



Howard Shuler

March 1, 1939 - March 1, 2020

Howard Lee Shuler, 81, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2020, at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Howard was born March 1, 1939, in Bolivar, Missouri, the son of Kenneth and Marjorie Wheeler Shuler. He was raised in Walnut Grove, Missouri and graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1957. Howard earned Bachelor of Science Degrees in history and physical education from Southwest Missouri State University in 1961. He earned his Master's Degree in education from Pittsburg State University in 1962, in Pittsburg, Kansas. Howard married Erma Pauline Mooneyham in Billings, Missouri on December 8, 1961.

Howard began his education career in St. Louis, Missouri, followed by Jasper, Missouri, where he was a coach, teacher and Principal. In 1969, he moved his family to Columbus, Kansas where he was the High School Principal and then Superintendent from 1969 to 1982. From 1982 to 2001, Howard was the Superintendent of Auburn-Washburn School District. He enjoyed post-retirement employment with both McPherson & Jacobson Superintendent Consulting Firm and the Kansas Department of Education. He was honored as the 2000 Kansas Superintendent of The Year. Howard was president of the Kansas Association of School Administrators and a member of the United School Administrators. He was also a member of the Lions Club, Optimist Club, the United Methodist Church, and the Columbus Volunteer Fire

Department.

Howard grew up running the hills and fields of the Western Ozarks believing that the only acceptable occupation for a man with his skill set would be pitching for the Cardinals. In the absence of a call-up to the bullpen, and in an effort to escape the dairy farm, Howard was the first in his family to pursue and achieve higher education. A chance encounter with a striking young woman at a Springfield drive-in in 1960, would change everything. He would embark on a journey that would shape and define techniques and facilities where thousands of young people, teachers and administrators would practice the art of education. After 40 years and much to the dismay of fish across the country, Howard moved on to other pursuits traveling the world with that same striking woman from the drive-in, dipping a line in every body of water he passed and wearing out the ears of each and every one he came into contact with, reciting the various accomplishments of his kids and his grandkids.

Howard leaves to cherish his memory his children, Roger Shuler and wife, Trish, Joplin MO, Rennie McKinney and husband, Richard, Olathe KS, and Wade Shuler and wife, Meegan, Auburn KS; grandchildren, Deaken Shuler, Ft. Lauderdale FL, Kayleigh Shuler, Kansas City MO, Dylan Shuler, Joplin, Mallory and Brooks Shuler, Auburn, and Sloane McKinney, Olathe; sisters-in-law, Velma Lee, Ellen, and Florence; nephew, Kenny Shuler, who grew into his brother; and many nieces, nephews and friends.. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline, parents, and brothers, Levon, Jim, and Bob. Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS, 66614.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2020, at Fellowship Bible Church, 6800 SW 10th Ave, Topeka KS 66615.

Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 2020, Pleasant Ridge

Cemetery, S 33rd Road, Aldrich MO 65601.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn-Washburn Public Schools Foundation, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

S 33rd Road
Aldrich, MO 65601

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
6800 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66615

Graveside Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Shuler*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mr. Shuler was not only my principal, but also my boss and a patient at Kansas rehabilitation hospital. He was a great man of integrity, honesty, kindness, fairness, compassionate and witty. What a wonderful man and he was always so proud of his family. I will be praying for you all.*

Kimberly Burbank

Kimberly Burbank - March 13, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ *I have very fond memories of Dr Schuler. I was a student in a school administration course that he taught at Washburn. He really made an impact on me, and continued to be a friend and mentor when I became an administrator. He was a class act, and will be greatly missed.*

Carolyn Orozco - March 11, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ *My sincere best wishes to the family of Howard Shuler. My favorite memory of Howard's gift of public speaking occurred at PSU. I was a student when I heard Howard speak to an educational group at PSU. I remember feeling, when he finished speaking I simply wanted to stand up and proudly say to the group ."He is our superintendent." Our district was blessed to have him serve our community. Gwen Morgan*

Gwen Morgan - March 07, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 05, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 05, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 05, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *The Levon & Velma Lee Shuler Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Howard Shuler.*



The Levon & Velma Lee Shuler Family - March 05, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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“ Rennie and family, I am praying God's peace and comfort for all of you at this time of deep sorrow.

Respectfully,

Lisa Peacock

Lisa Peacock - March 05, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.



March 04, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.



March 04, 2020 at 05:45 PM

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“ Auburn Washburn Unified School District 437 purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Howard Shuler.



Auburn Washburn Unified School District 437 - March 04, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ Howard Shuler hired me in the spring of 1989 to teach in the Auburn-Washburn district as a band director, which I still do. I had 10 years of service teaching in Oklahoma/California which he gave me credit for. I didn't have to start out on a beginner's teacher contract. I and my family are still grateful for that kindness. He was always pleasant with me when we would meet at a school function. My condolences to his family.....

Dr. Jack Smith - March 04, 2020 at 11:25 AM

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“ Howard Shuler, truly a quality gentlemen. He was a great mentor to me as I began my career as a School Superintendent. I have wonderful memories, to numerous to count, of Howard as we attended State and National meetings together. With his passing we lost a great educator, always placing students as his top priority. RIP my friend.

Rob Winter

Robert W Winter - March 04, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.



March 04, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 04, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Howard was the best. I thank him for taking a chance on a Vietnam Veteran 50 years ago. Rest In Peace Howard.*

Garrett Haddock - March 03, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Howard. He was my principal & Supt in HS in Columbus where I graduated in 1973. I had the pleasure of keeping in touch with him as I was Clerk of the Board of Ed in Baxter Springs & so I saw him at various meetings & also when he worked for KSDE. He was not only respected by us, his former students, but also by his colleagues across the state. Last time I talked to him was shortly after Pauline passed away. He will be missed. He was truly a fine gentleman.*

Vicki (Fry) Bradley - March 03, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *The Correll Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Howard Shuler.*



The Correll Family - March 03, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 03, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 03, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *What a wonderful, wonderful man he was. Always bright and cheerful and always remembered my name and where I worked. He is very respected in our community that he made a better place to live and work. Many prayers!*

Lisa Anderson - March 03, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Prayers for you all!
Not only was Howard an honorable man that inspired so many, his wife made the tux for my wedding, I still have it and cherish it.*

Rick Walden - March 03, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 02, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 02, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Howard Shuler.*



March 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM