

## **DENNIS SCHMID, 55, MCCASKEY TEACHER: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice**

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Dennis C. Schmid, 55, of 836 Grandview Blvd., died unexpectedly at home Monday afternoon. An autopsy has been scheduled.

Schmid retired in June after 33 years at McCaskey High School, where he taught English and journalism and was the adviser for the school newspaper, the Vidette.

Year after year, the paper was judged the best in the state, winning the Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania School Press Association. Schmid was a board member and past president of the association.

"His forte was to be a journalism teacher," McCaskey teacher Ken Barrett said. "He just had a winning way with the students, and they put out an award-winning paper year after year under his tutelage.

"Dennis taught them about printing the facts and the truth and let the chips fall where they may. One of his legacies is that many of his former students are journalists and editors on many papers in the Mid-Atlantic region.

"He was a people person, a journalist," Barrett said. "He had a way of asking the right question at the wrong time."

"He couldn't have been a better teacher," McCaskey teacher Frank Gray said. "He taught a whole generation of journalists who took over their college newspapers. His women editors became the first women editors on college campuses.

"His students were ready, technically and ethically and in every way, to be full journalists. That tradition of excellence is unprecedented."

Schmid worked Saturday nights on the sports desk for the Sunday News from 1978 to 1989.

He was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday school teacher and played on the softball team.

An avid **APBA** game player, he was a member of the first **APBA** league, founded 35 years ago.

A 1961 graduate of McCaskey and a 1965 graduate of Lebanon Valley College, he held a master's degree in education from Temple University.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Clifford M. Schmid, Lancaster, and the late Arlene Dorsheimer Schmid.

He was married to Sharon Swope Schmid for 33 years in June.

Surviving besides his wife and father are a daughter, Amy B., wife of Benjamin A. Deardorff of Lebanon; two sons, Kyle D. and Mitchell K., both of Lancaster; three grandchildren; and a brother, Jeffrey W., husband of Bobbi Schmid of Lititz.

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