



Randall A. Schoch

May 9, 1942 - December 6, 2024

Randall A. Schoch, 82, of Oxon Hill, Maryland, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2024 at the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. He was surrounded by his family.

Born on May 9, 1942 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Adolph Schoch and Ruth Schoch. Randy was a civil servant for the federal government and a Rabbi with the Sha'are Shalom Congregation. He was a Thirty-Three Degree Mason for over 49 years, 21 years as a Grand Chaplain and was a Past Master. Randy was also a member of the Scottish Rite, the Odd Fellowship, Oxon Hill Bicycle Club, as one of the founding members, Shriners, along with the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He studied Tai Chi for over 30 years. During that time, Randy became an instructor, teaching at the Senior Centers up to the time of his death.

In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by his siblings Frederick Cool and Joan Ronan.

Randy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jacqueline Schoch; his sisters Sandra Petty (Michael) and Ruth Schoch Forese; daughters Deana Foley (John), Suzanne Schoch (Gus), Christine Bates, Heidi O'Dell (William), and Gretchen Schoch (Lauren); 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Services and interment will be held at a later date, to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Randy's name to Sha'are Shalom Congregation; <https://shaareshalomsomd.org/memorial-fund-for-randy-schoch/>.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I didn't know, until recently, that Randy Schoch had passed on. I remember Randy with much fondness. When i first got into cycling around 2005/2006, the first group rides I ever went on were Randy's rides out of the Brandywine firehouse. He was a great cyclist; very humble, nice as could be, and did a great job keeping everyone together. There were usually about 5 or 6 of us. I was the younger guy in the group, and even though I was in my mid 30s, and he was in his mid 60s, he was kicking my butt on those rides. Later on, when he couldn't ride the road bike anymore, he was still riding on on a hybrid bike and leading rides for Oxon Hill Bicycles & trail Club on the Indian Head Rail Trail. Such a kind, gentle and meek man, and I dearly hope he will be remembered on the last day and receive the eternal life that he deserves. We will miss you, Randy. Many condolences to his lovely wife who is sweet as can be. Cycle on, brother.

Charles Michael Sidwell - February 18, 2025 at 10:54 PM

DR

“ I met Randy him back in 2006 when I moved to Southern Maryland and joined the Oxon Hill Bike Club. He was a fantastic ride partner, but he was even better as a person. He was always so calm and collected, both on and off the bike. Condolences to the entire Schoch family. May his memory be a blessing.

Delane Rouse - December 16, 2024 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ Randy taught Tai Chi about 15 years ago at the senior centers. Then recently came back this past year. It was so good to reconnect as he offered his talents to our seniors. His calm demeanor and laughter along with his wealth of knowledge will greatly be missed. I am so sorry for this loss. Not only to his family, friends but also all the communities and people he touched. Truly a light of God.



Deborah Shanks - December 11, 2024 at 07:32 AM

EL

“ I know met Rabbi Randy at our yard sale. He is such a wonderful man. I am so sorry to hear that he died

Ellen - December 10, 2024 at 04:49 PM

CJ

“ I recently learned of Randy's many accomplishments; he was so modest that he never mentioned what a rock star he was. For years, for me and many others, he was a friend...a gentle, wise, voice of reason friend. He was a friend that felt like "home".
Dear Randy, I will miss you, your quiet presence (except your laugh--you had a great laugh), and your friendship. Please know I will love and care for Jackie until she gets sick of my face.
Cathy Jameson

Catherine Jameson - December 10, 2024 at 02:36 PM

DD

I had only met Rabbi Randy a few times, but like he did with everybody, we hit it off immediately. He had a joy about him, love for Jackie and his family and a depth that comes from walking with G-d over the years and decades. His love for people and his desire to serve, help and just hang out with them was admirable. Like any who knew him, I will miss him.

*Rev. Steve Davis
The Worship Center
Bryans Road, MD*

Dr Steven Davis - December 10, 2024 at 04:44 PM

GW

I worked and carpoled with Randy for years. We used to south for spring training. Great guy. Sad. I'm going to miss him

Garry White - December 10, 2024 at 09:18 PM

GW

When I started at BEP in machine shop, Randy gave me advise to get into platemaking department if giving the opportunity. I did and will always remember his kindness.

George Woodworth - December 11, 2024 at 01:26 PM

VC

I've known Randy for over 20 years. He was a real gentleman and very kind. My favorite story of his was about his short career at the Washington Terminal Railroad at Union station. One of his more challenging assignment was changing brake shoes on the massive GG1 electric locomotives of the Pennsylvania Railroad. For a railroad buff as I am, his stories brought railroading to life.

Randy was also dedicated to my Boy Scout unit. Every couple of months he would show up at my house with a bag of aluminum cans for our fund raising recycling program. He was just here not too long ago.

Randy will be missed but not forgotten. Rest in peace my friend

Vincent Cipriani - December 22, 2024 at 01:13 PM