



Donald F. Schmader

December 21, 1925 - February 12, 2013

After courageously battling many chronic health problems, Donald F. Schmader, 87, of South Third Avenue, Clarion, died suddenly Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Born December 21, 1925 in Lucinda, he was the son of Joseph and Geraldine (Fascenmyer) Schmader.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 65 years, the former F. Louise Wolbert. Don began a banking career at the Marine Midland Bank of Western New York while studying finance at the University of Buffalo. Employment with Citizens Trust Company brought Don and Louise to Clarion. After many years of mergers and acquisitions, Don retired in 1987 from First Seneca Bank after nearly 40 years in the banking world.

Faith and family were Don's priority. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion, where he served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Don was a proud member of both the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Council 7459 and the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 0982 of Clarion County. He was an avid golfer and longtime member of Pinecrest Country Club, past member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, past Board Member of the Clarion Hospital, past Director of the Clarion Chamber of Commerce, member of the American Legion Post 66 of Clarion, member of the William Penn Fraternal Benefit Society, and a partner in Monarch Lumber Co.

Papa was a proud and patient father of "half dozen" girls, grandfather to

sixteen, and great-grandfather of nine. His fondest memories were from times when everyone was together, whether at their camp in Lucinda or in the sunshine of Florida. Spring was his favorite time of year as he planted his garden and looked forward to sharing his harvest of heritage tomatoes. He also found joy in playing cards with friends, golfing, and making wine. Don's involvement and interest in the banking and timber industries lasted throughout his life.

In addition to his wife, his legacy includes his surviving five daughters: Donna Lebda and her husband, Frank, of Algonquin, IL; Diane Rhoads and her husband, Gary, of Mentor, OH; Deborah Faller and her husband, Gary, of California, MD; Cynthia Gates and her husband, Gerry, of St. Augustine, FL; and Susan Jones and her husband, Cahill, of Boise, ID; sixteen grandchildren: Joshua Wells, Jacob Wells, Paulette Lebda, Douglas Lebda, Gabriel Rhoads, Adam Rhoads, Donald Rhoads, Andrea Faller Atlas, Heidi Faller Medford, Tyler Gates, Emily Gates, Carlye Gates, Austin Gates, Dylan Jones, Hannah Jones and Parker Jones; and nine great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and a sister also survive: Richard Schmader and his wife, Lyn, of Jupiter, FL; Bill Schmader and his wife, Millie, of Leeper, PA; and Patricia McFarland of Leeper, PA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Christine Wells; two brothers, Cyril and Bernard Schmader; an infant sister, Kathleen; and an infant grandson, Kyle Gates.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion. A Christian wake service will be conducted at 3:45 p.m. The rosary will be said at the end of the evening viewing.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 16, 2013, in the Immaculate Conception Church, Clarion, with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presiding.

Interment will be held in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

His family is grateful for their thoughtful friends and neighbors for their

ongoing support and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Charitable Deeds, 98 Hickory Nut Lane, Knox PA 16232; or the benefit of the Public School Religion program at Immaculate Conception Church, 720 Liberty Street, Clarion PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

WR

“ Sorry to hear of your lose. My wife Janis with him for 30 years.

Wayne Russell - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Schamder and the etire Schamder family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So glad to have known Mr. Schamder and to have seen him again this past summer after so many years.

Theresa Bjorkquist - February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ It has been a long time since I met "Cyril's brother" at the farm while staying at Moore's cabins but I remember him. So very sorry for your loss. I have to believe that he is in a new and wonderful place.

Brian Billetdeaux - February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Aunt Louise and family, with tearfull prays we send our sincere sympathy. Uncle Don was one of my favorite Uncles. He will be remembered for his great kindness. We wish you all peace.

Phil & Kathy Wolbert - February 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Mrs Schmader and Family our sincere sympathy and our fervent prayers are with you at this time of loss and sorrow. Don was a true friend and we will miss him.

Raymond Austin Family - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Louise and family, Punky & I are sad over the loss of Don. A wonderful friend and a devoted fellow employee who contributed immensley to the success of First Seneca Bank! He and I shared many hours as friends as well as working together over seeing a large part of the bank's operation. We have all lost a wonderful individual devoted to his family, the community and banking.

Bob Jeffrey - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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BS

“ Sincerest sympathies on the passing of Uncle Don. You are all in our prayers. May your fond memories sustain you at this difficult time. Peace & blessings, Bud & Jeanne

Bud & Jeanne Schmader - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Louise and Family,
So sorry to hear about Don's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Gretchen (Schmader) Fauzey - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I had the opportunity to work with and for Don for a number of years and thoroughly enjoyed working with him. I know he will be missed by all of your family. Sincerely, Kathy

Kathy (Powell) Cross - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Bob and I send our deepest sympathy.*

Bob & Geri Greenawalt - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Deleen and I want to send our deepest condolences to the family of Don. We will keep him in our daily Mass prayers and we know he will be sadly missed.*

Joseph Foy - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I remember many many fun memories spent at the Schmader house in my childhood. Mr. Schmader was one of the nicest men I ever knew! My deepest sympathy to his family!*

Lori Bevevino Johnston - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM