

SPECIAL EDITION - WARREN C. SCHNEIDER VIP, RIP



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Dear Associate,

The relationships we form in our work life can be some of the most satisfying. This is particularly so with co-workers of many years who are with us through many phases of our personal lives. For us at HOPKINS, our 17 years with Warren Schneider were the most formative years of the company. From 1990-2007 we emerged from being an operations consultant who also designs, to full-blown design consultants. This happened because Warren was with us. We would not have had so many wonderful experiences in so many sectors were it not for this quiet talented man. This time of his passing deserves as much recognition as I can give. Warren was truly a VIP to HOPKINS. We will always keep his memory alive in our hearts.

In this issue, I give you my Last Bio of Warren where I also indulged in commemorating highlights of his time with us. Everyone has a story. I hope the story of Warren Schneider will warm your heart and inspire you, too.

Warren retired during the transition from hand-drawn plans to CAD. As much as we coaxed him into using the computer, at least for his spec writing, he refused! That's why for this special edition of the FYI, I will honor the man by sending some hard copies. He would have liked that!

Your consultant with food for thought,

Lynn Hopkins



WARREN C. SCHNEIDER

1936-2020

The Last Bio and Memories
B.S. Architecture, 1965, Case Western Reserve
Engineering credits, Purdue University

In 1990 Warren Schneider brought to HOPKINS over 25 years of food service design and engineering experience. Immediately upon receiving his five-year degree in architecture from Case Western Reserve, Schneider found himself with a pregnant wife and in need of a good-paying job. He didn't have the luxury of going through the intern process, even though he was a stellar student who boasted of meeting Mies van der Rohe. The university placement department presented him with an opening in kitchen design at Stouffer Hotels in Cleveland. He took the job. Besides equipment layouts, the design department at Stouffer's developed innovations such as the convection steamer and coffee urn, which interested the engineer in Warren.

After many years Warren moved to the Macke Company in Maryland. At Macke, later known as Service America, Warren directed a staff of up to 14 cafeteria designers. Design charettes with facility managers gave Warren's designers ideas on ways to improve the functionality of their layouts. In 1988 Service

HOPKINS' FALL HARVEST

EDUCATION

SOM
Pennsylvania State
Police Academy

Vanderweil
Harvard School of
Public Health

HOSPITALITY

Gensler
AA BA Lounge JFK

JUSTICE STV

Mid-Hudson Forensic

WORKPLACE

AECOM
Confidential in D.C.

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Confidential in Saudi
Arabia

McCarthy Hitt Gensler

Confidential in MO

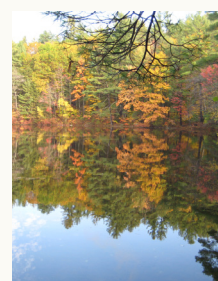
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America closed its design department and retired Warren. Warren's retirement consisted of working freelance for kitchen equipment contractors. After two years, he was itching to get out of the basement and receive a steady paycheck. In 1990 a manufacturer's rep told Richard about Warren and we eagerly received him into HOPKINS. He was 57 years old. Richard and I were 40.

For the next several years Warren mentored Richard in architecture and engineering, and Richard shared his expertise in operations and cheffing. Warren and Richard made an excellent team. For his tenth anniversary at HOPKINS I bought him a pricey watch near KPF in NYC. That day at lunch with my KPF friend, Robert Hartwig, I proudly showed off the watch and asked what he got for his tenth anniversary. Robert grumbled a bit and said he got a certificate. Small businesses do have their advantages! To top off the watch, I wrote a complimentary article in my spring 2000 FYI titled, "On Warren's Watch".

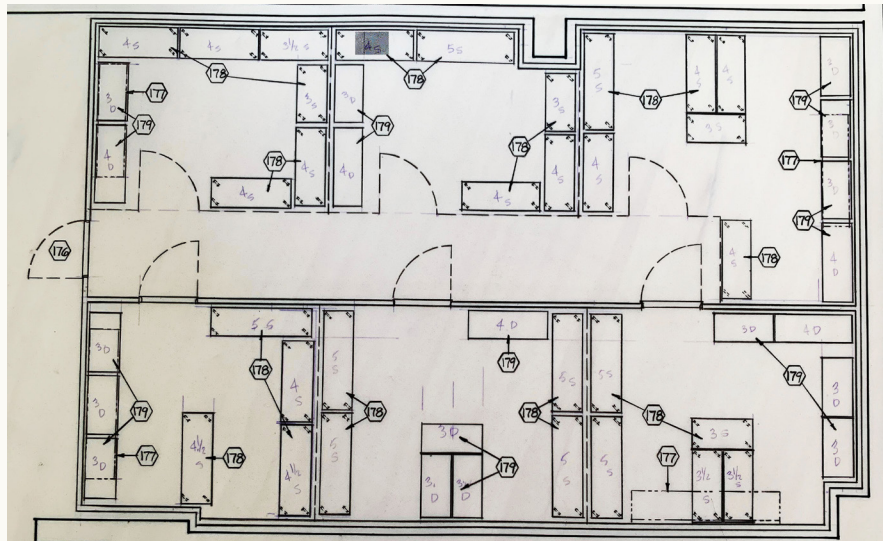
Warren and his wife, drove their RV to Maine once or twice a year. He loved Maine (where his ashes will be scattered). One year, Richard and I went to Bar Harbor before Warren, so for fun I created a scavenger hunt for him. He wasn't as enthusiastic as I was, but he was a good sport about it.

When we moved to Cabin John around 1991, Warren got the best office in the suite. It had a 12-foot-long window seat, which gave him ample light to keep working when the electricity went out, and setdown space for his plans. Besides feeling good about his advantage, the window made him the lord of 79th Street. He spotted foxes, thieves, and incoming storms to proudly report.

In 1999 we just moved across the street so he would not have to change his commute when we went to our own building. Warren liked routine. Every Sunday he ironed five shirts for himself and packed five lunches (all ham sandwiches) in stapled paper bags. He changed his schedule to 7am-4pm and came in at 6am to avoid traffic and read the newspaper. It was during the last eight years that we shared many early-morning conversations about his life and sorrows. The quiet man opened up.

In 2007, after Warren's wife died, he decided it was time to hang up his drafting tools and move to Texas where his only child could watch over him. Warren was 72 and now we were 57 years old. He spent his retirement hours building birdhouses. One day we received a box full of them.

We missed him, but we actually were glad to lose the hand drawn plans. Our clients who are old enough to remember the transition will understand. It's not mean. Today we miss him in a new way, and we will never forget him.§



And all the lives we ever
lived and all the lives to
be are full of trees and
changing leaves..."

- Virginia Woolf



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