



Richard Arlen Schroeder

April 2, 1933 - November 2, 2019

Richard A. Schroeder "Monk" age 86, passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He was born on April 2, 1933 in Toledo, Ohio to John and Lucille (Couturier) Schroeder. Richard graduated from Libbey High School in 1951. After high school he attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio where he majored in Music Education-Vocal. He also attended Bowling Green State University where he earned a B.S. in Education, plus Graduate hours. Richard was also a Private 1st class in the U.S. Army. Richard was employed by the Toledo Public School System, namely Jones Junior High School ("Three cheers for our Jones Jr. High...") for 37 years where he was choir director-musical director-athletic director. Richard was also a track coach at Bowsher High for 25 years, and he was the softball and youth baseball director at the Lucas County Rec. Center for 15 years. Richard enjoyed Basketball, Football, Baseball, and Softball. He really loved watching his "Ohio State Buckeyes"! (Go Bucks!). His significant accomplishments were being on the Radio and T.V. as a professional soloist, and a much loved choir teacher by all his students. Richard is survived by his brother, John F. Schroeder of Tacoma, Washington; niece, Becky and nephew, Bob of Tacoma; step-niece, Barb and step-nephew, David of Toledo; nieces and nephews, William (Julie); Elizabeth; Kathryn (Chan); Norman (Susan); and Carl (Kimmy), all of Toledo whom he treated like his own children, since he never married, nor had children of his own. He was also survived by many great and great-great nieces and nephews; best friends, George Rodriguez and Jack Mattimore and he will be sadly missed by his sweet puppy "Abbey". Richard was preceded in death by his parents, sister Karleyne; brother-in-law, Jack and sister-in-law, Joanne. Visitation for family and friends will be Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43614. Funeral services will be held, in the mortuary, on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services will be immediately following at Resurrection Cemetery located at 5725 Hill Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43615. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's name may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio-Perrysburg. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue

Toledo, OH, 43615

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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NOV **Service** 11:00AM - 11:30AM

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Comments



“ I worked with Dick at Jones Junior High (1973-until Dick retired a few years before me). As a social studies teacher (American History) I always appreciated Dick's love of history and one day as I was cleaning out a huge storage closet at the back of my class room I came across some old Toledo Blade newspapers, each featuring a front page news story of immense historical importance. I immediately knew that Dick would love to have them. I boxed them up and took them to his room at Jones. Of course he was in the middle of teaching his class of 7th graders what he considered the most important song they would ever learn: The Jones Junior High School Song. He stopped in mid verse when I walked into the room, the box of newspapers in my arms. He put me on the spot in seconds. He turned to his class of 7th graders and said, "This is Mr. McCroskey and I am betting that he knows the words to this song." I don't know if the kids noticed the beads of sweat that broke out on my forehead! But damned if I didn't remember every word and as he accompanied me on the piano I sang the Jones Junior High School song. Later that day when he saw me a lunch he smiled broadly and said "Perfect." He was "perfect." A gentle soul, a skilled educator, and colleague and a friend. We will all miss you Dick.
George B. McCroskey Jr.

George McCroskey - November 08 at 07:30 AM



“ I think of Mr Schroeder every year during football season. I learned all of the college fight songs from him during my classes at Jones. Us girls always had a crush on him, and would love walking by his mom's house on Walbridge.
Barb Sander Northrup
Whitney Class 1968

Barb Northrup - November 07 at 10:59 AM



“ The first time I visited NYC, I was so excited at the thought of watching a Broadway musical. (sure it was Rocky Horror) but my excitement was for being on Broadway and the love of musicals and music instilled in me by Mr. Schroeder. I took a picture with a statue of Irving Berlin and shared it to his FB page. I couldn't get over that I was there, on Broadway.
As one of many poor kids he taught. I had a love of music and a sense of I can do anything, be anybody Because Mr Schroeder says it's true. He instilled a sense in us that someone cared and wanted us to do well.
Sure, Heaven gained a great choir director, but they also got a great Angel who truly earned his wings.

