



Rev. Julius E. Scheidel

May 9, 1919 - July 27, 2020

The Rev. Julius Eugene Scheidel, Jr., a resident of Heron Point, Chestertown, MD, died on Monday, July 27, 2020 at his home. He was 101.

Born on May 9, 1919 into a strong Christian family, and supported by a strong Presbyterian Church, the most significant event in his life occurred when he became a Christian by conviction and convinced that God was calling him to serve as a missionary in Africa. In preparation for that work, he first graduated from Grove City College, PA in May of 1941. In September of that same year, he began his preparation for ministry by entering Princeton Theological Seminary, in NJ, graduating in May of 1944. During his senior (3rd year) at the seminary, he married Mary Margaret Black of Canonsburg, PA, whom he met while both were students at Grove City College.

Upon graduation from the Seminary, he was appointed by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to the denomination's mission in the French Cameroun.

After several delays caused by WWII, the newlyweds arrived at the assigned station in Cameroun on April 1, 1945. A first term of 3 years was taken up by itineration, visiting villages, and established churches along the Cameroun/Gabon border. During that first term, a daughter, Susan S. (Woodcock) was born to the Scheidels in the mission hospital.

Because of his fluency in the native language (Bulu) and his recent (1948) studies in theology, Rev. Scheidel was appointed by the mission as Director of the pastoral training school, Dager Biblical Seminary in 1949, an assignment that continued through 1959. While on furlough in 1960 and having lived

through the 15-year transition period which culminated in the establishment of Republique du Cameroun, Rev. Scheidel became convinced that ecclesiastic control as well as political should be in the hands of the people of Cameroun. Consequently, he resigned from the service in Cameroun to take up ministry in the United States.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan Woodcock and her husband Ray of Waynesville, NC; two sisters, June Fitton of Travers City, MI, and Ruth Sabo of Dennisville, NJ; three grandchildren, Edith W. Brady of High Point, NC, The Rev. Joy W. Laughridge of Jacksonville, FL; and Sharon W. Robinson of Locust, NC; as well as three great grandchildren.

Services will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery in Roslyn, PA, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, 905 Gateway Drive, Chestertown, MD 21620.

To access a livestream of Mr. Sheidel's service, please click one of these links:

[https://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianChestertown/live_videos/?ref=page_in](https://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianChestertown/live_videos/?ref=page_internal)
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Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Roslyn, PA

Previous Events

Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
905 Gateway Drive
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Julius E. Scheidel* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 05, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ *Rev. Julius E. Scheidel* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rev. Julius E. Scheidel* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rev. Julius E. Scheidel* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JA

“ As a kid I attended Beltsville Presbyterian Church in the late 70's and early 80's. Reverend Scheidel performed my confirmation and my sister's. I have fond memories of Christmas caroling with him-- he was very enthusiastic and we always ended each house visit with "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" and I remember him doing a big swoop with his arm every time. His spirit was infectious. Mostly I remember him and his wife as very kind people. I am so happy he lived such a long life and that I had the chance to know him.

Jennifer Apple - December 17, 2021 at 12:20 PM

WC

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember growing up in Beltsville and Rev Scheidel was our minister at Beltsville Presbyterian Church and then in 1981 he presided over my wedding on his Birthday. He was such a kind man

Wendy Cooper - September 10, 2020 at 05:20 PM

PF

“ I have a number of really nice memories of Uncle Julius and Aunt Mary.

When I was a kid the extended Scheidel family used to spend one week each summer at the Jersey Shore, in either Townsends Inlet or Sea Isle City. Uncle Julius and Aunt Mary were there, as was Susan. The Kessler family, the Sabo family, Grandpop Scheidel, and the Fitton family were all there as well. We had a lot of fun and it was always something we looked forward to. It was a real highlight.

When I was in high school my Dad had a 6 or 7 week tour of Army Reserve duty at a base in Kansas. Other than my older brother Stephen, the whole family was signed up to go. I was not looking forward to it and Aunt Mary and Uncle Julius offered to let me stay with them in Beltsville Maryland while the family was in Kansas. I had a very pleasant stay, although I do remember the hot humid summer days outside Washington.

