



Dr. Albert John Schroeder

August 31, 1919 - August 25, 2020

Albert John Schroeder, M.D.

Age 100 of Edina died August 25. Preceded in death by parents, Herman and Ottalee Schroeder of Excelsior, MN; precious wife of 62 years Ruth; brother, Lincoln Schroeder; and sisters, Virginia Beede and Lucilla Schroeder.

Survived by brother, Donald Schroeder of Norman, OK; son, Dr. Frederick Schroeder; daughters, Louise Dowling, Nora Pearson (John), and Beth Green (Carter); devoted fiancée and companion of many years, Barbara Anne Morgan; and by 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Graduated from Excelsior High School and the University of Minnesota (B.A., B.S., B.Med., M.D.).

Served as a physician during WWII as Lieutenant, Medical Corps, US Naval Reserve, Pacific Fleet, Task Force 3-5, in the Philippines Liberation Campaign, Operation Coronet, stationed in the Philippines at Tacloban, Manicani Island, Leyte Gulf.

Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics (residency University of Minnesota Hospital). Diplomate of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (residency Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School).

Cofounded (with mentor Dr. Erling Platou) Southdale Pediatrics Associates, which today has offices in Edina, Burnsville, and Eden Prairie with 45 staff physicians. Spent 46 years in active medical practice.

Had leadership roles in local, state, and national medical organizations, including service with the American Academy of Pediatrics as a board member and national chair of the Committee on Youth. Served as Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Received the 50-year service award from the Minnesota Medical Association, the Certificate of Merit from American Medical Association, and the Gold-Headed Cane award from the Department of Pediatrics, U of M.

Served on the boards of Abbott-Northwestern Hospital (as Chief of Medical Staff), Fairview Southdale Hospital, and Children's Hospital of Minnesota. Served on the Minnesota Governor's Council on Children and Youth and Council on Juvenile Delinquency. Member of Joyce United Methodist Church, the Bloomington Optimists Club, and the Twin Cities Civil War Roundtable.

Along with his loving commitment to his family, he pursued an unending quest for knowledge. He was devoted to lifelong learning as a student of science, medicine, American history, and particularly all things related to the Civil War and the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Private memorial service by invitation only because of the pandemic, Tuesday, September 1 at Noon with services live streamed at <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Albert-Schroeder-4/#!/PhotosVideos>

Relatives and friends may pay respects by drive-by only, 2-3 PM, section 35, Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis on Tuesday, September 1.

Memorials preferred to youth programs at Campfire USA (Camp Tanadoona Scholarships) www.campfiremn.org, and Joyce Preschool (Inner City

Scholarships), www.joycepreschool.org

www.Washburn-McReavy.com

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Albert was a dear friend of my mother, Beth Mayer, They were friends from their rural schoolhouse days onward. They both attended Excelsior class reunions and so they kept in touch throughout the years.

In their later years, my mother and Albert shared a renewed friendship after Albert lost is beloved wife. It was in this time period that my own family was able to enjoy Albert gifted personality, and we became aware of his vast and considerable knowledge of the Civil War. We so much enjoyed Albert's recitations.

Today I opened the envelope containing Albert's memoriam information, and today is the exact date of my own mother's passing ten years ago. I like to think they may be having a nice little chat about their schooldays.

Albert certainly enjoyed a long and full life. I feel very blessed to have known him.

Jane Linden

White Bear Lake, Mn.



Jane Linden - September 10, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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FUNERAL CHAPEL, CREMATORIES AND
COURTSHIP SERVICES

“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service of Albert J. Schroeder



Washburn-McReavy - September 01, 2020 at 05:58 PM

JM

“ He was a wonderful man both personally and professionally. May God hold you all in His loving embrace. You are in our prayers.
Shirley Erhard and Jan and Dan Minke

jan minke - September 01, 2020 at 09:57 AM

MM

What a God honoring and loving tribute the service was to your Dad. He was remembered for who he truly was. It was a joy to know him. May you be comforted in the days ahead. Mary McNeil

Mary McNeil - September 01, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ In all the years I worked at SDPA, I never met a more caring and devoted doctor than Dr. Schroeder. He always asked about my family, especially my son. He would always call the next day from the Edina office to check on the condition of the Burnsville patients he had seen the day before.. He had that ready smile and a story to tell to ease a child's fear..He always put his patient's welfare above all else. I learned so much from him and will miss him greatly. May all the memories your family has made help you in the coming years. Jackie Clark

Jackie Clark - September 01, 2020 at 09:31 AM

PM

“ Such men as Al Schroeder do not happen very often. Jim and I feel privileged to have known him and grateful for his example. To all the family he left behind, we extend our deepest sympathy. When a person is so dynamic, so engaged, ...such a force making such a difference, their passing leaves a big hole. We will hold you in our prayers. May the memories of everything you shared with him, over the years, comfort and sustain you going forward. May you find unexpected blessings along the way. God bless.

