

William H. Schneider, Jr.

March 28, 1924

William H. Schneider, Jr., age 87, a former resident of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C. died at Croatan Ridge Nursing Home in Newport, N.C. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Born March 28, 1924 in Freeport, Long Island, N.Y., Bill was the son of the late William H. and Jessie Schneider. He graduated from Freeport High School in 1942 and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Rochester, N.Y. Bill's time at Rensselaer was short-lived; he was attending as a Naval ROTC cadet and was called to serve his country in World War II. He enrolled in officer training in preparation for active duty until a bout of rheumatic fever cut short his Naval career. Bill was discharged from the Navy in May 1945. He completed his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from Pratt Institute (Brooklyn, N.Y.) in 1948.

Bill's professional career started at General Electric Corp. in Massachusetts shortly after graduation. An offer from Long Island Lighting Co. led him back to Long Island, where he met Sigrid Carlsen. They were married on October 10, 1953 in West Hempstead, Long Island and eventually had three children. Bill's next major career move was to Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. (by this time he had earned an MBA from N.Y. University) in 1958. By the mid-60s, he was promoted to National Sales Manager, a position that required travel all over the U.S. and two trips to Saudi Arabia. Anaconda Wire & Cable was acquired by Atlantic Richfield Co. and Bill successfully transitioned to the successor companies. He retired in 1989 and in the following year, Bill and Sigrid moved from Ramsey, N.J. to Pine Knoll Shores.

Bill was an avid fisherman and golfer. He transitioned from fly-fishing in the Northeast to enjoying the sport of pursuing North Carolina's coastal bounty. He was especially fond of surf fishing at Pine Knoll Shores. Bill was also a great sports fan (especially pro football) and imparted his love of football (the New York Giants) to his children. He had a great interest in meteorology (as evidenced by an extensive file of news pertaining to weather events dating back to the 1950s). In later years, Bill and Sigrid enjoyed visits from the children and grandchildren, with many good memories of summer visits to the beach. Over the years of marriage, they logged quite a few trips to various states in the lower 48, to Europe and a cruise through the Panama Canal. Closer to home, they were members of First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City and of Bogue Banks Country Club where Bill enjoyed many afternoons of golf.

Bill is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sigrid, and three children- Corinne Moreno of Raleigh, N.C., Barbara DuPere of Burlington, Vt. and Steven Schneider of Dallas, TX. He is also survived by five grandchildren. Besides his parents, Bill is predeceased by two older sisters, Marjorie Schneider and Audrey Brown.

Bill is remembered fondly as a loving husband, father and grandfather by his family. No services will be held.