In the late 1980s my wife Pat and I were living in South Haven. Uncle Julius had a yellow Ford F150 that he was replacing and he knew I liked his pickup truck. He was looking at replacing it with something a little newer and smaller, and he gave us the truck. We kept that truck for a number of years. It was an extremely generous thing of him to do.

Paul Fitton

Paul D Fitton - August 02, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JL

I remember that truck. 😊

Joy Laughridge - August 06, 2020 at 08:56 AM

ES

“ *Eric Sabo lit a candle in memory of Rev. Julius E. Scheidel*



Eric Sabo - August 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM

SJ

“ *I always enjoyed talking with Mr. Schedule he was a beautiful person so kind. My sincere sympathy to his family.*



Suzanne Jackson - July 31, 2020 at 05:42 PM

CC

“ *Chestertown Cardiology lit a candle in memory of Rev. Julius E. Scheidel*



Chestertown Cardiology - July 31, 2020 at 11:26 AM

EW

“ *Sue, Ray, and girls. I am pretty sure that I remember you speaking of your parents and perhaps a visit in our community by your father. What a legacy you have. May you know the peace of his life, work, and committment to Christ during this time. Emily Weaver*

Emily Weaver - July 30, 2020 at 04:28 PM

WR

Thank you so much Emily. It is good to hear from you. We remember you and Tom fondly. Your ministry gave our girls a good foundation.

Woodcock Ray - July 30, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JW

".....let each of us do what we can do best - I will pray and you sail that boat" those were the words of Captain Jules as he and I delivered a 28 foot sailboat from the York River to Chestertown. We were caught in one of those feared severe thunderstorm in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Potomac River. What a memorable three days and nights I had the fortune to spend with Jules on this trip

A wonderful, honest, upright individual. His sense of humor, his love for sailboats and his woodworking skills made him a very special Reverend and a dear friend God speed, Captain Jules, we will miss you.

Joe Wiedemann.

joe wiedemann - July 31, 2020 at 08:54 AM

JL

I love this story. I can hear him saying it.

Joy Laughridge - July 31, 2020 at 09:13 AM

EW

Rev. Scheidel and his dear wife introduced us to the lovely game of Scrabble when we met them nearly three decades ago. She used to say "no dirty words allowed", and "my aunt Mary taught me how to spell correctly when I was just a little girl". We all had a wonderful time. Our friend Jules wanted us to have their Scrabble board when he moved, and we were honored to accept. We will continue to share wonderful memories of Jules and Mary every time we play Scrabble.

Elke W. - August 01, 2020 at 01:45 PM

RS

I was proud to have Julius as a big brother all these years. Ruth Sabo

Ruth Sabo - August 01, 2020 at 07:02 PM

SF

Uncle Julius was very kind and generous with our family. Our large family shared a house with their small family on the Jersey shore during extended family vacations. My brother and I both spent a week or two during different summers when we were kids. We have many warm memories. Nephew - Steve Fitton

Steve Fitton - August 01, 2020 at 11:01 PM

RH

Jules was a rock, calm, right there for you. He got me through my high school French by many hours of tutoring down in his office. And I remember the late stencils delivered so Ma and me could print the bulletin and newsletter. More than once he made last second corrections and many, many times we had a grand laugh over the corrections. So rain, cold and snow did not stop this fine gentleman delivering the goods for his congratulation. My heart goes out to Sue, Ray, and girls. Rob Hopkins

Rob Hopkins - August 02, 2020 at 09:55 AM

JF

Julius was my big brother, 10 years older than I, and we grew up during the Great Depression. One summer he had a job sweeping up the floor in a restaurant and told me he would give me any money he found on the floor. One evening he presented to me a quarter that he found that day. Money was very scarce in our family and I never forgot him keeping that promise.

June Fitton - August 06 at 8:30 a.m.

June Fitton - August 06, 2020 at 08:27 AM