



**Jim Schmidt**  
**Died: October 4, 2024**



**Carol Schmidt**  
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Jim Schmidt was born in Manhattan and spent most of his childhood in The Bronx (NYC). When he was 12, his mother decided they should join her sister in Los Angeles. Jim attended Loyola High School, promptly losing his Bronx accent, and went on to Loyola University where he joined ROTC and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduation in 1957, he began his engineering career in the Air Force, ultimately working on repairing radios and radar on SAC planes.

Carol was born in Paducah, Kentucky. When she was a toddler, the Ohio river flooded Paducah, washing away her family's shoe store. The family moved to San Diego where Carol lived until she entered Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.

Carol and Jim met at a college mixer. For Carol, it was love at first sight. They dated for three years. Jim, after returning from a weekend retreat, startled Carol with an unexpected proposal. They married after Jim's graduation, and Carol left college to join Jim in his Air Force postings in Texas, Massachusetts, and Merced.

After the Air Force, the Schmidts moved to San Diego, where Jim worked first for General Dynamics and then, realizing he didn't want to spend his life in a laboratory, joined the Hewlett Packard sales force. HP moved the Schmidts back and forth between San Diego and the Bay Area several times; finally, in 1972, they moved to Saratoga. Jim became the National Sales Manager of the Computer Group for HP but when tensions arose in the company about future directions, rather than take sides, he left to sell commercial real estate, staying at CBRE for 35 years.

The Schmidts have five children; most live in the area. While raising her children, Carol opened an independent bookstore in San Jose, The Little Professor, and still had time to sew, specializing in wedding gowns. She decided that she wanted to finish her college degree, and went to San Jose State at night, earning her teaching credential and then becoming a Resource Teacher in San Jose Unified School District.

In addition to playing golf (Carol has now switched to bridge), the Schmidts have traveled extensively in Europe – once to take Jim's mother to her former home in Ireland. They have been and remain very active volunteers including child advocacy and, at Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga, managing and teaching marriage preparation classes. Jim was a Big Brother. Carol, through Sacred Heart Community Services, taught ESL and computer skills. They now have 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandson and are so busy they are not quite ready to take on new activities at SRC. But they enjoy the beauty of our campus and cottages.

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