



## Elder Don C. Schneider

May 23, 2019

Don C. Schneider, former president (of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (NAD)), passed away May 23, 2019, in Keene, Texas, where he was living with Marti, his wife and partner in ministry. He was 76.

Don Schneider began life in Merrill, Wisconsin. He came to know Jesus, first when he was in the second grade and his family became Seventh-day Adventist Christians . . . and again, he renewed his commitment when he was a senior at Wisconsin Academy.

Pastor Schneider completed his Christian education at two Adventist colleges and the Adventist Seminary at Andrews University. He and his wife, Marti, have provided pastoral leadership to churches in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Minnesota. He served in various conference ministries in Oklahoma, Oregon, and the Central Union. All which led him toward service as president in five conferences — Wyoming, New Jersey, Arkansas-Louisiana, Rocky Mountain, and Northern California.

He completed his ministry as president of the Lake Union and served as the president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. During their ministry, Marti directed projects for Adventist Missions at the General Conference.

President Don and Marti Schneider retired in 2010. During retirement, he and his wife, Marti, pastored the Denver South Church for three years. They have been settled in Keene, Texas, since 2013.

Schneider served as NAD president for 10 years. He was elected to the office in 2000 at the General Conference Session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Prior to this, he served as Lake Union Conference president for almost six years.

Several friends and former colleagues shared the following words upon hearing of Schneider's death.

"Don was 'the Jesus man.' There is no more eloquent statement that can be made," said Daniel R. Jackson, current NAD president. "He travelled throughout the NAD and the world declaring that Jesus was his best friend. His loss will never be equated with being forgotten. He was a 'one of a kind' man and leader."

G. Alexander Bryant, NAD executive secretary, shared that "Don Schneider's greatest passion was to introduce people to his best friend, Jesus. He sought to model this to his colleagues in many ways, but one comes to mind: he routinely had block ice cream parties for his neighbors to try and show love and genuine compassion for them. I don't know how he managed this with his hectic travel schedule, but he did. He truly lived what he preached. It was a pleasure to serve with him. He was my friend; he will be missed."

"It was a shock for Shirley and me to hear of the passing of Don Schneider," said G. Thomas Evans, recently retired NAD treasurer. "I have know Don for many years and worked with him at the NAD Office for two and a half years. Don had a great memory and was able to work effectively with committees and in meetings from his vast knowledge. I will remember his fervent faith and his love for his friend, Jesus. Our prayers are with Marti and the family as they

mourn their loss."

Juan Prestol-Puésan, current General Conference treasurer and former NAD treasurer, said he had the pleasure of working with Schneider for nine years. "He was a man of impeccable integrity, and a balanced, spiritual leader who was always engaged with people and issues," said Prestol-Puésan.

He is survived by Marti, daughter Carol, son Don Jr., and daughter-in-law Dorothy.

See below for the times for the visitation, Funeral and Celebration of life and Reception.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be sent to the Joshua, Texas SDA School for the Worthy Student Fund <http://jams.joshuasda.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Keene SDA Church  
114 S Fairview  
Keene, TX 76059

## Funeral and Celebration of Life

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Keene SDA Church  
114 North Fairview  
Keene, CA 96059

## Reception

MAY 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Joshua SDA Church  
1912 Conveyor Dr. 76058  
Joshua, TX 76058

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