

Dr. Joachim A. Schneider



EASTHAM — A gentle man, Dr. Joachim A. Schneider died peacefully in his sleep at home on Feb. 28, 2010, after a long fight with COPD. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born in Blaubeuren, Germany, on Aug. 30, 1933. At 17, he came to America to live in Eastham on Cape Cod with his aunt and uncle, Johanna and Homer Smith.

After a tour in the Army he attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and went on to Cornell University of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, N.Y. Upon graduation, he went to work at Summit Animal Hospital in New Jersey before returning to the Cape.

In 1965, he purchased and ran the Eastham Veterinary Hospital with loving care for 25 years. After selling the business to Dr. John Kelley, he continued practicing and worked closely with the Animal Rescue League of Brewster for more than 10 years during his semi-retirement.

His kind, yet honest words and sense of humor endeared him to many. Through his love of all animals he helped people across the Cape care for their beloved pets, large and small. During his limited time off he enjoyed working in his garden, cultivating his raspberries, and clamming with family and friends.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother who leaves his wife, Georgia; their daughter Johanna Schneider of Eastham, her husband Jim Whalen, and their children Ben Schneider and Beth Whalen; daughter Susanne Schneider of Plymouth, her husband Ted Millette, and their children Emma Schneider and Joseph Millette; and a sister, Johanna Maguire and her husband Daniel of Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y.

A reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Orleans Inn. Please join us to share your memories of this special man.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Veterinary Scholarship Trust of New England, P.O. Box 3221, North Attleboro, MA 02761, [www.veterinaryscholarshiptrust.org](http://www.veterinaryscholarshiptrust.org); The Animal Rescue League of Brewster, 3981 Main Street/Route 6A, East Brewster, MA 02631; or VNA Hospice of Cape Cod, 434 Route 134, Building D-3, South Dennis, MA 02660, [www.hospicefed.org](http://www.hospicefed.org).

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