



Roger Neil Schindler

September 5, 1938 - March 17, 2025

Mooreville, NC - Roger Neil Schindler, 86, passed away Monday, March 17, 2025.

Roger was born September 5, 1938, to loving parents Wilbur and Claudia Schindler. Roger spent his early years growing up in various parts of Nebraska, calling Alliance, NE home. He was a talented and hardworking youth participating in singing, playing trombone and violin, and working at a music store selling instruments and Hi-Fi systems. He even made the family's first TV out of two broken TV sets from the store.

During the summer after high school graduation in Lincoln Nebraska, Roger met Mary Lillian Dieterich, the love of his life. He built a boat and heard that Mary had water skis! They married Aug 9, 1959, and began their life's journey together. Together they enjoyed camping, fishing, water skiing, traveling, exploring the outdoors, sailing, and spending time at their little cottage. Roger also loved snow skiing, flying model airplanes, and golf.

Both attended the University of Nebraska. Roger received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering. He also played the trombone for the university marching band for the 6 years he was there. In 1966 Roger completed his education with a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Hoping to land a position in a sunny-warm location, Roger and Mary chose Eastman Kodak Corporation in Fairport, NY to raise their family. Roger was

the director of Research & Development until his retirement in 1992.

Roger was a sparkplug leader for the family. He cooked, planted things, built furniture, sheds, a family room addition, two bunk houses, and even a swimming pool. He led their expanding family with the birth of their son, Andy, followed by twin daughters, Karrie and Jenny. Later, three teenagers became four as God expanded and blessed the family with daughter Laurie.

Roger was a passionate believer in Jesus Christ. He accepted Christ at a young age while playing trombone for a Billy Graham Crusade. He later grew even deeper in his faith through a marriage encounter program. Roger and Mary used their many talents and resources to host youth events at the beloved family cottage, cooked endless amounts of hamburgers and hotdogs in the rain and supported many other Christian or church organizations. Following his retirement from Kodak, Roger and Mary were full-time volunteers for 10 years for the NE region of HCJB World Radio which is still doing medical ministry and communication of the Gospel around the world as Reach Beyond.

Roger and Mary finally made it to sunny and warm Bluffton, SC in 2006 becoming true "Southerners" where they were very involved in Community Bible Church of Beaufort, SC.

Roger is survived by his wife Mary of 65 years, brother Darrel (Arizona), son Andy (Dotti of Georgia), daughters Karrie (Jeff Lehe of North Carolina), Jenny (Mark McKrell of New York) and Laurie (Mike Bossert of Colorado). Together they have 13 grandchildren, Zachary, Joshua, Matthew, Timothy, Katie, Chris, Ben, Jonathan, Samuel, Ezekiel, David, Jim, Stephen and currently 13 great grandchildren, Josiah, Silas, Malachi, Rhodes, Sutton, Elijah, Ella, Sarah, Eden, Emmett, Charlotte, Charlie, and Sammy.

Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. EST Friday, March 28, 2025, at Peninsula

Baptist Church (687 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117) with funeral service following at 11:00 a.m. EST at the church.

Donations or memorials can be made to Peninsula Baptist Church, 687 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Schindler family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peninsula Baptist Church
687 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ When my family would go up to Mn for vacations, Roger would be there to teach me how to water ski and finally how to slalom on one ski!!! It was fun but I would never have tried that on my own!

He would always look for something to fix or build or help us with when he and Mary would visit! I'll always remember him for his incredible energy and intelligence!



mardi shaw - April 02, 2025 at 02:33 PM

RJ

“ Pat and I have many wonderful memories of working with Roger and Mary during their time at HCJB World Radio. We laughed, we worked hard, and we thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. Roger was a true friend and encourager to me personally. I loved his work ethic and insight. What a privilege to know him and be blessed by the Schindlers in their friendship. Much love to the greater family. Dick and Pat Jacquin

Richard (Dick) Jacquin - March 28, 2025 at 08:39 AM

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“ I served with Roger at HCJB World Radio on the stewardship team. He and Mary were passionate about the gospel and encouraging others to join in sharing the hope of Jesus around the world. They practiced what they “preached” to live open handed knowing God is the owner of it all. I am blessed to have served alongside Roger and Mary.

Steve Hodgson - (HCJB World Radio) Reach Beyond

steve hodgson - March 27, 2025 at 10:16 AM

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“ Roger was the greatest brother in law when I was a kid. We did things together. We built a short wave radio. Actually I built it with Rogers help, then Roger built it and the the Heath Kit Company built it and finally it worked. I helped out with Roger and Marys love affair. It was my job to unscrew the porch light when Roger and Mary were courting. When Charlie Starkweather was raging through Lincoln killing people right and left Roger and Mary picked me up at school with the shotgun. I transferred to University of Minnesota when Roger went there for his PHD. They fed me Sunday dinner, took me to church. Told when to walk out of Church when Rog didnt approve of the sermon. Rog and Marty told me the Vietnam war was a bad idea, particularly when he or I might get drafted. Rog was there for me after dad died. I owe you won Rog.

Neil B Dieterich - March 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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correction "won" should be one

Neil Dieterich - March 27, 2025 at 10:15 AM

CH

I like to check out obits in the Rochester, NY area & I happen to see this obit for Roger. I started at Kodak in 1979 & Roger was my first supervisor. He was not only a great boss, he was a wonderful human being. He loved his family so & spoke highly of them often. He loved Mary & loved his church. I wish there would be calling hours or at least a memorial svc for Roger in this area. I would love to let his family know how much he was appreciated at EK. May he rest in peace.

Carol Hickey - March 30, 2025 at 09:45 AM