

Ursula Peter Schneider
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The New York Chapter lost a dear, long time Clipped Wings member on April 7th of this year. **Ursula Peter Schneider**, a good friend to everyone in our chapter, will be very much missed.

Ursula was a proud Swiss, born in Zurich in 1940. At a young age she made the journey to this country alone. Speaking several languages, she was able to secure work in New York City and Florida before joining TWA in 1963 after only one interview. She was tall, blonde, and had long legs that caught the attention of her future husband, Bernard Schneider, at their place of work, Hutton House, in NYC. Since Bernard also spoke several languages, Ursula encouraged him to apply to TWA. He was accepted, and they flew international together for many, many years.

After the birth of their two sons, Christian and Steven, Ursula wanted to return to flying as the boys grew older. In 1967, she and Ann Fox, former CW chapter member, got together and filed a lawsuit in New York State against TWA claiming sex discrimination on behalf of TWA mothers who, under their contract at that time, were forced to quit once they became pregnant. They were suing to get the mothers reinstated. In 1968, their complaint was denied claiming, "A Hostess may spend many nights and days away from home and unable to communicate with her family causing psychological distress."

Eventually returning to TWA, Ursula enjoyed her Zurich layovers to visit with family and her long Tel Aviv layovers where she spent time on the beach. According to fellow NY member, Bernadette Adamcyk, Ursula was the best first-class galley hostess flying the line. Ursula retired in 1992 but never stopped travelling and in later years she and Bernard added cruise ships to their travel repertoire.

For years, Bernard and Ursula graciously hosted an annual Clipped Wings pool party in their beautifully planted backyard. It was the one meeting no member wanted to miss! Ursula was a wonderful cook of Swiss and German specialties and, always the "Hostess". Being invited to dinner at the Schneiders was a delicious treat. Heaven has gained one lovely, kind person in Ursula Wilhelmina Peter Schneider, her family has lost a wife, mother, and grandmother, and we have lost a cherished member of our chapter.

Remembrance submitted by Susan Donovan, NY