

**MEMORIAL SERVICE OF PRAISE TO GOD
FOR
HIS BLESSINGS THROUGH THE LIFE OF**



Richard J. Schneider

September 24th, 2026

Born: Apr 29, 1926

CONFIRMED
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BAPTIZED
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DIED IN CHRIST
Sep 17, 2026

***"There is a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance..."***

Ecclesiastes 3:4



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION C: AMEN.

THE PASTORAL GREETING

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

THE OPENING HYMN **Onward, Christian Soldiers**

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go! Refrain

Refrain

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,

One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. Refrain

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. Refrain

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. Refrain

THE PSALM (Psalm 36:5-9) *The LORD is Steadfast in His Care for Us*

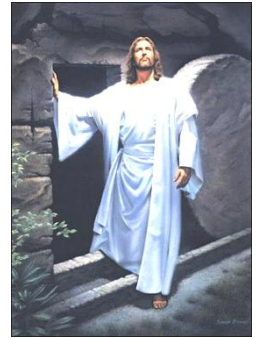
P: ⁵ Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

C: ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O Lord.

P: ⁷ How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
letting them drink from your river of delights.

C: ⁹ For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see.



THE RESPONSE

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA.

P: Jesus, our confidence is in You.

We know that You have won the victory over death.

P: Even in the midst of our sorrow, we know Your love never fails.

Grant us comfort as we trust in Your resurrection promise.

P: No one lives to himself, and no dies to himself.

C: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

P: Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

C: Amen.

THE READINGS

Lamentations 3:22-23, 31-32

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³² for, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸ And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL*Jesus Comforts His Disciples***John 14:1-6**

¹**"Do not let your hearts be troubled.** Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am.

⁴You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me".

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

A Time of Encouragement

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give Your whole church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

C: Hear us, Lord.

P: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to life everlasting.

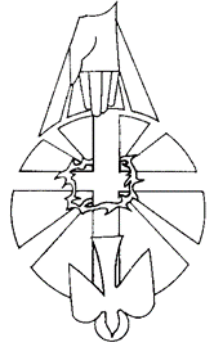
C: Hear us, Lord.

P: Grant us grace to entrust Richard to Your never failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of Your mercy, and remember him according to the favor You bear for Your people.

C: Hear us, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



Concluding Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Commendation

P: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend to Your care, your servant, Richard Schneider. Acknowledge, we humbly ask You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Confident of your victory over sin and death—receive him into the arms of Your mercy.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

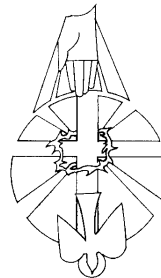
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give  you peace.

C: Amen.



P: Let us go forth in peace,
 C: **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**



THE SONG OF HOPE How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**

ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Christopher D. Fairbairn
 Pianist: Paul Ventimiglia

*After the service, please join the family for
 a luncheon at Moe's on 10 mile.*

Memorial contributions may be made to:

***St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48167
 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105***



Richard J. Schneider

Apr 29, 1926 — Sep 17, 2026

Richard J. Schneider, age 100, longtime resident of Northville passed away on September 17, 2026. He was born on April 29, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Rudolph and Rose (Arch) Schneider. Dick was united in marriage to Karen A. Johnson on September 9, 1972; they spent 54 years lovingly devoted to one another.

Just one month after graduating from high school, Dick answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army during World War II. He proudly served as a Private First Class with the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Armored Division. Shortly after returning home from his service overseas, Dick began a long and rewarding career with Detroit Edison. A dedicated and hardworking employee, he took great pride in his work and genuinely enjoyed his career. After 40 years of devoted service, Dick retired as an underground lineman.

Dick was a proud member of VFW Post 4012 in Northville, where he enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow veterans from all branches of the military and across generations. He also generously gave his time to the Highland Lakes Condominium Association, volunteering whenever he could and especially enjoying his involvement with social events.

Dick believed in staying active and taking care of himself throughout his life. In his younger years, he enjoyed running, and later in life, he became an avid walker. He could often be found walking around his neighborhood for hours. He also enjoyed swimming and was a member of a local scuba diving club, exploring Curtis Lake and other lakes throughout the area.

Above all, Dick was devoted to his family. He was a wonderful, hands-on father and grandfather who worked hard to provide for and care for those he loved. He cherished time spent with his family and brought plenty of laughter to their lives with his wonderful sense of humor. One of his favorite responses perfectly captured his quick wit: whenever someone asked him how he was feeling, Dick would reply, "With my two hands." His love, humor, and devotion to his family will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Dick is survived by his wife Karen A. Schneider; his children, Christine (Matt) Inman, Deborah (Tom) Denes, John (Mary) Fauer, and Kathleen (Roland) Kelly; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sons, Larry Schneider and Michael Fauer; and his siblings, Donna Martinez, Rosemary Bolohan, and Douglas Schneider

Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. A funeral service will be held Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 11:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville. He will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia and will receive full military honors.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to [St. Paul Lutheran Church](#), 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48167 or [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#), 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Psalmist declares:

**"I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore." (Psalm 121)**