



Louis Francis Schneider

August 29, 1922 - August 15, 2017

Louis Francis Schneider, age 94, passed away at Sarasota Hospice House in Sarasota, Florida on August 15, 2017. He was born August 29, 1922 on a farm in Palms, Michigan to Aloysius "Louis" and Elizabeth (Wittersheim) Schneider and was one of eight children.

He married Frances Ann Anastos in 1949. Together they had six children and would have celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary this week.

Lou served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps and had a life-long love of sailing. He worked as an architect, urban planner, and college professor, including a two year stint at King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia after earning his PhD at Florida State University. He was part of the American Modernism movement in architecture and is known for being one of the chief designers of Plymouth Harbor on Sarasota Bay, where he and Fran resided for nine years prior to his death.

His longevity can be attributed to his passion for running, bicycling, tennis, and ballroom dancing. Lou published his memoir entitled; "An Architect's Memories, Meanders, Monuments, and Methods" in 2010 which chronicles an incredible journey of love, family, hard work, and adventure. In the introduction to his memoir Lou stated; "In life, like sailing, it's the passage that's important not the destination".

He certainly followed his own advice and was an inspiration to his family, friends, and students.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Fran, sons Kurt and Greg, daughter Paula, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Lou was preceded in death by sons Franz and Bruce, and daughter Andrea.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 am, in the MacNeil Chapel at Plymouth Harbor, 700 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida.

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“ *It is a privalege we had you as a father and the love of Fran's life.
Go talk, design, sail, bike and laugh. You are unrepeatable.
We love you for ever Dad.
Kurt, Greg, Paula*

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