



## Edward Joseph "Joe" Schneider III

September 16, 1946 - September 26, 2025

Edward Joseph Schneider III (Joe), 79, of Annville, passed away September 26, 2025. Joe was the son of the late Edward Joseph Schneider II and Sara Schneider. Joe is survived by his wife, Mary Theresa (Gidaro) Schneider (Tee), his daughter Talia Sawich (wife of Jon) and son Ryan Schneider (husband of Iwona), his grandchildren Trenton, Isabella, Sophia Sawich and Collin Schneider, and his sister Linda Starry and brothers Gregory Schneider, and Michael Schneider, husband of Sheryl.

Growing up in Annville, Joe showed innate athletic ability in all sports, but basketball is the one for which he is most remembered. He was 1st Team All-County in the Lebanon Co. League both his junior and senior years at Annville-Cleona. He narrowly missed being the County's leading scorer as a junior but established a league record at the time for scoring during his senior year as the team went undefeated in league play. He was selected 4th team All-State and Honorable Mention All-American his senior year.

His defense was even better than his offense which is why Coach Dehart recruited him to Millersville State College (now MU). He joined a team that had a record of 8-14 but Joe was the missing piece. Joe was the point man on a stifling full court press that filled Brooks Hall to the rafters. The team averaged 98.9 points in his sophomore year and 101.8 points in his junior year. Many of the points came off steals that turned into layups and no one in Millersville history stole as much as Joe. His career record of 4.4 steals per game will probably never be broken as the closest player has 2.4. His junior

year he had 5.5 steals per game which is not just a Millersville season record but still stands as the PSAC Conference record. His senior year, when everyone was picking Millersville to finish near last after losing 4 starters to graduation, Millersville won their 3rd straight Conference championship and 3rd trip to the NAIA tournament. Joe tied a record held by NY Knick guard Dick Barnett as the only players to start in 3 consecutive NAIA Tournaments. Joe raised his scoring from 15.9 to 23.6 points per game, and with roommate Glen Stitzel's record 31.1 ppg, they contributed over half the team's points. Joe surpassed 1,000 career points with a 41-point performance against Elizabethtown and ended his career with 1,371 points.

Although he excelled at basketball at Annville-Cleona, baseball was regarded as his top sport after his junior year. Several major league scouts were interested in his junior year because of his pitching prowess and wicked fastball. Sadly, he threw his arm out his senior year and never had his blazing fastball again. But he was still a good enough outfielder to start 3 seasons at Millersville. At the time, Annville-Cleona did not have football so Joe ran cross country to stay in shape. His senior year, soccer coach Pappy Moyer finally convinced Joe to give soccer a try. Joe was 1st Team All-County in his first and only season.

Joe was also a dominant force on the Annville Pool Swim Team. His best stroke was the butterfly, but he was proficient in all strokes, and the reason the medley races were his best events. He was also the best diver on the team, astounding onlookers with his diving mastery. After his playing days were over, Joe was elected to the Central Chapter, Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and Millersville University Sports Hall of Fame.

Upon graduation from Millersville, he was hired and taught for 35 years in the Palmyra School District. He earned his master's degree at Shippensburg State College while he was teaching. Joe used the same focus and passion that he had in sports to his job as a teacher. He was popular with the students and an inspiration to many. Countless times over the years, former students would come up to him when they would meet him as adults and tell him how

much his teaching meant to them.

He also leaves behind a bevy of friends from each community he touched and beyond. Despite his accolades, the man was far better than the player. Always humble amidst praise, always loving his family to the fullest and if you were his friend, you were a very lucky person. The family would like to thank the wonderful Cornwall Manor staff who provided Joe with such compassion and love during his months of anguish. The staff loved him because he never complained about his illness, always greeting them with a warm smile and a polite thank you. Even on the darkest days, he maintained his gracious demeanor and greeted every challenge with the same dignity and kindness that had defined his entire life.

A public visitation will be held from 9:00AM-10:00AM on Saturday, October 18th, 2025, at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 618 E. Main St. Annville, PA 17003. A time of sharing will be held from 10:00AM-11:00AM on Saturday at the Funeral Home. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:30AM on Saturday at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 125 Spruce St. Annville, PA 17003. Inurnment at Grand View Memorial Park will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Kreamer Funeral Home, Annville is overseeing arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand View Memorial Park

500 N. Weber Street  
Lebanon, PA 17046

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

OCT 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
618 E. Main Street  
Annville, PA 17003  
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## Time of Sharing Memories

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Memorial Mass

OCT 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
125 S. Spruce St.  
Annville, PA 17003



# Tribute Wall

HB

“ *Harry & Lois Buhay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Joseph "Joe" Schneider III.*



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**Harry & Lois Buhay** - October 17, 2025 at 10:04 AM

FG

“ *Tee, it was with deep sadness that I learned of Joe's passing. We were great friends since grade school. I also had the privilege of being Joe's teammate in college and later for 13 seasons on the Palmyra baseball team. We shared some lively times on and off the playing field. Joe was a good man and a good friend. Keep the best memories close to your heart.*

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**Frank Grabusky** - October 14, 2025 at 07:36 PM

HL

“ *Howard L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Joseph "Joe" Schneider III.*

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**Howard L.** - October 13, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Joseph "Joe" Schneider III.*



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October 13, 2025 at 06:17 PM

SL

“ I grew up across the street from Joe on High Street. Due to the age difference I really did not get to know him until adulthood. His athleticism and great natured guy I got to know and such a legacy he left behind for his family to hold on to! My condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.

Sheila Long - October 10, 2025 at 10:25 AM

NA

“ Nancy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Joseph "Joe" Schneider III.

Nancy A. - October 08, 2025 at 03:57 PM

KF

“ Keri fetterolf aikey & family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Edward Joseph "Joe" Schneider III.



Keri fetterolf aikey & family - October 06, 2025 at 02:24 PM

BS

“ I've known Joe for over 70 years from the Water Works to playing sports at AC, to meeting monthly with a bunch of AC guys. There are so many stories that could be told. I've lost a long term friend, and offer condolences to the Schneider family.

Ben Shuey - October 06, 2025 at 01:18 PM

TM

“ I was a student of Mr. Schneider in middle school as was my mother. I was just speaking of him a few weeks ago stating what a great mentor/teacher he was. I had the pleasure of catching up with him many, many years later at the Annville Legion and that gave me a better appreciation for him as an adult. My condolences to his family during this time. He left a lasting impression for many of his former students and I hope you find comfort in the wonderful stories shared.

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**Tiffany Mayhue** - October 03, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ In 6th grade, when I did something wrong, Mr. Schneider made me write dictionary pages verbatim. Let's just say that I wrote a lot of pages. I'm really good at messing the english language up and I don't spel very good. I did learn that Mr. Schneider was a wonderful, kind person. He enjoyed what he did and showed each of his students respect in learning. I can't say that I learned alot, but I do remember him and always will. My condolences to the family. Mr. Schneider will be missed. Pete the Poolman

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**Pete Grubich** - October 03, 2025 at 04:34 AM

KH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Kim Harris** - October 01, 2025 at 06:49 PM

ES

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and freinds of Coaches! So many memories playing for Coach during our school years..... He had so much talent! RIP coach!

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**Ed Shiffer** - October 01, 2025 at 08:51 AM

MC

“ I will never forget the athleticism of Joe. I was in awe of him slamming spikes in the pick up volleyball games at the Annville Cleona pool. Watched Joe play basketball many a time

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**Michael Campbell** - September 30, 2025 at 09:32 PM

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“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaOvrmzKhrY>

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**Christian Kreamer** - September 30, 2025 at 07:55 PM