

Don was the husband of Patricia Schneider, father to Victoria and grandfather to Sava Djeri. He worked for the Tobyhanna Army Depot as an electronics technician specialist for 35 years. During that time he traveled to many foreign countries.

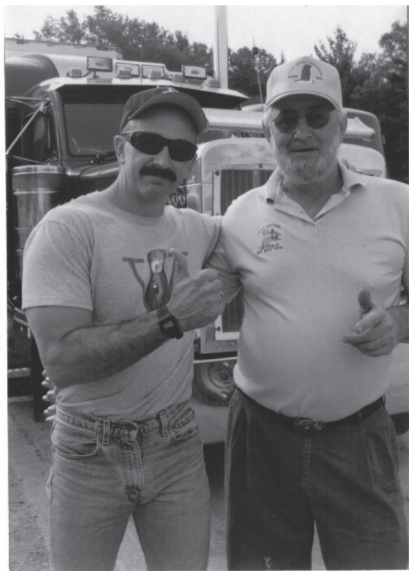
He was a member of Pocono Lodge #780 F&AM, the VFW and the American Legion. He was a veteran of the Army and served in Viet Nam.

Don loved the West End Fair. He was a man who gave 100% of himself so as a Director for 30 years, he took on many jobs from working in the gates, to entering demo cars, to building the many items needed in the museum, to building shelves with Carl Davidson, to setting up concession spaces when Donald Everett needed him, to taking over the camper space rentals.

He helped to build the stage in the arena when the fair had big name entertainment, supervised the collection of fees for pit passes, operated the spotlight for lighting for shows, was an entry clerk, was the head of the Beautification Committee, conducted elections—and many more jobs and accomplishments too numerous to mention. Anytime something needed doing Don was there. We will miss his hard work and his dedication.



Donald A. Schneider
May 31, 1946-June 3, 2020



Gene Mackes

Gene Mackes, husband of Pat Mackes, father of Pam Borger & Sue Shupp and Grandfather to Dylan, Dickson and Mackenzie Borger, passed on January 28th, 2020. He was a dedicated member and director of The West End Fair since 1979. During those years, Gene enjoyed volunteering as coordinator of the arena. He and his crew set up the stage for many Country Western Singers such as Charley Pride, Toby Keith, Aaron Tippin, Loretta Lynn, Tanya Tucker, the Oak Ridge Boys, just to name a few. His crew also got the track ready for 4-H horse competition, the popular demo derbies etc.

He was also instrumental in working with the Pocono Old Tyme Farm Equipment Museum to establish a permanent building on the fairgrounds. In later years, Gene was in charge of organizing the parking lot personnel. He wore many hats throughout his years of service to the fair but he enjoyed every minute because of his love of carrying on the tradition of this community event.



Barry L. Schaffer

If we could write a story it would be the greatest ever told about a kind and loving man with a heart of gold. We could write a million pages, but still be unable to say all he accomplished in his life.

His wife, children and grandchildren were always his priority. He always made sure he attended his grandchildren's events.

He was a member of the West End Fair for 40 years and served as a Director for many of those. He could always be found at gate 3 collecting tickets and talking with the fairgoers.

He served our county in the US Army receiving the purple heart. He had many jobs from trucking to Penn Dot to owning Little Creek Tree Farm. He

was active with many organizations including American Legion Post 927 in Gilbert, Grundsau Lodsch Nummer Tzae, Western Pocono Lions Club, Western Pocono Jaycees, and was also on the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority.