to many. My prayers and sympathy to David, Beverly and his entire family. May God bless and comfort you. Angela and James Bailey*

Angela Bailey - August 21, 2022 at 11:28 PM

VM

“ *Deepest sympathies to Gene's family. I graduated with Gene in Bellefontaine, OH, class of 1963. What I remember of Gene was his terrific sense of humor. He was a really special guy and liked by all his classmates as well as his late brother, Jim. I was hoping he would make our 60th high school class reunion next year. Fly high, Gene. May you rest in peace.*

Vickie Murphy - July 18, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gene Schneider.*



July 16, 2022 at 08:50 PM