Peggy and Jim McLauchlan, Ontario Canada

Peggy McLauchlan - August 31, 2020 at 10:43 PM

CW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Doc's passing. He was always so helpful at Joyce Preschool. He was so friendly with the children and showed a lot of interest in them and what we were doing in the classroom. He came to the classroom several times with his doctor gear. The preschoolers enjoyed seeing him in his white coat and learning about his doctor apparatus. He also had a fun side, he played a pretended trumpet, holding his hands up to his mouth and somehow a trumpet sound came out, not sure how he did that!! The preschoolers loved it!

Carol Will

Carol Will - August 31, 2020 at 01:20 PM

SP

“ *Sincere Sympathy to Barbara Morgan, Al's fiance, and the family of Dr. Al Schroeder,*

How very blessed you all were to have Al a part of your life and for so long. The obituary told me much more about Al than what I knew over the past 20 years, but I knew he was a talented and good to the core gentleman. How proud you can be of his accomplishments and dedication to his pediatric medical profession, community involvement and of him being your father, and Barbara's loving companion.

*When visiting Barbara and Al, and sometimes with Louise, I marveled at his memory and story telling, especially of the civil war. I loved when he shared stories and detailed photo albums of his special trips with Barbara, including cruises and trips to England. They even had a shared history they found at a church near Barbara's home in England. He was a true friend who even showed interest in my life also. Miss Marple as he teased Barbara at times, cherished Al very much and thankfully had true love at last. I know Al will be so very much missed. Together, cherish all the memories, tell the stories, laugh and cry....to keep him close to you forever.
Sheri Platto, Former neighbor at YCW*

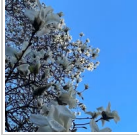
Sheri (Sharon) Platto - August 30, 2020 at 10:16 PM

RK

“ *Rev. Jaeyoun Kim and Aiden Kwon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Albert John Schroeder.*



Rev. Jaeyoun Kim and Aiden Kwon - August 29, 2020 at 11:44 PM



“ I made this painting of my brilliant centenarian grandfather in April. It's an image of him at Lake Michigan about 30 years ago, standing on the beach after a swim. Looking at his gaze and his stance, it is so clear to me that he was in the prime of his life. In his case, that prime extended for decades-so much longer and richer than for most. Although good genes, good health, and good luck blessed him with a lot of time, the quality of his life was something he created for himself. As an adult, I have thought often about how he was able to do that. I believe that, like so much in this world that is worth while, it was actually very simple, but also hard work. He squeezed meaning from every day by nurturing curiosity, practicing generosity, and living with a perspective of empathy, humor, and passion. Approaching life with emotion and intellect made him able to experience it fully. It also made him a very reasonable human being, and kind.



Alison Schroeder - August 29, 2020 at 08:42 PM

DJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Doc's passing. He was such a wonderful long-term friend of Joyce Preschool. Not only did he enjoy sharing stories with the children, but he was willing to help out in whatever way possible, even if it meant crawling on the floor to inspect a faulty wire when he was in his late 80s! Those of us lucky enough to meet Doc when he came to volunteer at Joyce were impressed by his kindness, helpfulness, and generosity towards the preschool and its children. He will be missed.

Deborah Jahn

Deborah Jahn - August 28, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Dr. Albert John Schroeder.*



August 28, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *I will be forever thankful for the legacy Dr. Schroeder created at Southdale Pediatrics. I feel honored to follow in his footsteps and to have met his daughter Louise who worked in the business office here for a few years. Such a go getter and full of passion til the end!*

Dr. Sheri Williams

Sheri Williams - August 28, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear that Nora's Dad, Dr Albert Schroeder has passed away. I can't help remembering Lynne's graduation, where we all had dinner in a private room, talking the night away with Lynne's professor. Al was so engaged talking with her, while the rest of us listen in fascination. Everybody had a great time. We all had a chance to catch up with each other. It stands out in my memory as one of the greatest family times. Kevin and I are so lucky and grateful that you all included us with your family. You all have our deepest sympathies and prayers at this time. I know it's not easy during this lockdown. May God be with you. All our love, Betty and Kevin Ellis.*

Elisabeth Ellis - August 27, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Dr. Albert John Schroeder.*



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“ *Our family has long enjoyed the enthusiasm Al has always shared for learning and teaching. Our favorite memory is of him teaching our (then) five year old son how to use a microscope by discovering the many interesting objects one could find on a twenty dollar bill. Al's enthusiasm for knowledge and the passing along of stories and history never left the hearer feeling steamrolled by too much information, but delighted by Al's storytelling gift. We are so glad to have been blessed by his friendship and wisdom over the years!*
Terry & Sarah Lockwood

Terry & Sarah Lockwood - August 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM