



Robert "Bob" Karl Schnell

December 4, 1943 - February 28, 2018

Schnell, Robert Karl a long time resident of Kirkwood, Missouri was born December 4, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Elmer and Florence (nee Hammer) Schnell, and entered into rest, Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at his residence in Kirkwood, Missouri, at the age of 74 years, 2 months and 24 days.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by,

His wife, Marcie L. (nee Morris) Schnell married December 24, 1988 in St. Louis, Mo

three (3) children, Pamela J. (nee Schnell) (Joe) Anello, Tina (Bruce) Wells and Stacey (Chas) Krockenberger

six (6) grandchildren, Christopher Schnell, Elizabeth Anello, Kurtis (Ashley) Wells Randy Johnston, Stephanie (Thomas) Howse, and Priscilla Krockenberger

four (4) great-grandchildren, Caroline House, Hailie Wells, Sophia Wells and Layla Wells

and other family and friends.

Bob's passion was fly fishing with his father as a young boy and later with his wife, Marcie. Marcie and Bob traveled extensively in their RV and would winter each year in Florida. Bob and Marcie traveled throughout the United States as well as abroad visiting other countries. They shared a good life traveling and raising their three daughters. As a young man, Bob enjoyed canoeing in every river in Missouri. Later in life, Bob and Marcie would spend their weekends boating on their 50 foot cabin cruiser. Robert also loved hunting, being at his cabin in Gasconade County, golfing, extensive traveling, playing the harmonic, cooking, history, watching all sports of Mizzou, his dog Heidi and being with family and friends. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his family, his FEMA work family, his friends and by all who knew and loved him.

Schnell joined the Farm Equipment Manufacturing Association staff team in 1968 and oversaw membership and meetings. When he succeeded Harold Halter as Executive Vice President in 1984, he became only the second person to serve in the role.

During his tenure, membership grew from about 330 to about 600, and the FEMA added vital member services such as the no-cost consultations with attorneys, expanded insurance offerings from Sentry, and online resources. Schnell's insights and leadership "propelled our Association into a position of strength," said Layton Jensen, who served as Association president during Schnell's tenure.

Schnell's colleagues described him Thursday as a "true character" and someone with "a gruff exterior but a big heart."

"I was just speaking with Gary Manke (Midwest Equipment Dealers Association) last week about some of the most interesting folks that have been in our industry, and we both mentioned Bob in unison," said Kim Rominger, executive vice president and CEO of Equipment Dealers

Association. "While Bob was a true character, he was also a gentlemen of great integrity."

Paul Kindinger, who enjoyed a friendship with Schnell beyond their decades-long professional relationship, said that while "he could come across as tough or unmovable, when an issue called for a compromise, if one was possible, Bob would find it. He had a gruff exterior but a big heart."

Kindinger also said Schnell was proud to represent Association members. In a farewell he wrote when he retired in 2009, Schnell said "it has been the members that have made these four decades the most rewarding."

"It's been my pleasure working for you," he wrote, "and I look forward to seeing each of you somewhere down the road."

In 1970-1974 Bob was involved with the United States Chamber of Commerce Institute for Certificate in Organizational Management at University of Notre Dame

Memorial Visitation Saturday March 10, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until time of Service at 3:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 10301 Big Bend Rd, Kirkwood, Mo 63122. Memorial donations can be made in honor of Robert to Crossroads Hospice St. Louis, 15450 South Outer Forty Dr., Suite 100, Chesterfield, Mo 63017, www.crhcf.org, or American Lung Association, 1118 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, Mo 63139. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Previous Events

Community Farewell

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood
10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Karl Schnell

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Karl Schnell.



March 09, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ The Moss/Tiefenbrun family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Karl Schnell.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Karl Schnell.



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