Lawrence (Larry) Paul Schneider



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It is with profound sadness that the family of Larry Schneider announces his passing on November 19, 2026. He passed peacefully, surrounded by his family. Larry was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Helen Schneider, parents-in-law Carl and Johanna Wolfe, brothers Harvey Schneider, Gordon Schneider, and Dennis Schneider. He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of 66 years, Shirley Schneider, children Janet Brown, Joanne (Rob) Moser, and Jon Schneider, sister Hope (Bob) Bernaski, sisters-in-law Gertie Sauer, Joan Schneider, and Alma Schneider, grandchildren Tomas Brown (Chloe Saunders), Nicolas Brown (Lisa Alport), Emily Brown (Isaac Ziegler), Brigitte Moser (Matthew Vaughan), and Robert Moser (Jennifer Le), and great-grandchildren Leona Brown, Sebastian Brown, Malia Brown, and Stella Brown, along with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and extended family.

Larry came from humble beginnings and had a passion for hard work. He was a man devoted to serving his community. His early career started with the PFRA, and he later went on to take lead roles with the Regina Exhibition Association, the Saskatchewan Livestock Association, the Canadian Western Agribition, the Western Canada Farm Progress Show, the Regina Bull Sale, and as the Agricultural news reporter for CKTV.

His career in politics followed, with his election as the Mayor of Regina in1979, serving three terms as Mayor of Regina. He chaired numerous committees in that capacity, and took on big projects, including being a founding chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayor's Caucus. During his tenure as Mayor of Regina, Larry was responsible for the implementation of Regina's 911 system.

In 1988, Larry was elected as a Member of Parliament for the Regina Wascana constituency, where he served five years representing his constituents. Again, he was involved in significant committee work and ultimately became a member of the Privy Council when he was appointed to cabinet, holding the portfolios of Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of Canada Post, which earned him the designation of the Honourable Larry Schneider, P.C.

Following politics, Larry took on many leadership roles in the agriculture industry. He was a passionate airplane pilot and served as the Chair of the Board of the Regina Airport Authority. He was also appointed the Honourary Consul of Mexico to Saskatchewan.

Larry was a devoted community volunteer. Among his many contributions was his work with the YMCA, the Royal Lifesaving Society, the German Canadian Harmonie Club, Wascana Toastmasters Club, the High Noon Optimist Club, the Royal United Services Institute, and the Commissionaires, to name but a few.

Larry received numerous decorations including the Canada 125 Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. He spent time serving as the Honourary Colonel of the 10th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery.

His passions included classic Mustang convertibles, travel, spending time at the cottage, gardening, and fishing. Above all else, Larry loved his family. There was

nothing more precious to him than a good family get together, or a sunshine destination vacation in the winter, with the whole family there.

The family will be holding a private service to remember him. A public celebration of life will take place in March 2027. Flowers are graciously declined. The family asks that those wishing to honour Larry’s memory consider a donation to the Mackenzie Infant Care Centre, 1308 College Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 1B2, www.miccentres.com

Messages of Condolence

Sending condolences to the family he was a very sincere, caring and genuine man, he had an amazing life and left his mark in many places.

— Kathy Dreher

I miss my brother, he is the best brother anyone could have. I loved him dearly. I was very fortunate to live in home with four brothers and no sisters. Larry taught me to be very independent. I know he is with our parents and Harvey, Gord and Dennis.

— Hopw

The news that Larry Schneider had passed away caught me with a deep sense of sadness and loss. He loved his community and worked tirelessly to make it a better place to live for everyone. He was an inclusive mayor who treated everyone with respect and dignity. It was easy to see why he was elected to serve 3 terms and then serve as a member of Parliament. We did not always agree on every issue but I have the greatest respect for who Larry was as a man and as a community leader. My condolences go out to Shirley as a wonderful and gracious life partner and to all family members.

— Doug Archer

I remember Larry fondly through the German Club! He was a warm kind and generalist man!

— Leslie ottenbreit

Edgar Philpott and Larry bought many 6 year old calves from my Dad.. Ernie Dodds..about 1971.When he was Mayor, I worked at Rev Can on Smith. One day, by coincidence he and I walked together to Victoria Park. My sympathies to his family. I'm 67 now.

— Blaine Dodds

I am deeply saddened to hear about Larry’s passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Working with the two of you at Queen City Collegiate was a true privilege. Looking back on my time there, I feel so fortunate to have gotten to know Larry as a kind and thoughtful person, full of great ideas and always willing to help others. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family as you navigate this loss. Wishing you comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.Janet Galbraith-Ward

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We send our sympathies to the family of Larry Schneider, especially to Hope and Bob. It's so hard to lose someone you love.Lois and Bob Keck

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