



Lonnie D. Schear

October 12, 1949 - January 18, 2020

SCHEAR, Lonnie D., age 70, lifelong resident of Waynesville and affectionately described as “Mr. Waynesville,” passed away unexpectedly Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Lonnie graduated from Waynesville High School, class of '67. He was a member of the first ever WHS Football team while also receiving many honors for his participation in the HS Choir and HS Musicals. He served in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam era, resulting in a lifetime of patriotism. If asked if he WAS a Marine he would quickly respond, “I AM a Marine, once a Marine, ALWAYS a Marine.”

Lonnie was currently employed as a Vice President of LCNB National Bank. His career began in 1972 at what was then known as the Waynesville National Bank. He worked for 47 years at the hometown bank in Waynesville, rarely missing a day except for his “fun in the sun” vacations; ultimately passing away just days before his retirement.

Community minded, Lonnie devoted much of his time and effort to many civic organizations. He served on the Wayne Township Fire Department for over 30 years. Lonnie was a long time member of the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce; serving as President for two years early on and treasurer for the last fifteen years. Lonnie put his heart and soul into the well-known Ohio Sauerkraut Festival, as he knew the importance of this festival to the entire community. He served as Chairperson in 1988 as well as 2016-2019, and he worked tirelessly behind the scenes all other years. Lonnie, along with other family and community members, made sure the traditional Waynesville Country Fair was up and running for our community’s kids and families each summer for over 10 years. He was a long time Veteran member of the American Legion Post 615. As a result of his service to his community, he was awarded Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Business Person of the Year in 1999. Then in 2016 Lonnie received the well deserved Waynesville Lion’s Club, Citizen of the Year Award.

Along with his unwavering community support, Lonnie was a huge advocate of all aspects of Wayne Local Schools. He coached little league baseball and youth basketball when his

kids were young. He spoke at Career Day, giving speeches to our students on the importance of community service at all ages, donated time to help teach high school business classes, and chaperoned several school sponsored trips to Camp Joy. If you knew Lonnie, you knew that he was perhaps the Spartans' biggest fan. Lonnie always showed up to games, usually in Spartan apparel. He never sat in the stands but instead chose to stand watch from his corner spot in the gym or at the field.

Outgoing, loyal, and very routine in his daily life, Lonnie was strict but fair. Demonstrating his support, he never missed his own kids' games or those of his grandkids. While he could be strong-willed, he was a softie with his grandchildren. In addition to his beloved Spartans, he was also a fan of the Lakers and Duke Basketball. He greatly enjoyed poker with his friends, his Sunday jogs, and working on Sudoku and other puzzles in his spare time. In the neighborhood, he will be remembered for the meticulous care of his yard, rotating the mowing angles and keeping it trimmed perfectly. Lonnie loved the summer months and the heat that came with it. He looked forward to their two weeks in Daytona Beach, Florida. The family originally stayed at lifelong friend Marty Mayo's hotel, eventually moving south to other condos, but Lonnie always wanted to be right on the beach.

He was preceded in death by his parents Eugene Tufts and Martha Schear, and one sister Regina "Sissy" Hall. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Connie; daughter Nikki (David) Deters; son LD (Megan) Schear; four grandchildren Lucas, Josianne, Logan, and Miller; two brothers Terry (Margaret) Schear and Bobby (Debbie) Johnson; sister Betty Wade; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and extended family members.

A celebration of life service will be held at 6 PM Sunday, February 9 at the Waynesville High School Gymnasium. The family will receive friends from 1 PM - 6 PM Sunday at the Waynesville High School Gym. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Waynesville Alumni Association, P. O. Box 1042, Waynesville, OH 45068 and/or the Wayne Township Fire Department, Inc., P. O. Box 264, Waynesville, OH 45068. Condolences at www.stubbsconner.com.

Events

FEB **The Family Will Receive Friends** 01:00PM - 06:00PM

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Waynesville High School Gymnasium

735 Dayton Road, Waynesville, OH, US, 45068

FEB **Celebration of Life Service** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home - February 09 at 09:01 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lonnie D. Schear.



February 08 at 09:46 PM



“ WHS teammate, Friend. I will miss your smile at lunch when I'm in town. My sympathy to Connie ,Family, and Friends. Jim Bourne

James Bourne - February 08 at 07:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lonnie D. Schear.



February 08 at 02:48 PM



“ Darlene Noble lit a candle in memory of Lonnie D. Schear



Darlene Noble - February 06 at 09:46 PM



“ Lonnie was a great neighbor to my parents on Ellis Dr. I was so envious of his beautiful yard.
Prayers and my deepest sympathy to Connie and the family. He will be greatly missed.

