

**Nordic Committee for Human Rights - NCHR - For the  
protection of family rights i the nordic countries  
Lifetime Achievement Award , September 9, 2017**

**Laureate**



**Nancy Schaefer, former Georgia State Senator, Human Rights Defender,  
(June 28, 1936 - March 26, 2010)**

**Nancy Schaefer** is awarded the NCHR's honorary diploma, posthumously, for outstanding bravery, compassion and humanitarian engagement for children and families in the USA in general and Georgia State in particular.

"State Senator Nancy Schaefer was the Founder and President of Family Concerns, Inc., (1985-2005) a non-profit organization located in Georgia. Family Concerns was created for the purpose of strengthening and protecting the family through local, state, national and international policy, and through the education of citizens and leaders in the vital importance of obeying God's moral law in our society and in our culture. She was also the Founder and President of two Family Concerns Pregnancy Centers in Atlanta, Georgia from (1988-1998), which met the needs of over 5,000 girls and women in the Atlanta area.

Mrs. Schaefer has been a host of several radio shows in the Atlanta area and the author of daily commentaries over WRAF, WEPC, and WTFH in Toccoa, Georgia.

Senator Schaefer was the Republican Nominee for Lieutenant Governor in 1994, the first woman Candidate for Governor of Georgia in 1998, and was elected to the Georgia State Senate from the 50th District in 2004.

As an eight year Trustee of the National Ethics and Religions Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Mrs. Schaefer represented the SBC and Family Concerns, Inc. at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, at the U.N. Conference on Human Settlements in Istanbul, Turkey, at the U.N. Conference on Food in Rome, Italy, and the U.N. follow up Conference to Beijing in New York.

She is a former First Vice President of the Georgia Baptist Convention, a frequent speaker to churches of all denominations, a speaker to civic and political organizations, and a frequent guest on radio and television programs. In 2001, Mrs. Schaefer became the first woman Trustee to serve on the Toccoa Falls College Board in Toccoa, Georgia. She and her husband

are presently members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa.

Senator Schaefer is married to Bruce Schaefer, and they are parents of four sons and one daughter. They also have 13 grandchildren. Nancy and Bruce live in Habersham County, Georgia. They are North Georgia natives. They spent 30 years living in Atlanta and raising their children there, but were led back to the Blue Ridge foothills in North Georgia where Senator Schaefer serves her constituency in eight counties that make up the 50th District of Georgia." (Copied from [Senator Schaefer, Biography](#))

"Throughout her career as an activist and politician, she was a champion of Christian conservative causes, opposing the department of Child Protective Services (a.k.a. Department of Children and Families). After four years of investigation, on November 16, 2007 she published a report entitled "The Corrupt Business of Child Protective Services". After publishing the report, in a press conference she exclaimed that the report caused her to lose her position as a Georgia State Senator." ([Nancy Schaefer, Wikipedia](#))

In her address at the Policy Makers Session at the World Congress of Families V, Amsterdam, August 11, 2009, Nancy Schaefer said: "The report cost me my senate seat. However, there are causes worth losing over, and this is one."

However, this cause was so great that there are some who think she lost more than just her seat in the Senate. They think she lost her life.

Nancy Schaefer and her husband were murdered on March 26, 2010, while they were producing a documentary about the families who were victims of the "Child Protective Services."

Nancy Schaefer's work extended beyond the shores of the USA. She was also very concerned about the societal problems with the CPS in Sweden and the Nordic countries. Nancy Schaefer gave a lecture at the NCHR's Symposium on August 23, 2009.

Please see also: [A tribute to Nancy Schaefer](#)

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He was very supportive of his wife's political and social visions and commitments. It is often said that behind every great man, there is a great woman. That is correct! And the opposite is also true: behind every great woman, there is a great man.

Bruce and Nancy Schaefer var two great people, who supported each other in their endeavours to protect children and families in Georgia, to make the State where they lived and worked in particular, and in the USA in general, a safe and caring society that protects the rights of families.

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