



## Ralph "Boober" Schneider

November 14, 1934 - July 14, 2019

Ralph "Boober" Roberts Schneider, 84, of Okoboji passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at his home after a 4 year battle with Lewy Body Dementia. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2019 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held at a later date in the Sheldon City Cemetery in Sheldon, IA.

Boober was born on November 14, 1934 to Ralph A. and Neva (Roberts) Schneider in Sheldon, IA. He graduated high school in Sheldon in 1952 and then graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison where he earned his Business Administration (BBA) degree in 1960. After graduation from college he served 2 years in the Finance Core of the United States Army. In May of 1963, he was united in marriage to Joan Cramer at the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, CA.

Boober was self-employed and thrived on owning his own businesses. He was a bank examiner for the State of Iowa and then entered the business world as a Hamm's Beer Distributor in Sheldon and Council Bluffs Iowa, owned Okoboji Boats for 15 years, served as the Mayor of Okoboji for 12 years and owned Okoboji Financial Services until his retirement in 2017. In his free time, he was a fierce competitor with tennis and especially sailing his C-Scow "The Boober". He loved duck and pheasant hunting, pedaling many RAGBRAI's with Joan, traveling and spending the winters in

Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Spending time with his family and grandchildren when he could is what he looked forward to the most.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 56 years, Joan Schneider of Okoboji; son Stac (Ellen) Schneider of Orlando, FL; daughter Robbie (John Paul) Schulz of Carlsbad, CA; brother Walter "Bill" Schneider (Jean) of Cedar Rapids, IA; grandchildren Aidan Schneider, John Leslie, Joni and Rylee Schulz and nephews Chris and Andy Schneider.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and his brother Edward Eugene "Buddy" Schneider.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Boober's name and sent to the Okoboji Yacht Club.

# Previous Events

## Service

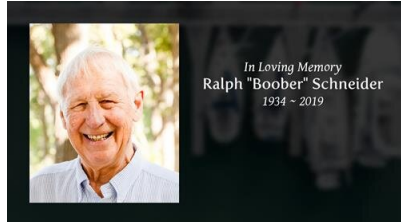
JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Spirit Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - July 21, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ralph "Boober" Schneider.*



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July 21, 2019 at 12:32 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the family. I grew up on Lake Okoboji and raced sailboats since I was 7 (59 years). The first time I crossed a finish line in first place was when I was about 10 years old and Boober grabbed me off the Yacht Club dock for his 3rd crew in an Interlake Regatta race. I cut my hand dropping the board. Boober saw the blood and said: "he is okay, we are finishing this race." His main crew looked worried, but I was glad to continue. We won the race. For the last 30 years I have raced on White Bear Lake. When my son Willy won the Pillsbury Cup, he stood side by side with Boober and Buddy to receive his trophy at the Winter Inland while Boober was inducted into the Inland Sailing Hall of Fame. That was my proudest "Dad" moment and I loved talking with Boober. I have a picture of Willy, Boober, and I on my office wall. On a lighter note, I am sure many of you remember his infamous dance on the back of the C Scow on Lake Okoboji in the 1970's! He was always one of my favorite sailing hero's. Mike Crary

mike crary - July 21, 2019 at 10:09 AM

DN

“ David And Rhonda Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



David and Rhonda Nelson - July 18, 2019 at 05:47 PM

SE

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, I have lots of memories with Boober serving together on city council, thoughts and prayers go out to you Joan and family, Shar Eckard



Shar Eckard - July 18, 2019 at 12:09 PM

SE

“ Shar Evkard lit a candle in memory of Ralph  
"Boober" Schneider



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**Shar Evkard** - July 18, 2019 at 12:06 PM

LR

“ Joan and Family,

*So sorry to hear about your loss. What a great man!!! So much fun to have known "Boober" and you folks as well. Jan and I know you will deeply miss him, but also know his fond memories will linger forever.*



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**Larry Rau** - July 17, 2019 at 08:47 PM

