



## Peter Kurt Schneider

September 27, 1953 - March 21, 2017

Our hearts are broken at the passing of Peter (Pete) Kurt Schneider, loving husband and father. Pete was born on September 27, 1953 in Manhattan, NY, to Kurt Heinz Wolfgang Schneider and Margarete Zeller Schneider. He graduated from Grover Cleveland High School and attended Queen's College before following his parents to Florida and transferring to the University of Florida in Gainesville. He met Vicki del Valle while living in the dorm on campus and the two were married on September 3, 1978. After 10 years of marriage, Pete and Vicki were blessed with the birth of their first son, Derek Wolfgang Schneider, on June 13, 1989. Four and 1/2 years later, on November 8, 1993, another son, Devin Roth Schneider, blessed their home. His sons were the pride and absolute joy of his life. He devoted his life to ensuring their safety and security and loved them without limit. He was looking forward to seeing Derek graduate from law school and was convinced that one day Derek would be either a Supreme Court judge or President of the United States. He was also excited to see Devin use his God-given talents in computer technology and was eager to see where that would take him in life. It is our deepest sorrow that he will not be here to see his sons achieve their goals, but we feel his presence and know that he is, as always, intensely proud of his boys. Pete and Vicki enjoyed SCUBA diving, racquet ball (in their younger years), bicycling and snow skiing. He spent many a wonderful vacation breathing underwater (often upside down!) and loved taking pictures of the extraordinary sea life. Recently, he enjoyed passing on his love of

SCUBA to Derek and Devin. The last family vacation was a week-long trip to the Cayman Islands where the entire family and some dear friends enjoyed diving on a daily basis. We are blessed beyond measure to have such wonderful last memories. Pete loved Corvettes, rock and roll and the University of Florida Fighting Gators, not necessarily in that order. He and Vicki flew a Gator flag on their home in Columbus year-round, much to the chagrin of their Buckeye neighbors. While in college, Pete had worked as a truck mechanic to earn enough money to buy his first Corvette, a 1969 T-top Corvette Stingray that Vicki nicknamed "Animal". He had it painted gold with the NY skyline on the gas cap. Eventually he would buy a later model 'Vette, but both were happily sold to buy cars that would accommodate car seats... Pete was one of the original "Trekkies" and had watched each Star Trek episode at least twice if not many more times. Over the years he'd compiled quite a collection of Star Trek Christmas ornaments as gifts from Vicki and his sons. When his boys were young and into the "Power Rangers", Pete had convinced them that he was the super secret "Purple Ranger" and swore them to secrecy about it. The ringtone on his phone was the music, "Go Go, Power Rangers", and it got smiles and laughter from whoever was around when his phone rang. He was a huge Jimmy Buffet fan, but his taste in music was varied and included heavy metal, country and pop. He enjoyed collecting CDs and burning them onto the computer so he could enjoy his music anywhere. He passed on his love of all types of music to his sons. A very special memory for him was taking them to an AC/DC concert (he made sure they took earplugs) several years ago in Columbus. Pete will be sorely missed by his in-laws: Sol and Beverly Hirsch, Diego and Georgina (Gould) del Valle, Jimmy Glass and Jennifer del Valle, and Cristina del Valle. He loved his nieces and nephews, Rhiannon Rae Schneiderman, Samantha and Kenny Garcia, Hunter and Stella del Valle, and Gavin Glass. He had yet to meet his newest nephews, Rian, Ethan, Cameron and Grayson Glass, but was eager to do so. Pete is preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 1, at 2:00pm at Rutherford Funeral home (515 High Street,

Worthington, OH 43085). Immediately following, family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of his life at BOSCO + BRIDE at the Pontifical College Josephinum located at 7625 North High Street.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Kurt Schneider*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Vicki, I am not sure if you remember me. I have been searching for years looking for you and Peter and today this pops up. I am Elisabeth Schneider, my dad was Erich, and my mom Else. My dad and Peter's dad were brothers. I remember going to FI as a young girl and meeting you. I have been trying to do a Schneider family. I have old photos but I am unsure who is who. I would love to connect with you. Do you remember my sister Erica and brother Erich? You can email me at [lizzietish174@gmail.com](mailto:lizzietish174@gmail.com) or find me on FB as Elisabeth Schneider Bugbee. I hope to hear from you.*

**Elisabeth Bugbee** - July 23, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Vicki, Derik and Devon - So very sorry to hear about Pete's passing. So many wonderful memories about Pete and Vicki. I just love that photo of him with the cowboy hat. My dad would be proud! The photos shared were great, I think I recognize one of the groom's party in the wedding photo. I still remember the sun coming out right after the "I do's" and big kiss! It as magical, just like that couple starting their life's journey together. Pete will be missed and the memories cherished. Take Care. Steve F.*

**Steve Freeman** - April 03, 2017 at 09:33 AM



*Thank you, Steve. So many wonderful memories from the UF years and later. I hope you are well. ~ Vicki*

**Vicki Schneider** - January 08, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.



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March 31, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *8 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Cristina Del Valle** - March 31, 2017 at 08:56 PM



“ Vicky, Derek and Devon, we first want to express our sincerest to you guys. We can not imagine the loss you feel but only hope you know your dad and husband is in a really great place right now in heaven. Derek and Devon, Your dad will always be with you, looking down at your accomplishments and boosting you to become the best you can be.

Vicki - we knew you and Pete were good neighbors when your first moved here and attended the "big game" at our house. Even though you flew that Gator flag, you were humble when they kicked our butts in the National Championship game. Pete will always be in our hearts and we are here for each of you!

God bless you!

