



Ernest R. "Ernie" Shuler Jr.

January 24, 2021

Ernest Rhoad Shuler, Jr. passed away Sunday, January 24. The Aiken native was the only child of the late E.R. Shuler, Sr. and Kathryn Holliday Shuler. Ernie was a graduate of Aiken High School and went to the University of South Carolina where he graduated with a degree and pharmacy. He also did graduate studies in pharmaceuticals and hospital pharmacy.

During his years at USC he also met a charming young undergraduate pharmacy student named Kathy Kirby whom he courted and married in 1974. During their 46 year marriage they had two children, Kathryn Elizabeth Shuler (Katie) and Ernest Andrew Shuler (Andy). Andy, with his wife Kara, blessed him with two grandsons, Chase Andrew and Reid Thomas.

Ernie spent his professional career working in hospital and retail pharmacies, first in Columbia and then in the Florence area. He also taught pharmacology to nursing students at Florence/Darlington Tech. One of the highlights of his career was the years he spent working as an inspector for the SC Board of Pharmacy.

As a member of Trinity UMC he served in a variety of leadership positions, particularly as chairman of the administrative board and chairman of the SPRC. An avid music lover, he shared his musical talents in the choir, the handbell choir and as a substitute organist.

Funeral services will be at Trinity UMC on Wednesday, January 27 at 11 am with visitation following the service. He will be buried on Thursday in Aiken.

In lieu of flowers make donations to either the Trinity UMC endowment fund or

the Darlington County Free Clinic.

Arrangements are being handled by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *A great man. An even greater loss. Ernie, you are missed by all.*

*Ken McKellar
AHS Class of '66'*



Ken McKellar - February 04, 2021 at 01:35 PM

PB

“ *Ernie was impeccable in everyway, exactly the way he lived his wonderful life. Blessings to his family and friends, may God's peace surround you in days ahead remembering this truly wonderful man.*

Pam Johnson AHS '66



PJ Beke - February 03, 2021 at 03:18 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. I worked at Bruce Hospital, when Ernie managed the retail pharmacy. Worked in Home Care, when he was an inspector with SC Board of Pharmacy. Always a pleasure to see his smiling face. RIP my friend.*

Cathye Hardy Wilson - February 03, 2021 at 09:22 AM

GZ

“ *Remember Ernie well in high school. Your family will be in my prayers.*

Gretchen Van Zile - February 02, 2021 at 06:36 PM

BJ

“ I remember summers spent at Isle of Palms where Ernie would bring his go-cart and we would have a great time ripping down the beach in that thing. Also we use to catch crabs by the wooden breakers on the beach with a dip net and chicken neck tied on a long string. RIP Our dear childhood friend.

Bob Jackson - February 02, 2021 at 04:50 PM

JG

“ Sad to hear about Ernie. I rember him well in high school. My the peace of Christ be with you. John and Helen Graham.

John Graham - February 01, 2021 at 08:11 PM

NB

“ I am saddened to hear of the loss of your husband and wonderful father to your children. May God grant you peace and comfort during this sensitive time. Nancy Brooks

Nancy Brooks - February 01, 2021 at 12:10 AM

BR

“ Kathy, we are so sorry for your great loss. May your sweet memories sustain you and your sweet family during this sad time. Our sincere sympathy,
Dock and Barbara Rose

Barbara Rose - January 30, 2021 at 02:58 PM

KB

“ *Kathy, Katie, and Andy and Family,
We're so very sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. You are in our
thoughts and prayers this day and in the weeks to come. Mr. Ernie's
service to the church, kindness to the community, and twinkle in his
eye will not be forgotten.
Much love to you all,
Katharine and Austin Bond and family*

Katharine Bond - January 28, 2021 at 01:52 PM

TA

“ *Kathy, I pray for you and your family in this
time of loss. I always enjoyed talking to Ernie
at pharmacy conventions. Libby and I send
our best wishes for peace and grace.*



Tommy Atkinson - January 28, 2021 at 08:59 AM

PN

“ *Kathy and family, So sorry to hear of Ernie's
passing. Will keep all of you in my thoughts
and prayers*



Pat Norton - January 27, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Ernest R. "Ernie" Shuler Jr..*



January 27, 2021 at 11:48 AM

LH

“ *Kathy, Katie and Andy, our prayers are with you!*
Linda and Ray Humphries

Linda Humphries - January 27, 2021 at 10:47 AM

DH

“ *Kathy, Katie, and Andy, you are in my thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace. I have many happy memories of my years at St. John's High School and your family is certainly a part of them. May God go with you through this time.*

Dedra Hart

Dedra Hart - January 27, 2021 at 09:11 AM

EH

“ *Kathy Katie and Andy. Thoughts and prayers for all of you during these difficult times. May God be with you and give you peace and comfort*

Elaine Hubbard - January 26, 2021 at 08:58 PM

DM

“ *Hi Andy and Katie,*
I am so sorry about your dad. I worked with him during the late 70s and 80s at Darlington Hospital while I was in high school and college. I also met with him while I worked at BlueCross BlueShield and he was a pharmacist at a local Darlington pharmacy. Your dad was always pleasant and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to know him.

