



## William Claude Schneider

February 6, 1943 - August 21, 2021

William Claude Schneider of Wentzville, Missouri passed away on August 21, 2021, in Lake Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of seventy-eight. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 06, 1943, to the late John Arthur and Josephine Mae (Woods) Schneider.

William was an army brat who lived in several different locations, including Japan and Germany. He graduated from Alamo Heights High School in Arlington, Texas then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Theology from Arlington Baptist College, Arlington, Texas. On March 05, 1983, he was married to the love of his life, Vanna Vogeler.

He had a twenty-eight-year career in the funeral industry as a crematory manager and funeral director serving families in St. Louis, Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee until his retirement in 2015. William viewed his work in the funeral industry as a deeply beloved ministry. He loved to serve the public either by compassionately helping them deal with the death of a loved one, or by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a highly respected member of the Cremation Association of North America and was honored to serve on their board of directors for numerous years.

William lived a lifetime of working with children and youth, both in Peewee Football and in the Royal Ambassadors mission group of the Southern Baptist Church; he was fondly known as "Mr. Bill." He was an active member of the Gideons International in both Nashville, Tennessee and Wentzville, Missouri from 2003 until his death.

After suffering a heart attack in 2012, William discovered the hobby of working with Lego sets. He devoted hours upon hours to his newfound hobby, completing a houseful of Lego projects both large and small. A completed Lego build always made him proud.

He was always looking for an opportunity to joke with someone; if he teased you, you knew he loved you. William was a loving husband, father, uncle and friend who was always looking forward to spending time with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him.

William is survived by his loving wife of thirty-eight years, Vanna (Vogeler) Schneider; son, Kirk Russell Schneider; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by two half sisters, Betty Jo Mitchell and Mary Lou (Mitchell) John.

Funeral services for William Schneider will be held at 5:00PM on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in O'Fallon, Missouri. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 3:00PM until service time at 5:00PM also at the First Baptist Church, O'Fallon, Missouri. Interment will be held at 2:00PM on Friday, August 27, 2021, at the Ozark Hills Memorial Garden, Rolla, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to The Gideons International. Cards are available at all James and Gahr Mortuary locations. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
O'Fallon, MO 63366

## Service

AUG 26. 5:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
8750 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
O'Fallon, MO 63366

## Graveside Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens  
MO 65401

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Claude Schneider*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *William Claude Schneider*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of William Claude Schneider.*



August 26, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Only Vanna and Bill's Cornerstone friends will understand this . Davey, I'm sure God has a model of the Alamo all fixed up for you in heaven and you'll be in charge. You are going to be so missed. Lynne, the first guide dog I raised died a few weeks ago. I'm sure she will greet you and introduce you to Allen. Pat Freise*

**Pat Freise** - August 26, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Claude Schneider.*



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August 26, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *I will greatly miss Bill! He served very faithfully as a member of the West Wilson Gideon camp in Tennessee and regularly participated in our Saturday morning prayer meetings. I have fond memories of him serving as Chaplain as he encouraged our members to share their faith by word and by example. Recently with Covid we have held prayer meetings by zoom allowing Bill and others to connect though they might be miles away. Bill was very consistent in sending me a text every Friday morning with words of greeting and encouragement. I look forward to seeing Bill again in heaven! He is a beloved brother in Christ. He lived his life well and others will be in heaven as a result of his witness in word and in deed.*  
*John Mannen - Old Hickory, TN*

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**John Mannen** - August 25, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *From Matt, Sara, & Aubrey Mansfield purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Claude Schneider.*



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**From Matt, Sara, & Aubrey Mansfield** - August 25, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Claude Schneider.*



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August 25, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Missing my brother in the Lord who was a true friend.*

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**Don rose** - August 24, 2021 at 08:53 PM