Nadine and Tony

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**Nadine LaFond** - March 31, 2017 at 06:43 PM



Thank you, Nadine. For as long as I live I will never forget the kindness and grace you showed to Derek on the day of his father's death when he was at the house and I was in FL unable to be at his side. Thank you for being there for my son. And thank you, too, for being there for me in the aftermath. You were a blessing as a neighbor and will always be my friend,. ~ Vicki

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**Vicki Schneider** - January 08, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.



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March 31, 2017 at 04:43 PM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Pete was my work neighbor. We had a lot of laughs. He was a great guy and always talked about his boys. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Schwenker

Kathleen Schwenker - March 31, 2017 at 03:03 PM

Jeff Krause

“ I have known Pete since he moved to Columbus from Florida. Over the years a group of us would get to get together for lunch about once a month to catch up and tell stories. Pete will be missed but he will always be with us at these lunches. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Vicki and your family.

Jeff Krause

Jeff Krause - March 31, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.



March 30, 2017 at 05:39 PM

TC

“ Vicki and the entire de Valle/Schneider family: Deb and I were heartbroken to learn of Pete's passing. Please know that we'll keep you and the boys close to our hearts during this sad and challenging time. If there's anything at all you need, please never hesitate to ask. With love and prayers - Tim, Deb, Andy & Brigid Cotter

Tim Cotter - March 30, 2017 at 02:46 PM

BM

“ Vicki and family - my heart grieves for your great loss. I'm so sorry I will be out of town and unable to attend the memorial service. You will be in my prayers. I will remember Pete for his sense of humor and his deep love for his family.

Belinda Martin - March 30, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.



March 29, 2017 at 11:58 PM



“ It has been many years since the days of the Lowes and Schneiders living a few houses apart in Gainesville. I can't say that I remember Mr. Pete too much, but there is one memory that I still enjoy to this day. Derek and I were out in their front yard trying to pick out loquats from the tree at the end of their driveway. Mr Pete came out to show us how to choose the sweet and juicy ones from the sour, not-so-ready little fruits. I remember sneaking over there sometimes for one of those tasty treats even after. Its often the little things that stick in the head of an 8-9 year old kid. But that along with all mentioned in this obituary speak volumes for how he was as a father. Especially when taking in his role as Purple Ranger. :-) I loved the Power Rangers simply for the fact that my best friend was obsessed, and now I know why!

Kaylyn Lowe - March 29, 2017 at 11:21 PM



*Oh, KK, I am just now reading this. Thank you so much, sweetheart. I miss those days so much. The Easter egg hunts, Trick or Treat, Early Years Learning Center - so much history. You will always be the freckled-face, smiling, little red head that we loved so much. Glad we're still in touch. ~Vicki*

**Vicki Schneider** - January 08, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.*



March 29, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.*



March 29, 2017 at 04:46 PM

KM

“ I will never forget how kind and wonderful Peter was. He was always the dad that showed up for everything and we always called the old Toyota a suburban assault vehicle. It was prepared for anything.



Although we never said much to one another he always made me feel welcome in his house and that is something I will remember for the years to come.

I was lucky to be such good friends with the family to get to know Pete and his passing deeply saddens me. He was a great father and a wonderful person and I know he will be missed sorely. My well wishes and love go out to the Schneider family at this time. I will always carry fond memories of Pete.

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**Kyle S. Myers** - March 29, 2017 at 04:11 PM



Thank you so much, Kyle. We both thought of you as Derek's other brother and loved having you over at the house. Lots of great memories!

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**Vicki Schneider** - January 08, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.



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March 28, 2017 at 07:42 PM

DE

“Pete was so much fun to work with here in Florida. He made me laugh all the time. He "introduced" me to Heath bars. I'd never had one until talking with him one day and he said they were his favorite as mine was Snickers bars. The next morning I found a Heath bar on my keyboard. I loved it. Last month he posted on FB about ironing shirts. I told him to use the fat square end of the board instead of the pointy end as it's much easier to get those square shoulders and under the arms. He laughed and asked why I hadn't told him that before. He will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to your and your family.

*Debbie Ellingham.*

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**Debbie Ellingham** - March 27, 2017 at 05:20 PM

ME

“Dearest Vicki, while I never met Peter personally, through knowing you, working with you and following your journey on Facebook, I feel the positivity of your bond and your family's love for each other. Strength, reflection, faith and love to you and your sons at this time.  
*Melanie.*

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**melanie** - March 27, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.



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March 27, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Kurt Schneider.*



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March 27, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Just happened to bump into Pete a month or so ago at Publix, of course. Just chatted a few minutes but so happy to have that last memory.*

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**John Hughes** - March 26, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *My beloved brother-in-law! I love you so much and will carry the deep regret forever of not telling you more often! We will see you again. Rest now.*

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**Cristina Del Valle** - March 26, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *Many years ago, when Pete and Vicki lived in Gainesville, FL. they wanted to take us tubing down the river, so we did. All of us got in the river with floats, tubes, except Pete. Pete took his kayak, and down the river he went. It was funny and a very fun day. To Vicki, Derek, and Devin, our heart is breaking for you. Thoughts and prayers go out to you during this very difficult time.*

*Uncle Dave and Aunt Sandy*

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**Sandy Mews** - March 26, 2017 at 11:54 AM

KS

*Fond Memory of Pete driving up to the house in his corvette .. top down on a beautiful sunny day in Gainesville Florida ... with baby Derek ( in a car seat & wearing sunglasses too ! .. like his Dad's ) ... it was the ' Boy's Day Out ' for them ! ... Pete was so proud .....*  
*Kathy Schott*

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**Kathy Schott** - March 29, 2017 at 12:44 PM