



Edward Michael Schlein

July 23, 1939 - October 25, 2019

Dr. Edward Schlein, husband, father and grandfather; former Leesburg City Commissioner, and head of the Emergency Department at Leesburg Regional Medical Center for decades, passed away peacefully at his home last Friday. He was 80.

As Ed liked to say, he was born in the South - South Bronx - in 1939. As a teenager, his family moved to Florida and his love of the Florida Gators was born. He attended The University of Florida from 1958 to 1962, earning his MD in 1965.

In the 1960s, he was drafted and served on what he called the "Robert McNamara Foreign Study Program," on a tour of duty as a flight surgeon in Vietnam.

He returned home to practice medicine in Texas, Louisiana and Florida. He served on the Board of Directors at UF's Shands Teaching Hospital and was universally well regarded as a great emergency room physician and leader.

He raised five children, Michael, Mark, Matt, Mandi and Michelle, who are all proud Gator fans.

He was proudly contrarian, stubborn and didn't suffer fools well. He was also

kind, generous and bitingly funny with sarcastic wit. He wore mutton chop sideburns through most of the 70s and 80s and was as comfortable among his friends at the fish camp as he was with his colleagues in the medical profession.

He loved dancing, Bill Haley and the Comets, The Florida Gators, bass fishing and tournaments, Heinekens, and above all else his wife Kay, his children and grandkids, who all adored him. He was often at his happiest when his family would meet at his spot in the Bull Gator parking lot before home games at The Swamp.

Ed is survived by his wife Kay and his children, Michael, Mark, Matt, Mandi and Michelle.

There will be a memorial service at Good News Church in Leesburg on Saturday, 11/2 at 2 PM. His family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his name to Good News Church in Leesburg, FL or to Combat Veterans To Careers, which they can do in his name, www.combatveteranstocareers.org, or by sending a check to 400 E Gulf Atlantic Hwy, Wildwood, FL 34785.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I did not know Dr.Schlein personally but he treated me many times at the emergency at LRMC.H e always showed care ,compassion and a reassuring pat on the hand.He was an excellent doctor.Our community has lost a wonderful person.

Janie Dixon - November 04, 2019 at 08:37 AM

KK

“ Dear Kay and family,
I am so sorry to learn of your husbands passing. I am also sorry we never got together in Leesburg to meet and re-new our childhood relationship. I return to Fruitland Park in the winter still as my husband passed away, June 19, 2017. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Precious memories give us peace and comfort. Hope to make contact with you this coming winter. Take care, Kyleen Chinouth Kelly

Kyleen Kelly - October 31, 2019 at 04:19 PM

JW

“ Kay and Mandi,

We were so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. We are in Tennessee until Monday, and will miss the service, but you will be on our hearts and in our prayers on Saturday.

Love,
Bob and Julie Williams

Julie Williams - October 31, 2019 at 10:34 AM

TV

“ I am so sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Schlein. I babysat for him and Kay (poor Mandi busted her lip on my watch) when they lived on Bentbough Drive. He was a wonderful, kind man and a great Gator.

Trang Vu-Hafer - October 30, 2019 at 03:45 PM

RA

“ I was very sad to hear of Ed's passing. I helped him in his first campaign for Leesburg City Commission and that is how we found out that we both loved the Gators. I used to see him at various games and various tailgates, the most memorable of which was in Athens, Ga, in the 1990s when the game had to be home and away for a couple of years due to the Jaguars coming to Jacksonville and thus Gator Bowl renovations. We CRUSHED the dawgs between the hedges and the Ole Ball Coach rubbed it in and Ed and I and others toasted more after the game than we had before. RIP, Ed. - Roger Austin, Gainesville, Florida

Roger Austin - October 30, 2019 at 02:50 PM

LM

“ Hope you are doing the twist in heaven and asking Elvis to sing the peppermint twist for you. Kay, we love you. Larry and Lois

Larry Mcnew - October 29, 2019 at 05:41 PM