



Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer

August 29, 1945 - December 15, 2020

Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 15, 2020.

He was born August 29, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Dr. Frederick Schaeffer and Elizabeth (Hairfield) of Ohio.

Dr. Schaeffer graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine and served his country as a Major in the United States Army, stationed in Texas. Following his military service, he held a private practice for 33 years as an Orthopedic Surgeon in Sanford, Florida, and the surrounding area. Dr. Schaeffer also served as Chief of Staff for a time at the Sanford Hospital.

He served on many international medical mission trips throughout his career, including Haiti and Russia. Dr. Schaeffer was a Markham Woods Presbyterian Church member.

In addition to his mission service, Dr. Schaeffer was an avid traveler and spent his later life traveling around the world. Starting with short trips with his family to Charleston (SC), New York, and San Francisco, he soon began taking his family to Russia, the Netherlands, Mexico, and British Columbia, Canada. For a few years, Santa Fe, New Mexico was his second home, where he enjoyed the art/gem shows out west. He soon expanded his international travel with

trips to Peru and China, as well as numerous Caribbean cruises. More recently, he traveled with grandchildren Erin and Johnathan to see the Alaskan glaciers. Another of his latest trips was to Australia and New Zealand with his daughter Catherine.

He loved collecting treasures from around the world, whether it was an arrowhead he found as a child or a surprise flea market find. Art and cultural touchstones brought him much joy in his life!

Dr. John Schaeffer is survived by his ex-wife Linda Burkhardt Schaeffer and four daughters: Anne Bell and husband Robert of Sorrento , Elizabeth Andrus and husband Randy of Lake Mary, Margaret Vance and husband Matt of Jacksonville, and USAF Captain Catherine Schaeffer of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Maichel, Victoria, and Jordyn Bell of Mount Dora, Erin and Johnathan Andrus of Lake Mary, and Ella and Thomas Vance of Jacksonville. Also surviving are sisters Carolyn Strutner of Illinois and Barbara Bowers of Indiana, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Becky Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, Lake Mary, in his honor. You may donate online by following this link: <https://www.mwpcusa.org/give>

Services are private.

The family of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer invites you to leave a message on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *I have only discovered the sad news about John. He was a good friend and I will miss you always!* ”

Chris Cao - April 08, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *Bird is on the wing. You will never be forgotten. woaini* ”

Xiang Lin - January 22, 2021 at 09:21 AM

XL

“ *Xiang Lin lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer* ”



Xiang Lin - January 03, 2021 at 09:55 AM

AL

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Allen - December 30, 2020 at 08:39 PM

ST

“ STEVE sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer



STEVE - December 29, 2020 at 01:09 AM

RE

“ Dear Linda and family:

I recall my parents, Dr. Edwin & Sara Epstein, mentioned going to holiday parties at your Lake Monroe house. Daddy practiced medicine and assisted Dr. Schaeffer with surgeries.

I last saw John at Mama's 90th birthday party on "The Romance." She is now 101 and lives in our Sanford house with me being her primary caregiver.

Dr. Schaeffer was well respected in the Sanford medical community. May his memory be a blessing.

Our deepest condolences,

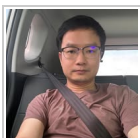
Sara & Rheda Epstein

Rheda Epstein - December 27, 2020 at 06:06 PM

RM

“ Dearest Linda and girls, I just read in todays paper about the passing of John. Im so very sorry to hear of his death as he was not old enough to leave you just yet. I know it must be difficult for all of you especially at this time of year. I lost my birth-mother on Dec 19, 1956 when i was just 14 years old and christmas was never the same for me after that. I want you to know my heart hurts for your hearts and i will be thinking about you all.
love Bonnie (Gielow) Mathey, Sanford ///I light a candle every morning. Today it will be for all of you. Love, Love, Love

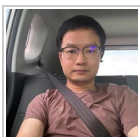
richard mathey - December 27, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Xiang Lin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer.



Xiang Lin - December 26, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Xiang Lin lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer



Xiang Lin - December 26, 2020 at 09:21 AM

SM

“ *My sincere condolences to Dr. Schaefer's family. I've known him for many, many years. He was a good man, I'm sorry to hear of his passing.*

Scott Milsom

Scott Milsom - December 24, 2020 at 06:26 PM

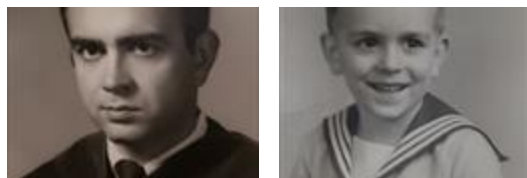
RB

Dr Schaefer was mine and my children's doctor and a great neighbor!! I look out my kitchen window every day and wish I could see him walking around again. You are truly missed. RIP Retha Beeler

Retha Beeler - December 26, 2020 at 07:13 PM

IC

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



icunurse2004 - December 23, 2020 at 04:22 PM

KF

“ *Goodbye my favorite and only uncle. I wish I would have got to see you one last time. As it is, I will never forget all the times I got to visit you in Florida throughout my life as they were always memorable and happy occasions. Thank you for always being so accommodating. May you Rest In Peace. -Kevin Freese*

Kevin Freese - December 23, 2020 at 04:02 PM

 Ginger
Mansour

“ *May you rest in peace Dr. Schaeffer. I have known you almost my entire life. You were an inspiration, had a very unique soul and so many stories to tell. I know Mom will be happy to catch up with you in Heaven. You will be truly missed by many. The Mansour "Behrens" family*

Ginger Mansour - December 23, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer.*



December 23, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. John Frederick Schaeffer.*



December 23, 2020 at 09:42 AM

KC

“ *We will all miss Dr Schaeffer very much. He was a beloved surgeon, boss and most of all a friend to me and my family for almost 40 years. I will miss his visits to the office to "get his mail" and deliver us donuts. Love and healing to all of you. Rest in peace. Love always, The Childers family.*

Kelly Childers - December 22, 2020 at 02:44 PM

KP

“ *Too many wonderful stories and laughs to write. He had a unique sense of humor and loved to play jokes. I will forever be thankful for the time I shared with Dr Scaeffler, the wisdom he shared and the confidence he instilled in me. Carpe diem he would tell me so I did. Rest in peace my friend. Love and prayers to all his girls. Karen Pharis*

Karen Pharis - December 22, 2020 at 01:36 PM