



Dr. Karl M. Schmidt

August 3, 2008

Dr. Karl M. Schmidt, Jr., 91, of Clayton, NY and Syracuse died Sunday at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown. Son of the late Karl M. Schmidt and Jennie Greenia, Karl was born in Utica on March 19, 1917. He attended Utica Free Academy. Karl graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University in 1948. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Johns Hopkins University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Past President of the Syracuse University chapter. He was also a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II. Karl had a distinguished academic career. He taught at Union College in Schenectady prior to moving to Syracuse.

In 1957, he joined the faculty of the Maxwell Graduate School at Syracuse University. During his tenure at Syracuse, he published numerous books and articles. He was most proud of his book entitled, "Henry A. Wallace Quixotic Crusade, 1948". An enthusiastic traveler, Karl traveled extensively for both work and pleasure. He lived in Lahore, Pakistan with his family from 1960-62 where he was the senior resident advisor at the Pakistan Administrative Staff College. He was also a visiting professor of political science at the University of Hawaii and at Colgate University. Passionate about politics, Karl was always active at the local level. He hosted numerous educational radio and television programs in Schenectady and Syracuse. For many years, he took a group of students to Washington, D.C. for an in depth seminar on national

politics. Karl lived a very full life. He loved travel, music, photography, cars, coins and debate. He especially loved the St. Lawrence River where he lived since his retirement.

He was predeceased by his wife Mary Murphy Schmidt, his sister Jane Kellmurray, and his grandson Mark Fowler.

Karl is survived by his sons Michael and Glen (Karen Hayes) Schmidt; his daughter, Jill Fowler; grandchildren Eric Fowler, Bret, Carey, Christopher and Tim Schmidt, Ryan and Jenna Hayes; great-grandchildren Lindsay, Cody, Carly and Riley Fowler and Jessie, Toby and Madison Schmidt. Services are private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Mark P. Fowler fund at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, 750 East Adams Street, Syracuse, 13210 or to the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department, Graves Street, Clayton, 13624.

Arrangements by the B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St, Camillus, NY 13031.

Please sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

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“ I am very sorry to hear about this. I am the grand-daughter of the landlady whose home Dr Schmidt lived in in Lahore, Pakistan while at the Pak Staff Admin College. I was trying to search for Dr Schmidt and came across this sad news on the internet. I was wondering if any of his children would like to talk to me. I am just a loving grand-daughter (you can google me) who would like to write a memoir about my grandmother. I hear that Mary Schmidt taught my grandmother a lot of dishes. Could you please pass my email address on to the Schmidt family? Sorry for their loss and best wishes, Shayma

Shayma Saadat - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dr. Schmidt's death upon my return from vacation. I was his student at SU as well as his teaching assisitant on the Washington Seminar program including his last year. We stayed in touch in the Clayton area for a few years. I remember he took me on a lovely boat ride around the Thousand Islands. I'm so sorry we lost touch. I was very fond of him and thought of him often over the years. My daughter is now at SU and recently did a program in DC through Maxwell which brought back many memories of Dr. Schmidt. He was a great teacher!

Catherine Quencer - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Dr. Schmidt when I was lucky enough to take his introductory political science class--and that was nearly 50 years ago. Later I served in the local legislature and Dr. Schmidt was kind enough to invite me to participate on several of his radio programs. I just wanted his family to know that there are many of us--by now well scattered--who were greatly impressed by Dr. Schmidt's message and demeanor, and share in your loss.

Edward Hutchison - August 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Glen, Karen and family Sorry for your loss With deep sympathy Rich Ayoub

Richard Ayoub - August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Please accept our sincere condolences for a truly remarkable man! You are daily in our thoughts as we spend our 30th years in your first Fir Tree House! God Bless! Del & Phil

Philip & Della Holtzapple - August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM