



## Guy Schoenecker

November 22, 2016

Schoenecker, Guy age 89, passed away peacefully at home. He had many ailments in recent years but never complained. He would only say how grateful he was for the excellent care he received from the many fine people at Park Nicollet Clinic and Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his beloved wife Barb and seven children: Lisa and Rich Anderson, Larry Schoenecker, Paul and Jen Schoenecker, Bob Schoenecker, Sue Schoenecker, Dave and Kim Schoenecker, and Shelley Schoenecker and by 9 grandchildren: Tara Anderson, Marissa Anderson, Danny Schoenecker, Derek Schoenecker, Sam Schoenecker, Katie and David Weeres, Matt McMullen, Morgan Schoenecker, and Murphy Schoenecker. He is survived by his loving sister Donna Kregel and her children and their spouses and families. He is also survived by his dear friends Roger and Elvina Nelson. He was the patriarch of a large and inclusive family. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Lawrence and Fern Schoenecker from Eden Valley, MN. Guy was a husband, father, grandfather, step grandfather, entrepreneur, business owner, CEO, friend, advocate, philanthropist, horseman, hunter, fisherman, gardener, beekeeper and world traveler, to name a few. He was also a devout Catholic and was well known by the local Catholic community for his commitment to his faith and his generosity to Catholic organizations. He was a 1949 graduate of the University of St. Thomas and served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1978 to 2008. He started a business while in school at the University of St. Thomas in the late 1940's selling engagement rings to fellow students.

That business led to a jewelry distribution business and furniture stores. The jewelry business became Business Builders, Inc. and later Business Incentives Inc. It is now known as BI WORLDWIDE and has 1500 employees in offices in the US, Canada, the U.K, India, China, Singapore, Australia, Venezuela, Columbia, and Brazil. He was in the office and at his desk the day before he passed. His business earned the Minnesota Quality Award in 1994 and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 1999. He was inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame in 2008. Guy Schoenecker lived a large, passionate, and engaged life. Through his business and generosity he touched many thousands of people in positive ways. He cared deeply about our country, his family, the Catholic Church, his company and its employees. He saw positive things everywhere he looked. His glass was always more than half full. He made everyone around him want to be better at everything they do. Visitation Monday, November 28th @ Pax Christi Catholic Church, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN, 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial, Tuesday, November 29th, 1:00 PM @ Pax Christi Catholic Church, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service at church on Tuesday. Burial Eden Prairie Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Rd. (1 blk. N. of Hwy 5)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Community  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347-4553  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My years of working with the BI Group has been wonderful. This is a tribute to what Guy expected in business. His influence in our industry will be missed deeply. Thank you Guy for everything.*

*Ted Bauer  
Laser Magic, Inc.*

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**Ted Bauer** - December 08, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Guy Schoenecker.*



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November 28, 2016 at 02:09 PM

MA

“ *Barb, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I have thought of you both so often over the years. Sending you a BIG hug.*  
~ Mary Cady

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**Mary** - November 28, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Guy Schoenecker.*



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November 27, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Guy Schoenecker.*



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November 26, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ *I worked at BI Worldwide for almost 18 years. My fondest memories were of Guy visiting the various buildings and stopping to just chat with people. He had a calming influence and was truly a class act. He will be missed.*

*Carol DeMerritt*

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**Carol DeMerritt** - November 25, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *I am so sad to learn of Guy's passing. My brief encounters with Guy, the lovely Barb, and ever helpful and positive Roger, were charming and brave. What a wonderful man, family, faith and legacy to share. Peace to you all as you celebrate his life.*

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**Stephanie, RN** - November 24, 2016 at 10:58 AM



*Second only to my own father, Guy was the most influential man in my life..as he was in the lives of so many who had the good fortune of spending time with him. His legacy of faith, family, and generosity will live on. May God rest his eternal soul.*

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**Tom Vicarel** - November 25, 2016 at 09:11 AM



*Eden Valley owes a lot to Guy a good friend George Kummet*

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**george kummet** - November 28, 2016 at 02:54 PM

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*Although I worked at BI ages ago, it was always like a family - a place to learn & grow. Thank you, Guy, for the opportunity at the start of my career. My condolences to Larry, the entire Schoenecker family & all the BI team. Sandie (Trygg) Hulet*

**Sandie Hulet** - November 28, 2016 at 07:58 PM



*You could feel the Love of God in Guy. It beamed from his face.*

**Patrick Skelly** - November 29, 2016 at 06:40 AM



Clare  
Dingley

*Although this message is long past Mr. Schoenecker's death my condolences to the family, especially Larry. -Clare Dingley*

**Clare Dingley** - July 17, 2017 at 08:58 AM