Amy Fowler Speer

Amy Fowler Speer - February 06 at 09:18 AM



“ Never found him without a smile! He never met a stranger! A stranger was just a friend waiting to be met. He will be missed by all who knew him. Those that never met him will never know the kindness of his greetings.
Susan and Brooks Stone

Susan Stone - February 05 at 02:40 PM



“ Edgewood Girls Youth Basketball purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonnie D. Schear.



Edgewood Girls Youth Basketball - February 05 at 10:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonnie D. Schear.



February 04 at 05:19 PM



“ Lonnie was very much a part of my childhood. Connie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts!

Elizabeth Osborne - February 04 at 08:44 AM



“ Any, All meetings with Lonnie at the "farmer table", bank, wherever were always very grounding for me. I will certainly miss that. Love you All!

stephen Osborne - February 04 at 02:59 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Lonny but what I knew was he was Terry's brother. They were both good guys in high school. I am sure you will miss him dearly. I'm sorry Terry. I'm sorry Connie and all.

Pam Earnhart Bowersox

Pam Bowersox - February 04 at 01:04 AM



“ so sorry for yr loss he will be greatly missed.

Sandra Hadley - February 04 at 11:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lonnie D. Schear.



February 04 at 12:56 AM



“ Uncle Lonnie was always fun to be around He loved sports and his family was his pride and joy. I have lots of memories but my favorite was how mom would always joke that he was grandmas favorite and he would just laugh and agree. Three great people all together now



Erica Lowe - February 03 at 07:23 PM



“ We (the Runyon Family) remember Lonnie from his Basketball playing days. When Clinton Massie would play WaYnesville....those were the days. We knew everyone on the Waynesville team too. Connie I hope you can remember us from the Waynesville pool days. Our condolences are with you & your family. We know you just lost Bo too. The people from Waynesville were just like family to all of us.

Jackie (Runyon) Stevens - February 03 at 08:45 PM



“ Jerry and I are so sorry for your loss! He was loved by so many people and such a dedicated person to Waynesville! May God be with all of you as you try and work through this tragic loss. Connie we are continuing prayers your way and hope you are improving everyday.

Love Jerry and Monica Rhude

monica rhude - February 03 at 07:22 PM



“ I worked with Lonnie for 10 years at the bank in Waynesville. I enjoyed working for him. He was a good boss and a fair one. Always had a smile for everyone. I will miss him at the bank. Connie you have my deepest sympathy.

Vivian Planck

Vivian planck - February 05 at 04:57 PM



“ Waynesville Youth Basketball Association purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lonnie D. Schear.



Waynesville Youth Basketball Association - February 03 at 07:17 PM



“ Marilyn K Combs sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie D. Schear



marilyn k combs - February 03 at 06:31 PM



“ Worked with Lonnie at Waynesville Bank for 18 years he was Mr Personality One memory was Day his daughter was born he was so excited. Prayers for Connie and family Many Happy Memories.

marilyn k combs - February 03 at 06:36 PM



“ My condolences. Positive healing thoughts to Connie. Prayers and positive thoughts to the entire family and friends.

Thomas H Gross III - February 03 at 07:19 PM



“ It was a great privilege for Jill and me to have Lonnie as a patient, advisor, and friend for 42 years. Truly, “our banker for life.”

Prayers and healing for Connie and all your wonderful family.

Richard and Jill Cronley.

richard cronley - February 03 at 10:05 PM



“ My condolences.prayers for the entire family ,we enjoyed being taken care of at bank also, Graduated with Bo but also a long time friend ,we will miss him Mary Crump Myers

Mary Crump Myers - February 03 at 10:23 PM



“ I had the honor of meeting Lonnie (Mr. Schear to me) for the first time, twice! Going to college with LD, I stayed several times at the house. Then as I got older and lost my damn hair, he didn't recognize me years later ...so we met again. Anyone who needs a gymnasium to support all the people who want to give their condolences is all anyone needs to know about what a person he was. RIP Sir.

Casey OBrien - February 05 at 08:58 AM



“ I have known Lonnie since his early days in banking. We became friends early on and eventually working together at LCNB. He will be greatly missed in the business and certainly in Waynesville. Don Williams

Don Williams - February 06 at 07:15 AM



“ Sending my condolences to the Schear family over the tragic loss of Lonnie. I had the privilege of knowing Lonnie for about 10 years. He was my banker for some property we own in Wilmington. One of the highlights of my annual trip to visit the property was having lunch with Lonnie in Lebanon. He was warm, kind, appreciative and supportive. He took care of me and my family and for that, I am honored to have known him and will forever remember him. Gary Stone, Denver CO.

Gary Stone - February 12 at 10:45 PM