ME

“ Mary Ellen lit a candle in memory of Ralph  
"Boober" Schneider



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**Mary Ellen** - July 17, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Great sailor !and former national C boat champion!  
Karla and I will miss you mate  
Rest in peace

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**Rob Coutts** - July 17, 2019 at 02:07 PM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



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**Greg & Dee Baloun** - July 17, 2019 at 11:23 AM

RH

“ ROGER AND JUDY HAGEDORN lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



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**ROGER AND JUDY HAGEDORN** - July 17, 2019 at 11:00 AM

TS

“ Tim Smith lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



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**Tim Smith** - July 17, 2019 at 10:46 AM

TS

“ *Joni, Robbie, Stacey,  
Sending sympathy and prayers to all of you .Boober and I had many  
good morning coffee visits and lots of talks about "The Village"  
Many laughs!! Fond memories of when you two visited us in Key  
West. Defiantly one of a kind. May your good memories help you  
through the days ahead.*

*Tim Smith*

*Nick Hage*

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**Tim Smith** - July 17, 2019 at 10:45 AM

BH

“ *Boober and Joanie were like parents to me growing up on the Lake.  
Watching Boober running around the Boat Works as well as  
"navigating" the starting line at a race will forever be seared in my  
memories. For that, I am thankful!*

*He was a great man that loved his family, friends, and his Lake.*

*Thank you Boober!*

*Beeb Hansen*

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**Beeb Hansen** - July 17, 2019 at 10:45 AM

KW

“ *Kristie & Tim Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Kristie & Tim Wintz** - July 17, 2019 at 09:45 AM

TM

“ Joanie,

*Jane and I were sorry to hear of Boober's death, but we were grateful to have seen both of you last summer. Know that you are in our prayers.*

*Fr. Carl+*

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**The Rev. Carl D. Mann** - July 17, 2019 at 08:37 AM

BG

“ Joanie, Stac, Robbie and families. We're sending prayers and love to you. RIP Boober.

*Bette and Gordy*

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**Bette & Gordy** - July 17, 2019 at 08:28 AM

J(

“ Jim Farmer (FEDEX) lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



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**Jim Farmer (FEDEX)** - July 17, 2019 at 05:44 AM

MP

“ “Should Auld Acquaintances Be Forgot”! How fortunate we were to have had this unforgettable man, Boober, in our lives. Our heartfelt condolences to Joanie, Stac, Robbie and families. Mary Kay & John Peck, Alison & Ed Kelly, Marilu Peck & Joe Logudic

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**Mary Kay Peck** - July 17, 2019 at 02:08 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Mary Ann Jansen** - July 16, 2019 at 10:34 PM

KD

“ *Karla Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Karla Dougherty** - July 16, 2019 at 07:46 PM

BS

“ *Fond memories ,kind thoughts and prayers to the Schneider families ... Bud Strub*

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**Bud. Strub** - July 16, 2019 at 05:25 PM

FJ

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to You, Joanie and Family!!* ❤️❤️❤️



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**Fran Jungjohan** - July 16, 2019 at 04:25 PM

TD

“ *RIP dear friend*

*Tom & Julie*

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**Tom Davies** - July 16, 2019 at 03:16 PM

MW

“ *We're sending love and hugs to you, Joanie, Robbie, and all the family. Boober was a terrific fellow and shared his love of the lake in so many wonderful ways. he'll never be forgotten. Margy & John Whitaker*

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**margy whitaker** - July 16, 2019 at 02:22 PM

MH

“ *Mary Herbert lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Mary Herbert** - July 16, 2019 at 02:20 PM

MI

“ *I loved having Boober as my neighbor and renting my office from him. He was a kind and outstanding man. He will be missed greatly and remembered often by many.*

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**Mary Lynn Ingvall** - July 16, 2019 at 01:46 PM

VW

“ Vicki Willison lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



Vicki Willison - July 16, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ G lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



g - July 16, 2019 at 09:22 AM

TP

“ Boober is a legend of the lake. Prayers to the Joanie, Stac, Robbie, and family. We will miss him....

