



David Scheer Jr.

April 12, 1928 - July 21, 2021

Beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather David Merle Scheer Jr., 93, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

Dave was born April 12, 1928, in Big Springs, Kansas, the son of David and Hazel Noe Scheer. He graduated from Topeka High School at the age of 17 and enlisted in the US Navy during WWII. On November 26, 1947, Dave and his high school sweetheart, Clara Marjorie Carter, were united in marriage at Westminster Presbyterian Church. They became dedicated and active members of Trinity Presbyterian Church for many years. Dave and Clara enjoyed more than 60 years together, raising their family. When their children were young the family enjoyed yearly summer road trips, traveling for weeks at a time. Dave and Clara fulfilled their lifelong goal of visiting all 50 states with a trip to Hawaii in 1997. And when Clara's health failed, Dave was her loving caregiver until her death January 17, 2008.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Dave began his career with the Topeka Fire Department in 1949. There he rose through the ranks, was promoted to Captain in 1965, District Chief in 1974, and to Battalion Chief in 1981 where he served until his retirement in 1986. During his retirement Dave loved spending his days taking care of his three grandchildren.

Dave was a master fisherman. He took frequent fishing trips to Canada,

Oklahoma, and throughout Kansas. He was a wonderful gardener, cultivating every color of iris and peony available. One of his favorite pastimes was hunting morel mushrooms and wild strawberries with his children at his old homestead in Big Springs. After these endeavors Clara would fry up mushrooms and make strawberry jam, two of his favorites. Dave was an expert at making chili and would hand-crank homemade ice cream for each of his family's birthdays. He was a lifelong fan of sports, especially of KU basketball. When grandchildren came along, Dave and Clara doted on them and spoiled them with their love and care. Some of his favorite hobbies included playing cards and reading science fiction books, even writing a novel of his own.

Grateful to have shared Dave's life are son, Randy Scheer (Hillary); and daughter, Kathy Petty (David); grandchildren, Chloe Scheer, Carter Petty (Hannah Schifman) and Claire Petty; his sister, Opal Gragg; and brother, George Scheer. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Gene and Milt Scheer. Dave also leaves behind many cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating Dave's life will be Saturday, August 28, 10:30 A.M., at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Doorstep, Inc. and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Scheer Jr.*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 23, 2021 at 02:20 PM

KW

Beautiful tribute to Dave in the video and obit! Loved seeing the family photos! Your dad would be quite animated sharing his stories... Fishing, mushroom hunting, firefighting. He loved and cherished his family.. So very proud of them! His eyes had a sparkle and he welcomed you with a big grin. Your dad (and mother) were wonderful people and will be missed! My prayers for you and your family. Kathy Welch

Kathy Welch - August 25, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *David Scheer Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Love, your friend Jessica purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of David Scheer Jr..*



Love, your friend Jessica - August 27, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Scheer Jr..*



August 27, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Sending condolences and thoughts.*

Jerry OHara - August 18, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Your favorite sister purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of David Scheer Jr..*



Your favorite sister - August 17, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Uncle Dave was a treasure and will be sorely missed. My thoughts are with the family.*

Cheryl Scheer - August 02, 2021 at 08:16 PM

MI

Uncle j was a good man he's always there to help out when people need things I cherish the moments what he did and his wife did my aunt and my uncle they're in my prayers days now up with his wife. Remember my dad telling me about the fishing trips to Canada. And I spent a lot of time with both of them and I remember Kathy had her wedding dress done by her mom I cherish all that stuff that I remember. My thoughts and prayer sorry I can't go to the funeral I have a cold. DeIAy family

Michelle - August 27, 2021 at 08:34 PM

DG

*“ Kathy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about you Dad's passing.
Rosemary and I send our thoughts and
prayers to you. Let us know if there is anything
we can do.*



Dusty and Rosemary

Dusty Griffin - July 27, 2021 at 05:06 PM

LC

LeonCondley family our thoughts and prayers are with you

Leon condley - July 28, 2021 at 08:17 AM

BF

“ Kathy and family, I was sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was always kind and willing to be flexible with his shift during my time teaching EMT Class at TFD. You're in my prayers.

Bobby Freeman - July 26, 2021 at 06:19 PM

KW

“ Kathy and family, my sympathies on your loss. I will miss my visits with your dad. He was always welcoming with an upbeat personality, and had a beautiful smile. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Welch, Parish Nurse

Kathy Welch - July 26, 2021 at 10:53 AM

MT

“ Kathy, and family, so sorry to hear about your father, my thoughts are with you and your family.

Mike Thompson - July 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM

TT

“ Kathy and family, sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I pray that The Lord will comfort and strengthen you all in this season of life. Sincerely, Tom Taylor

Thomas Taylor - July 26, 2021 at 08:52 AM

LR

“ Kathy and family, Please accept our family's condolences in the loss of Dave. Our two families have a long history. May our Lord's perpetual light shine upon him. Our kindest personal regards, Nancy and Larry Redd.

Larry Redd - July 25, 2021 at 04:14 PM

RC

Kathy and family : I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad.

Rick Condley - July 30, 2021 at 12:49 PM

GD

Kathy, sorry to hear about your dad. I enjoyed working with him and listening to his stories.

Gary Dittmer - August 25, 2021 at 11:07 AM