

Edward Steven Schonneker

November 30, 1925 - January 21, 2019

Ed Schonneker passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. He was 93 years old. Born in Eagle Creek, Oregon in 1925 to Jacob and Margaret Schonneker, the youngest of six children, he went on to graduate from Oregon City High School. Where he excelled in all three major sports and became a member of Coach Wayne Bauer's Oregon City Hall of Fame Baseball team as a catcher, a position he played for four years. Following graduation in 1944, he served as a medic with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. Prior to his discharge in 1946 he married his high school sweetheart, Delina Reid. They went on to have three children, Steve, Craig, and Marlina. Upon returning to Oregon City Ed worked for Mr. Pix Camera Store for several years and on April 20, 1952, he purchased the Hollywood Camera Store on N.E. Sandy Blvd. in Portland, which he owned and operated up until his death. He loved photography and served his loyal customers for sixty-six years. He had genuine respect for people who visited his store and one never left without learning something about photography. Some people came by the store just to talk about "camera stuff" or the latest "gadget" they have just purchased. He would listen patiently, nod his head and smile and tell them what a great buy they had made but not tell them that he had two of the same in the backroom. Ed was a true patriot and a man of faith. He loved his country and his family and was among those young men that went to war to defend America and came to be known as the "Greatest Generation". He will truly be missed. His passing is preceded by the death of his first wife Delina,

two sons, Steve and Craig and second wife, Virginia. He is survived by his daughter Marlina Schonneker, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Reception to follow Mass at the Oregon City Senior Center located at 615 5th St, Oregon City, OR 97045

Cemetery Details

St. John the Apostle Cemetery

451 Warner St.
Oregon City, OR

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
1306 7th Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 656-4285
<https://www.hillsidechapelfh.com/>

Mass

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
417 Washington St.
Oregon City, OR

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Steven Schonkeker*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Hollywood Camera was always my favorite place to get my photos developed. No matter how expired my film was, Ed always made it work. He was always so kind and helpful and he clearly loved his job very much. I'll miss you big guy. Thank you for all you did!*

Phoebe - February 04, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *I found Ed and Hollywood Camera shortly after I moved to the Hollywood neighborhood in 2001. I took my film to him to be developed for years and bought a couple of cameras from him. I loved that shop and Ed and would stop in every now and again just to check up on him and enjoy being in his shop, which took me back to the beloved small neighborhood shops I used to go to as a child. Ed was a wonderful guy, always so helpful, and so, so knowledgeable. His passing leaves a big hole in our neighborhood. I'm so grateful for Ed and the 60+ years he spent making Hollywood Camera such a special place.*

Tamara King

Tamara King - February 13, 2019 at 12:24 AM

KG

“ Gonna miss you, buddy.



Kenny Griesen - February 05, 2019 at 01:56 PM

SC

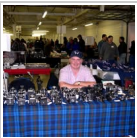
“ I met Ed several years ago, when I started shooting film again. I found Hollywood Camera almost by accident. Ed always seems to have whatever it was I was searching for. He also seemed to know, even before I did, what is was I might need.

I got into the habit of visiting that shop on Saturday, spending a few hours chatting with Ed and Mark. There were some tall tales shared - which Ed would recognize as such, by quietly looking over the top of his glasses. Those were good times.

Ed worked long and hard, making others smile. He was a true treasure.

Rest easy, old timer.

Steven Criss - February 03, 2019 at 01:38 PM



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Mark Hansen - February 02, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ I was truly saddened to hear of Ed's passing. For years I would spend Saturday afternoon at the Hollywood camera store, and visit and share and learn about everything photographic. The thing that struck me most about Ed was that he would always be willing to take time to show you things, about cameras, or photography, even when it was not going to make him any money. He said to me one time, I spend so much time straightening out things people get from the internet. But, that's what you have to do, help people. If you read Ed's yelp reviews they all say the same thing: There is this really nice old guy, who will spend hours helping you... That was Ed. I feel greatly enriched having had lunch with him so many times. He would go with us regulars to the CRB and he would always get the same thing, a bowl of soup and half a turkey sandwich, no cheese. We would be visiting, and Ed would look at his Mickey Mouse watch and say: "It's one o'clock men! Let's go have a bowl of soup!" When we were all done eating, he would say as we stood to leave: "We're off like a herd of turtles." When we arrived back at the shop, he would say: "Seller back to the walls, men." All of this always brought a smile and a laugh. He also ran one of the last true "Camera" shops in the US and we were all glad he stayed open with regular hours as long as he did. I'll miss our talks on Baseball and Sports, and I'll miss all the Oddball gear he would buy just to show it off. I got a real kick out of his trips to the back room to appear with a camera, no one had ever seen before. And in the crowd that hung around there, that was really saying something.

You were one of a kind Ed, and will be missed.

Mark Hansen - January 31, 2019 at 10:20 PM



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Mark Hansen - January 31, 2019 at 09:45 PM

MC

“ It has been a privilege knowing you Ed and sharing my love for camera as with you and our quiet conversations about all phases of this mixed up world. Our camera shop club has meant much to over the last 18 or so years.
Hen you get to that great pasture in the sky say hello to THE BABE, to jolting Joe, to Gehrig, Cobb, Campy and the rest of the greats. Oh and to Steinbrenner too. Wait, he will probably be in 'the cellar.

Sleep well Ed.
Mike case

M. Case - January 31, 2019 at 09:29 PM

HS

“ You were always very welcoming to Steve and Craig's friends. I always felt comfortable coming into your home. You will be missed.

Hank Schassen - January 25, 2019 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ Grandpa, you were such an amazing man. Your kindness, strength, drive, and love impacted everyone you crossed paths with. You are so missed!! But forever will be cherished in my heart!

Kimberly Schonneker - January 25, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *To many memories to post. Love you Grandpa, tell Dad I miss him tons and love him so. And Grandpa...eat a cookie, I wont tell!! Xoxo*



Julie Schonneker-Sticka - January 25, 2019 at 12:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Steven Schonneker.*



January 24, 2019 at 10:24 AM



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Hillside Chapel - January 23, 2019 at 02:10 PM