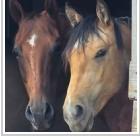
Tom Parks - July 16, 2019 at 07:57 AM

WH

“ Sad to see you go Boob, our sympathy goes out to the love of his life Joanie and family. Rest in peace..



Wayne-0 and Sandy Haht - July 16, 2019 at 07:17 AM



“ *Ann Devall lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Ann Devall** - July 15, 2019 at 10:02 PM

JB

“ *Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Jaime Berning** - July 15, 2019 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ *Mike Mears lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Mike Mears** - July 15, 2019 at 06:36 PM

NM

“ *Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**norm meinking** - July 15, 2019 at 06:22 PM

PC

“ Pearson Lakes Art Center lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



Pearson Lakes Art Center - July 15, 2019 at 06:07 PM

FK

“ Karrie and I send our deepest sympathy to the Schneider family



Fred Kaminska - July 15, 2019 at 04:37 PM

FK

“ Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



Fred Kaminska - July 15, 2019 at 02:39 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of Boobers passing. Our sympathy and prayers for the family. May he rest in peace. Bob and Kate Shaw



Kate Shaw - July 15, 2019 at 02:32 PM

LL

“ *Lynell Langel lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Lynell Langel - July 15, 2019 at 01:14 PM

Brent-Carla Dyhrkopp

“ *Brent-Carla Dyhrkopp lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Brent-Carla Dyhrkopp - July 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM

MU

“ *Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Marlys Unrau - July 15, 2019 at 12:03 PM

TC

“ *Tony T-bone Colwell lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



tony t-bone colwell - July 15, 2019 at 11:18 AM

MD

“ Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - July 15, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ All of us in the Powers family have so many colorful sailing memories with Boober. I was very lucky to 3rd crew for him for a few seasons. Love his laugh. Susie Powers Brantley

Susie Brantley - July 15, 2019 at 10:29 AM

TO

“ Met Boober when he was in the beer business in Sheldon. Bought my first boat from Boober. Many fond memories. RIP Boober. Tom Graves

Tom - July 15, 2019 at 10:17 AM

JM

“ So sorry for the loss of Boober, my thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Jen Munsen - July 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM

BB

“ My sympathy to the family. Boober always seemed bigger than life. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.



Barb Bodenhamer - July 15, 2019 at 09:46 AM

KK

“ Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



Karen Krieger - July 15, 2019 at 09:39 AM

ME

“ Missie Theodosen & Mike "Ernie" Eddy lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



Missie Theodosen & Mike "Ernie" Eddy - July 15, 2019 at 09:10 AM

DP

“ DARLENE POWERS lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider



DARLENE POWERS - July 15, 2019 at 08:52 AM

KC

“ There are lots of great Boober stories over the years. My thoughts go out to the entire family, he will be missed.

Kirt Carstens - July 15, 2019 at 07:56 AM

KB

“ *Kris Berning lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Kris Berning - July 15, 2019 at 07:09 AM

TG

“ *Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Twyla Garnmeister - July 15, 2019 at 07:07 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Rickman lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Nancy Rickman - July 15, 2019 at 06:49 AM



“ *Sheryl McKeivitt lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



Sheryl McKeivitt - July 15, 2019 at 12:51 AM



“ *Sally Sal Haas lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Sally Sal Haas** - July 14, 2019 at 11:27 PM



*Karen and I had the best talk with him last week.so many good memories*

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**Sally Sal Haas** - July 14, 2019 at 11:29 PM

KS

“ *Karen Ridenour Stoller lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**Karen Ridenour Stoller** - July 14, 2019 at 11:21 PM

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**Karen Ridenour Stoller** - July 14, 2019 at 11:21 PM

LB

“ *LeAnn Sander Budrow lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Boober" Schneider*



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**LeAnn Sander Budrow** - July 14, 2019 at 10:59 PM