



Eunice R. Schmidt

March 14, 2019

Eunice R. Schmidt, 79, of Lancaster, PA, passed away suddenly on Thursday, March 14, 2019. She was born in Baltimore, MD, daughter of the late Howard McCord and Emma Catherine (Stichel) Zimmerman. She was married for 55 glorious years to Dr. William C. "Bill" Schmidt. Eunice was a homemaker and served with Bill since 1995 providing pastoral care to SIM missionaries internationally, and previously to congregations in Bristol, PA, and Springfield, NJ. She was a member of Calvary Church in Lancaster, where she had previously served as junior high Sunday School teacher and with Pioneer Girls Ministry. She enjoyed knitting, bird watching, and mountain forests.

Surviving in addition to her husband Bill is her daughter, Susan G. Schmidt married to Virgil Wiebe; her brother, Howard M. Zimmerman, II; three grandchildren; and her daughter in law, Cathleen Schmidt. Preceding her in death was her son, Steven Schmidt, and her sister, Iris M. Zimmerman.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd., Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM. The family will greet friends following the service. Burial will be private. Contributions in her memory can be made to Calvary Homes Benevolent Fund of Lancaster, and to SIM Mission of Charlotte, NC.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Church
1051 Landis Valley Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Visitation

MAR 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church
1051 Landis Valley Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Tribute Wall



“ *Eunice R. Schmidt*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Bill and Family,
Our hearts ache for you right now. We know the sorrow of losing a loved one, but your story is uniquely yours and it is very, very hard right now. So we pray that you will feel God's deep love and understanding of your grief, and that He is giving you His strength and grace to go through this time.*

Eunice was a treasure. We enjoyed her frankness and vulnerability, her sense of humor and evident love for the Lord. We have always enjoyed times of refreshing fellowship with you.

You both walked with us for some of our journey when Dave (Dad) left us, and now we want to be there for you through prayer and our love for you all.

Joan & TerriLynn for the VanBeveren Family

Joan and Terri Lynn VanBeveren - March 23, 2019 at 03:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice R. Schmidt.*



March 23, 2019 at 03:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eunice R. Schmidt.*



March 20, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice R. Schmidt.*



March 20, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ *Bill, Carole Sue and I send our love and deepest sympathy. Eunice's presence always lite up our home and our lives when you both came for visits-Superbowl, Fairhaven or on the shores of Sour's Lakefront. Our gang will never be the same on this side of Glory---but the day is coming!*

Al Meehan - March 19, 2019 at 08:46 AM



Dear Bill: I'm sending my few words to you. I loved Eunice even in the brief years at SIM when we crossed paths and more recently in our prayer group. The pain of grief is so deep and so personal. It can't be rushed but a day by day journey with God's grace pushing you through. Love and grace to you my brother in Christ. Love Amy Saal

Amy Saal - March 19, 2019 at 08:44 PM

MW

“ Bill, be assured of prayers ascending to our Heavenly Father. How you two blessed us many times in Guinea. Wow; death is indeed an enemy.

In Jesus' Conquering Love,

Mark & Rae Wilson, SIM Guinea

Mark Wilson - March 18, 2019 at 06:15 PM

BH

“ Oh, Bill, how our hearts ache with you and your family. We have so appreciated your and Eunice's pastoral ministry to us in Niger when you came for our spiritual life conference and when we passed through Charlotte. Eunice was such a blessing and encouragement as she was so cheerful and empathetic. I remember her making pot holders to share with women - a small, thoughtful and practical gift ...so considerate. She truly showed the JOY OF THE LORD! You were such a wonderful team used by God to touch so many lives. We're grateful that you blessed us and we will be praying for our loving Father's peace and comfort for you and all your family.

With prayers and blessings,

Bert and Elaine Haaga

Bert and Elaine Haaga - March 18, 2019 at 05:17 PM

TS

“ *The Interprofessional Center Faculty and Staff purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eunice R. Schmidt.*



The Interprofessional Center Faculty and Staff - March 18, 2019 at 05:16 PM

RS

“ *I am in total disbelief I am sending my condolences to you and your family. She will be greatly missed. What a kind woman she was. Prayers sent in this time of need.*

Robin Strawser - March 18, 2019 at 04:04 PM

BR

“ *I have had the privilege to be on the receiving side of Bill and Eunice's pastoral ministry to missionaries. They truly cared for us and I was always uplifted by their visits to Guinea and when they ministered to us on our Spiritual life retreats. Christ's love flowed out of both of their lives to me. Thank you for your ministry and please know that I am praying for you during these difficult days.*

Beth Roberts - March 18, 2019 at 11:53 AM

RS

“ We are so, so saddened to hear of this great loss! All 6 of us have cried and shared together how much Eunice, auntie Eunice to our kids, meant to us. We were blessed to be on the receiving end of their pastoral ministry to SIM missionaries. But they didn't just serve in a “professional” role. No, Eunice (and of course Bill) were dear friends, mentors and we loved every moment with them. Eunice was another grandma to our kids. She taught one of our daughters to knit, of course brought treats and gifts for the kids each time they visited, played endless amounts of board games with the kids and the family, and was someone I confided in when I was discouraged in ministry. She would encourage me and give me wise counsel. What a beautiful, beautiful soul. I loved Eunice—as our whole family did. Bill and family, please know we are praying for peace and comfort for you. We grieve with you from a distance.

