

The Riverside Church, Saturday, June 18, 2022



Celebrating the Life of

Dr. Peter H. Schween

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September 22, 1927 - June 12, 2022

Dr. Peter H. Schween died peacefully at his home in New York City on June 12 at age 94. Peter (born Peter-Heinrich) was the beloved son of Clara and Heinrich Schween (deceased), husband to Audrey (deceased), father to Astrid, brother to Harald (deceased), uncle to Duane, Scott, Joachim, and Annette, great-uncle to Noelle, Aaron, and Gillian, and friend of many.

Born in Surabaya, Indonesia while his parents were in residence there, the family returned to Hamburg (Bergedorf) when Peter was a boy. After the war, Peter received his medical degree from the University of Hamburg. He emigrated soon after, with the help of his cousin, Erich Mantius, who was already living in New York. Peter met Audrey Lyons in 1957 and they were happily married in 1963 until her premature death in 2002. Together, they raised their daughter Astrid and traveled the world.

Peter had a long and distinguished career as a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice and at Harlem Hospital, where he ran a clinic, as well as Albert Einstein and Gracie Square hospitals. His affiliations included Columbia University. He retired in 2008 and enjoyed many years of long walks in Riverside Park, out-of-town trips to the Poconos, dogs, cats, early music concerts, and Christmas parties.

Peter's grace, intelligence, kindness, elegance, and insatiable curiosity will be greatly missed.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Praetorius: *Christmas Mass* Excerpts, Gabrieli Consort, Gabrieli Players & Paul McCreesh. Deutsche Grammophon. 1994.

Monteverdi: Ave Maris Stella, from Vespro Della Beata Virgine, La Capella Reial, Coro Del Centro Musica Antica Di Padova & Jordi Savall. Alia Vox, 2007.

Schutz: *Selig sind die Toten*, SWV 391, from *The Sacred Flame*, John Rutter, Nuova Musica, Cambridge Singers. Collegium, 2009.

Bach: Aria from The Goldberg Variations, BWV 988, Glenn Gould. Sony, 1982

Bach: Erbarme Dich from St. Matthew Passion, Marian Anderson, The Early Years. Archive 2021.

PRELUDE

PROCESSION

Duruflé: Chant donné en hommage à Jean Gallon

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN

Bach: No. 454 - Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

READINGS

When Great Trees Fall, by Maya Angelou, read by Mary Lyons Peace (Psalm 23), by Jackie Sallis, read by Tracie Lyons The Swan, by Rainer Maria Rilke, read by Noelle Lyons

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Bach: Aria from The Goldberg Variations, Performed by Glenn Gould

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Fritz Wendt and Duane Lyons

INTERLUDE

Bach: Erbarme Dich from St. Matthew Passion, performed by Marian Anderson

EULOGY

Astrid Schween

MOURNER'S MEDITATION

Kaddish, Marge Piercy, read by Amanda Joseph

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

HYMN

Bach: No. 590 - Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Buxtehude: Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist BuxWV 208

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