Deborah Rhodes McCutchan

Deborah Rhodes McCutchan - January 26, 2021 at 06:46 PM

OB

“ *Kathy and family,
I am so very sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. I have so many fond memories of us working together and sharing good times. I could ALWAYS count on Ernie to lift my spirits. He had the ability to get a laugh out of anyone. My prayers are for you and your family's comfort and peace. Loving you all.....*

Olivia Baird(Livvy) - January 26, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Ernest R. "Ernie" Shuler Jr..*



January 26, 2021 at 09:50 AM

JR

“ *Kathy and family,
So sorry for your loss. I just lost mom on the 20th and I know all to well the raw emotions your feeling. Please accept our condolences and we will keep you in our prayers .*



Love, Bill and Jennie Ratliff

Jennie Ratliff - January 25, 2021 at 06:43 PM

MH

“ Kathy, so sorry to hear of the passing of Ernie. Loving thoughts for you, and the rest of your family. I know he will continue to watch over you and the family and especially those loving grandchildren.

With thoughts and prayers, Rick and I are thinking of you.

Mary Hawley

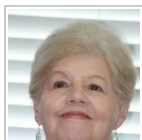


mary Hawley - January 25, 2021 at 03:34 PM

Jean Tyner

“ When Ernie taught at FDTC students were lucky to be in his class. To friends and family he was always willing to help. He will surely be missed.

Jean Tyner - January 25, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ Kathy, Andy and Katie, I am so sorry and my love and prayers are with you. Ernie was a very Special Gentleman who loved his family and helped so many people. May God be with you.



Ruth Campbell - January 25, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest R. "Ernie" Shuler Jr..



January 25, 2021 at 12:14 PM

SJ

“ May the healing gifts of time and the timeless of God carry you gently through the loss you are feeling now. With heartfelt sympathy and caring prayers for you and your family. " I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you." (ISAIAH 46:4 NIV)

Sylvia James - January 25, 2021 at 11:32 AM

SJ

Timeless Love was left out of my message to Kathy.

Sylvia James - January 25, 2021 at 11:44 AM

HB

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in these difficult times. May God bless you and strengthen you and may Ernie's memory be a blessing to us all. Harvey and Melinda Brown

Harvey Brown - January 30, 2021 at 03:11 AM

ML

Dear Family, our prayers are with all y'all. May each of you find comfort and strength as you draw upon your memories shared together through the years. May God be with each of you.

*Sincerely,
MaryAnn Herron Lynes
Class of 1966*

MaryAnn H. Lynes - February 02, 2021 at 10:23 AM

TD

“ Tom and I are sending our love and prayers for Kathy, Katie, Andy and Kara.



Tom and Diane Dietrich - January 25, 2021 at 10:32 AM

EG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Earl and Debra Grooms - January 25, 2021 at 08:54 AM

KN

“ Kathy, Andy and Katie ,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God put his arms around you and comfort you . He was a very special man.

Kay and Joe Norris - January 24, 2021 at 10:34 PM

DK

“ Kathy and family,. I am so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. I'll be keeping you in my prayers. Diane Griggs Kea

Diane Kea - January 24, 2021 at 10:12 PM

HM

“ Dear Kathy, Andy and Katie,
I love you all so much. Please know that I would be there with you if I could. Please call me if I can do anything for you all.
Love always,
Harriet Holmes Mentges
New Port Richey, FL

Harriet Holmes Mentges - January 24, 2021 at 09:39 PM

MH

“ Thinking about you Kathy. Ernie was quite a character. Prayers for you during this time. God bless you.

Myrtle Hancock - January 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM

KL

Thinking and praying for you and your family. Ernie was a special person. God bless!

Kathy Lawhon - January 26, 2021 at 12:33 AM

MM

Thinking and praying for your family. I remember serving on the Pastor/Parrish Committee with Ernie at Trinity, Ernie was always so kind and professional in some difficult situations. Always a gentleman. Much love, Steve and Mary Lee Miles

Mary Miles - January 27, 2021 at 10:08 AM

KS

Ernie's smile from high school popped into my head the minute I read of his passing. I'm so sorry your family is having to deal with losing a man who, from reading the comments, made such an impression on so many lives. He shared his talents with so many over his lifetime. Peace to you as you deal with this hurt to your heart and soul. Kaki Speicher (Cindy Aubrey at AHS)

Kaki Speicher - February 02, 2021 at 07:15 PM