Renee Stirling - March 17, 2019 at 01:28 AM

BG

“ We will miss Eunice so much. God has given us many years to get to know and love her. Eunice and Bill walked with us through joys and sorrow and trama over our years of service with SIM. We can't find words to express our love and appreciation for Eunice. She was a constant and faithful encourager and we are so thankful we had the privilege to call her our friend. She will be dearly missed. We lift up our love and prayers for you Bill. We look forward to being able to visit together upon our return from Cochabamba, Bolivia in just a few weeks.

Bob Givens - March 16, 2019 at 09:55 PM

CA

“ O, Eunice...my beloved friend and confidant! What wonderful memories I have of you.

You were my mentor in so many ways...I remember pouring out my heart to you, and you answered with wisdom, wit, and compassion.

Bill and family -- I am so sorry she is gone. She lived a life that was so, so well spent. Comfort yourselves that she is now in the presence of the LORD and she is seeing Steve again.

Carol Archer

Carol Archer - March 16, 2019 at 09:27 PM

EA

“ Eunice was such an example of being a Godly woman. My wife and I have spent many enjoyable hours with her and Bill laughing over a Scrabble game and crying over problems we mutually shared.

Eunice always knew the right words at the right time. My heart grieves for Bill. I know how much they loved each other. A great lady who is now rejoicing with her Savior she loved so much while we who loved her so much grove her leaving us. Elliott Archer

Elliott Archer - March 16, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice R. Schmidt.



March 16, 2019 at 06:50 PM

FR

“ Celebration in heaven and sorrow on earth. We have fond memories of our times together with Kathy in Kandern. Our hearts sorrow for you.

Leland and Rosalie Flickinger

Flickinger Leland And Rosalie - March 16, 2019 at 06:38 PM

AH

“ Loved her smile and laugh especially when your children locked me in your bathroom while I was babysitting them! Eunice was a wonderful woman filled with the Lord's love and always ready to serve with a smile.

Art and Ruth Ellen Heller - March 16, 2019 at 05:07 PM

CO

Eunice was, unfailing, an encourager. We have treasured her friendship and kindnesses over so very many years. Our hearts are greatly saddened to realize we can no longer visit with her, share a meal with her, or attend a Christmas concert together with her in Lancaster. But we rejoice in the fact that God, in His wisdom, and mercy, chose a quick home going for her, with out major suffering. And we can only imagine her joy at seeing Steve and reaping all the rewards of being God's child and serving Him with her life. Bill, we loved her so, and join with you in a deep grief at this time. Please be assured of our constant prayers for you as you adjust to your "new normal" life. Carole & Bill Oostdyk

Carole Oostdyk - March 17, 2019 at 04:09 PM

DP

*Oh Bill, of course you will grieve. What shocking news. To the family that used to meet under that special tree at Houghton, our deepest sympathy. Praying that God will lovingly support you as you face all the arrangements and difficult decisions to be made.
Dottie Perry, for both of us.*

Dorothy Perry - March 18, 2019 at 11:15 AM

RH

Our deepest condolences to you and your family, Bill. Jayne and I are praying for you and are grateful for the opportunity to have known your Sweet Eunice.

Ray Hutchison - March 18, 2019 at 04:03 PM

MA

Bill,

We are so sorry that Eunice has passed. You two have been so very kind to Marty these past eight years and we're grateful for your friendship. We pray for you Bill, as you learn to live without her.

Marty and Dave Rowe, Halethorpe Community Church

Martha - March 18, 2019 at 09:41 PM

GM

Dear Bill,

Words are not adequate to express how much you and Eunice mean to our family. Your ministry to us and the SIM Paraguay team was more meaningful than you will ever know this side of eternity. Your sweet Eunice, her beautiful smile, her calm spirit, her lovely gifts and visits with the women will forever be one of our fondest memories. We still tell the stories of those multiple visits you two made to Paraguay to love on a bunch of missionaries and their kids and to pastor us all from afar. I also recall a very hot day in July when you both came all the way to Chicago to attend Josh's wedding! What love! We love you both and praise the Lord that He allowed our paths to cross. May the Comforter be your strength. Much love, Andy and Gwen McQuaid

Gwen McQuaid - March 21, 2019 at 07:07 PM