



Henry R. Schneck Jr.

May 14, 2024

Henry R. Schneck, Jr., of Allentown passed away May 14, 2024 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Henry (age 82) was born in Allentown, the son of the late Henry R. and Helen M. (Remsing) Schneck and grew up in the neighborhood of the 6th Ward. He graduated from Allentown High School, Class of 1959, and received his Bachelor of Science with honors and Master of Science both in Civil/Structural Engineering from Lehigh University. He was inducted into Chi Epsilon, the national honorary civil engineering fraternity, and Lehigh's Fritz Engineering Research Society.

As a registered Profession (Structural) Engineer and Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Henry had an accomplished career. He was a Senior Project Engineer in both the nuclear plant and the fossil/hydroelectric plant engineering departments of the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, retiring after 24 years of service. Among numerous power plant projects, he was primarily responsible for the design review of the nuclear reactor vessel containment structure at Susquehanna nuclear power plant and the engineering for the installation of post-tensioned tendons to reinforce and stabilize the Lake Wallenpaupack dam at the hydroelectric power plant.

Prior to his work at PP&L, he was a Senior Bridge Designer for the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and designed industrial structure facilities for Rust Engineering Company, Pittsburgh, and Congoleum

Industries, Trenton, NJ.

Although a dedicated professional, Henry felt his family took precedence in his life. He was married for 60 years to his beloved wife, Alma Marie (Sechler) whom he met in high school. He is survived by his daughters Lisa Schael of Macungie, PA, Karen Schneck (husband Coby Johnson) of Lower Merion Township, PA and son David (wife Risa) of Skippack Township, PA. He is grandfather (“Opa”) to five grandchildren, Courtney (husband Arkadiusz) Ważny, Alexander Schael, Roland and Oliver Johnson, and Emma Schneck, and a great-grandfather to Łukasz Ważny.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his only sibling Kathleen C. (Schneck) Moyer, whose daughter Wendy C. Moyer-Drabick resides in Barto, PA.

An avid genealogist, historian, and advocate of Pennsylvania German culture preservation, he was a member of the Lehigh County Historical Society, Berks County Genealogical Society, Pennsylvania German Society, and Palatines to America. An active member of the Schneck Family Reunion Association of Schnecksville, he served as its Historian for 32 years. He co-authored “Im Schneckengang (‘At A Snail’s Pace’), A Genealogy and History of Several Schneck Families in America (1741-1985),” published in 1985, and compiled extensive genealogical and historical research on his and his wife’s families for their descendants.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 11 A.M. in the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home 16th and Hamilton Sts. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the funeral home.

For those who wish to honor Henry with a memorial contribution, his family suggests a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

2010 W. Chew St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc
1601 W Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 433-5161
info@jsburkholder.com
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Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ Henry was a wonderful person and consummate engineer. I was a fellow engineer on the Susquehanna Nuclear Project. Our paths crossed many times over the following years at PPL. The picture captures both his likeness AND his spirit.

Chuck Lombardi - May 29, 2024 at 11:35 AM

GR

“ So sorry to hear from Esther about the passing of Henry. I know he will be greatly missed by his family. Marie, you are in my thoughts. The 80's are definitely a challenge.

Grace Reindle - May 22, 2024 at 01:24 PM

DS

“ I met Henry at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum in the library several times. He was always a very kind man, helpful and generous with his knowledge.

Dustin Snyder - May 22, 2024 at 01:01 AM

LN

“ I was so sorry to hear of my Uncle Henry's passing. He was a lovely person, so caring and kind. I am so grateful Dave and I had the chance to see him again, and my children had the chance to meet him, while he and my Aunt Marie were visiting San Francisco several years ago. We had a nice visit to the Japanese Tea Garden and then lunch afterwards. And although I hadn't seen him in years, he was just as I remembered him... the same wonderful, good natured, patient, and kind person I knew from my childhood. I will always remember him with much love in my heart. Sending all my love and strength to my Aunt Marie and my dear cousins.

LYDIA NUWAYSIR - May 21, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry R. Schneck Jr..*



May 21, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Henry. We remember him as always very welcoming when we came to visit your family home. He loved to talk about his favorite topic of genealogy or discuss the politics of the day. We shared countless happy times together over the years and will cherish those memories. We send loving wishes of sympathy and healing. Anne and Sandy Traub*

Anne and Sandy Traub - May 21, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *Henry was such an integral presence at our Schneck Reunion for decades. I fondly remember traveling with him and Marie and a dozen other Schnecks to Germany in 1999, and the wealth of information he shared while we were over there. He was the one who organized that trip, and what a trip it was! We had a lot of fun and laughs. The Schneck genealogy book that Henry published in 1985 is one of the best resources any family could hope to have. His research was so meticulous. Henry was also one of the primary drivers of the preservation of the Adam Schneck log house in Schnecksville. We and future generations reap the blessings of his deep wealth of knowledge, curious mind, and passion for preservation of our family's history. My deepest condolences to to the family.*

DARLENE SCHNECK - May 21, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Schneck's passing. He would occasionally come into the Marx Room where I work. My Best to his family..*
Sharon

Sharon Oxford - May 20, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ *Henry was an outstanding professional engineer. His work on the Susquehanna Nuclear Plant was excellent. It was a pleasure working with him on the nuclear plant project. He was always dedicated to the success of the Plant, and he will be remembered for his participation in its construction and operation.*
Raymond W. McNamara

Raymond W. McNamara - May 19, 2024 at 10:05 PM