



Robert Shoemaker

June 9, 1940 - December 1, 2024

Robert J. Shoemaker of Topeka, Kansas passed away at the age of 84 on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Bob was born June 9, 1940, to parents Virgil and Florence Shoemaker, in Lawrence, Kansas. Bob grew up in the Midland community where his parents operated the Midland Store. He attended Burnett, a one-room country grade school, and graduated from Lawrence High School in 1959.

Bob joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served from 1959 to 1963 with two deployments to Okinawa. In 1964, Bob married Lucile Niebrugge. They enjoyed 60 years of marriage.

Bob worked as a truck driver from 1963 to 2002, retired, then became a school bus para for special needs students in USD 437 for 15 years.

Bob was an active member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and was also a member of the American Legion Post 400.

Bob is survived by his wife Lucile; son, Mark Shoemaker (Wanda) of Reading, Kansas; daughter, Lori McReynolds (Eric) of Topeka; grandchildren, Ashley Diggs (Travis) of Republic, Missouri, Isaac Shoemaker (Katie) of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Luke Shoemaker (Saby) of Mount Vernon, Missouri, Connor

McReynolds of Topeka and Mallory McReynolds of Topeka; great-grandchildren, Collin, Madison, and Eden Diggs; and sister, Shirley Buek of Overbrook, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Bill Shoemaker.

Visitation will be 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will be in West Lawn Memorial Gardens with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mission Township Fire Department or Midland Care and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road
Topeka, KS 66615

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Shoemaker



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2024 at 05:51 PM

RW

Richard Wike and family sends its deepest sympathy to Lucile and family. Bob was the best nabor we had on Auburn Road.

Richard Wike - December 07, 2024 at 12:54 PM

BP

I stayed with the Shoemaker family during the 1951 flood, as our house was surrounded by water. Shirley was my best friend. Bobby was mischievous even then. My heart goes out to his family.

Betty Hatcher Purcell - December 10, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Shoemaker.

December 09, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Shoemaker.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Shoemaker.

December 08, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Shoemaker.*



December 08, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ *Bob was a very easy guy to like. And he could tell a story -- any story -- better than anyone I have met.*

Dave Gaebler - December 08, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He and Lucille were always so welcoming to my family and one of the first people we met when moving to Auburn.*

Dianne Elrichs - December 06, 2024 at 10:07 AM

MH

Bob was a wonderful cousin. I knew he was a devoted patriot. But, he was a completely devoted husband to Lucile and his family. You will be missed. Martha McCall Hooshangian

Martha Hooshangian - December 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM

LS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Always a gentleman and a marine. My condolences to you and your family.*

Liz Syverson - December 04, 2024 at 09:15 AM

JE

I will miss BOB so much. He was Bob was so wonderful and will be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family.

judy Elrichs - December 07, 2024 at 03:57 PM