



Dr. Edward William Schoenheit Jr.

March 10, 1926 - March 13, 2019

Dr. Edward William Schoenheit, Jr. passed away at his home at Waltonwood Senior Living in Charlotte, NC. His four children and several grandchildren spent time with him in his final days, including his 93rd birthday. He was a loving husband to his wife of 40 years, Marian B. Schoenheit, who predeceased him in 2016. He was a proud father and grandfather, a caring physician, and an adventurer at heart.

Edward was born in Asheville, NC to Dr. Edward W. Schoenheit Sr. and Elizabeth Kimberly. Growing up in Asheville, he attended the Asheville School for Boys, and then the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He obtained his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1950. He married Carol Strahley of Cincinnati, Ohio in 1950 after graduation, and began his medical internship at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. In 1952, with his internship completed, he joined the U.S. Navy and served 2 years in Virginia Beach, Virginia at Dam Neck. Between 1955 and 1957 he completed 2 medical residencies, one at Bellevue Hospital and one at Presbyterian, both in New York City, in internal medicine and cardiology respectively. During the years of his internship, military service and residencies his 4 children, John, Tom, Sue and Ruth, were born. He established his medical practice in internal medicine in Syracuse, NY, and raised his children there.

His medical career involved many board memberships and committee activities, including being elected as president of Community General Hospital for 2 terms, as well as teaching fellowships, which he especially loved. His favorite topic to teach was medical history-taking. He felt that listening to his patients well was the best way to practice medicine. When he closed his medical practice in 1980 he was one of the last physicians in Syracuse still making house calls. He then entered Syracuse University Law School and graduated with his law degree in 1984. He used his combined knowledge of law and medicine to serve simultaneously as the President of hospitals in Oswego and Fulton, NY.

Edward valued volunteering and supporting organizations he deemed important, and was also a faithful patron of the arts in Syracuse, including the Syracuse Symphony and the

Syracuse Stage. When Edward was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, he and Marian served on the Board of Directors of the Central NY Chapter, and volunteered in the office as well. As a team, they spoke with medical professionals about the disease, Marian offering the perspective of care-giver, Edward the perspective of the patient.

Aside from his professional careers, Edward was a passionate adventurer and outdoorsman, enjoying hiking, skiing, sailing, horseback riding, camping and travelling. He shared many wonderful trips with Marian, and even some on his own. One of his most remarkable solo trips was trekking in Nepal to the foot of Mount Everest. Above all, he loved a great view.

When asked by the Central NY chapter of the Alzheimer's Association what accomplishments of his life he was most proud of, he wrote: his board certification in Internal Medicine, his medical degree from Harvard, his JD degree from Syracuse University, being on the board for his family-owned cotton mill in Eden, NC, and "four delightful kids."

He is survived by his 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren: son John W. Schoenheit and his wife Jenivee, granddaughter Sierra and her children Kaya and Eli, grandson Samuel, granddaughter Karly and her son Colton; son Thomas E. Schoenheit and his wife Jean, grandsons Jeffrey and David, granddaughters Lauren and Julie; daughter Susan S. Carlson and her husband David, grandson John Hickman and his wife, Amanda and daughter Phoebe; daughter Ruth S. Fowler and her husband Richard, granddaughter Caroline and grandson Louis. The family has planned a memorial service graveside at Riverside Cemetery in Asheville, NC on September 21, 2019, where Edward and Marian will be interred beside the Von Ruck/Schoenheit family mausoleum. Cards for the family may be sent to Ruth Fowler, 8147 E. Hubbell St., Scottsdale, AZ, 85257. Contributions may be sent in Edward's honor to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, PO Box 807, Harper's Ferry, WV 25425-0807.

Events

SEP Memorial Service

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Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch St, Asheville, NC, US, 28801

Comments



“ Ed was smart, soft spoken, and well respected. I worked with him at Community General Hospital over many years. Dedicated and conscientious, Marian served on the board of directors at Community, also for many years. They both attended a reunion meeting of the Community board in 2015 and are pictured in the front row, at right. It was a privilege to know Ed and Marian.



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