



## Donald (Joe) Schroder

May 7, 1931 - November 1, 2006

Donald L. (Joe) Schroder, 75, passed away at Midland Hospice House October 30, 2006. He was born May 7, 1931 to Edith Schroder Tucker. He graduated from Fort Scott High School in 1950. He served in the National Guard from 1951-1953. He attended junior college two years where he won medals for shot put in 1951-52 before winning a scholarship to Pittsburg College. He earned his undergraduate degree and his Master's degree from Pittsburg College. Mr. Schroder taught school from 1954 to 1992 at various schools with the last 24 years at Washburn Rural High School. He was basketball and track coach at various high schools. He loved to garden and work on cars and small engines. He married Jean Cox in 1954 and to that marriage 3 sons were born, Steve, Charles and Tom. They divorced in 1981. He met Juanita Pitts Proctor at their 31st high school reunion and they married Oct. 24, 1981. Mr. Schroder was preceded in death by his mother, stepfather, grandpa, grandma, a grandson and aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; three sons, Steve, Charles and Tom; three stepchildren, Connie Aguilera, and her husband, Patrick, Wichita, Shirley Hurd and her husband, Rick, and David Proctor and his wife, Tina, of Fort Scott; a half-brother, Fred Tucker and wife, Judy, Junction City; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; Aunt Alice Estes of Arizona; and nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by family and friends who loved him. Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, on the hill where the angels are, is in charge of funeral arrangements with burial in Clarksburg Cemetery in Fort Scott. Pallbearers in

Topeka will be Bill Scott, Ray Glase, Dick Evans, Brian Jepson, Leo Reo and Randy Steinbock. Honorary pallbearers are ex-students of Auto Mechanics Class WRHS. Pallbearers at Clarksburg Cemetery are Fred Geneva, Doug Hurd, Rick Hurd, David Proctor, Delbert Flutty and Bill Graham. Honorary pallbearers are the Class of 1950. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Clarksburg Cemetery, Fort Scott. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Washburn Rural High School for a scholarship in Industrial Technology in memory of Don.

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald (Joe) Schroder

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Juanita,

*The passing of Uncle Joe is hard to get over. When I was kid he spent so much time with my father and me. I loved to hear the stories of their youth. We shared a love for cars and sports. He would always make me laugh. He would say "Look at my right arm, this is the arm that shook the world." Then he would hold up his left arm and say, "See this arm. I'm afraid of it myself." I will miss his homegrown vegetables. The best time I had with him was cutting firewood when I was in high school. He would share stories of his friend Ray Glaze. They were two peas and a pod. Uncle Joe always followed my wrestling career. Ray and I coached wrestling at the same time. I loved the stories he shared about my uncle. I'm glad that my uncle married you. You were a good wife to him. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

Dallas Tucker - November 20, 2006 at 09:54 AM



“ I was a student at WRHS from '82-'85, and though not in Mr. Schroder's class, got to know him through Coach Bowen and Papa Glaze. Mr. Schroder's physical presence, wit, and good nature made him one of the good guys at Rural. His legacy will live on with his family as well as the many students he touched in many years of teaching. God bless your family.

Greg Edson - November 06, 2006 at 09:05 AM

DG

“ I was priveledged to be a student and colleague of Don's. As a student he took me under his wing and in many ways was a father to me. I have many great stories of Don in two years of auto shop class. As a friend and a colleague at WRHS, I always admired his strength and his good humor. What a guy to just hang around with. His drivers education stories were the best. I would have liked to have been at the service today, but one of my students was killed in an accident yesterday and I really need to be with my kids today. Don would understand. I will be praying for you all in the coming days. I pray that God will give you the peace that he has promised in tough times like these. Sincerely Don Gifford

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**Don Gifford** - November 02, 2006 at 08:03 AM

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“ Dear Family - I was so sad to read of Don's passing in the paper this evening. He was a wonderful man! David's relationship with him goes back a long way. He was David's teacher when he went to Washburn Rural and we took several vehicles to him for his class to work on when we were first married. Then, David worked with Charlie at the old "Auburn Discount Foods" where the Gas Depot is now. And then, when we started our lawn service, David hired Charlie to work for us. He was such a good worker and David thought the world of him. He had such a good role model in his dad, Don. Having lost David suddenly almost a year ago, I sympathize with your loss. You will be in my prayers and the prayers of the rest of the Copp family. There is a comfort only the Lord can give - He is there with you now.  
In His Love,  
Loa Copp

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**Loa Copp** - November 01, 2006 at 09:32 PM