Anita Caro Beasley
Soprano, first row
1971/1972

Anita Caro Beasley - November 07 at 07:56 AM



“ What a beautiful man with a heart of gold....had him 2 years at Jones Jr High, he was just the best! Prayers for his family and friends, he will be missed by so many.

Mary Kline Cole - November 06 at 12:02 PM



“ Mr. Schroeder gave many many children the chance and the courage to be the best singer that they could be. He allowed us to live out the music in our hearts, and that is where I will keep the memories of my days in his choir, always. Thank you so much, you will never ever be forgotten. With love, Jacki (Kellar) Wilson



Jacki (Kellar) Wilson - November 06 at 09:30 AM



“ Mr. Schroeder is one of the best memories I have of a very trying time in my life. I loved being in choir with him. He always made the children he taught have courage and faith in ourselves. He will forever hold a special place in my heart and will be deeply missed. Jenni Turner

Jennifer Turner - November 06 at 09:41 AM



“ I have not given Mr Schroeder a thought in 50 years. But when I saw his obit, it brought back so many fond memories. I played football for Walbridge and then Libbey. Graduated in 69. Somehow, Mr. Schroeder entered my life as a teen but I don't recall how. I just remember a kind and selfless soul who's only concern was the well being of us kids. Although I was on an opposing team in Jr High, he was always so encouraging to us boys. This encouragement and kindness continued on as I went through and graduated from Libbey. We lost contact after that. 50 years has flown by but I still,have very fond memories of a true mentor and friend. So sorry for your loss but know that he made a big difference in many kids lives. We should all strive for such a legacy.

Skip Markland, Hamilton, Indiana

skip marklamd - November 06 at 09:26 AM



“ Heather Simpson lit a candle in memory of Richard Arlen Schroeder



Heather Simpson - November 06 at 01:20 AM



“ Cathy Schermbeck Daugherty sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Arlen Schroeder



Cathy Schermbeck Daugherty - November 05 at 10:55 PM



“ God Bless you and take you into his home. B. Gonzalez. Jones Jr. High 1969.

B. Gonzalez - November 06 at 06:56 PM



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“ It amazes me how one man, from the “Best Junior High in Toledo” touched the hearts of thousands of students for so many years! I am blessed to have had you for my Choir teacher!! I’ve thought of you often when the songs you taught us played on the radio! May You RIP Mr Schroeder! Shelly Stainbrook-Rote



“ Thank you for sharing your knowledge mr Schroeder

steve - November 05 at 08:49 PM



“ Back when I went to Jones, you were either put in the Choir or put in Typing class. (and I mean old fashioned electric typewriters). I was sad that I didn't get into the choir so I asked Mr. Schroeder if I could be in the choir. He had me stay after school one day and asked me to sing the school song. I was super scared to sing all alone. He had me try a couple of times and then he said. You're in! BTW...I did learn to type all of the letters before I went to choir...I never did learn how to type the numbers without looking LOL. Thank you Mr Schroder for giving me the opportunity to be part of the choir. Rest in Peace. Hugs and Prayers to the family and friends.

Nikki Mattoni - November 05 at 07:54 PM



“ Nothing but fond memories for this wonderful Music teacher ! Surprised to see he never married ! He was a lot of fun in the day !

Vicki Fortney - November 06 at 09:50 AM



“ My condolences to Mr. Schroeder's family. He was my favorite teacher through all my school years. I ran into him I think it was Maumee Meijers store, I got the chance to tell him. I saw at the lucas county rec. Center from time to time. He was a special person and I was blessed to know him!

Tom Meagher - November 05 at 07:39 PM



“ Uncle Dick, I remember when you gave me a D- in your class, when it was your own mistake when grading papers. You attached my music notebook and some other kids notebook together, because you got the papers mixed up. I even showed you your mistake and you still wouldn't own up to it. Your own niece of all people! You still owe me a better grade! :)

Kathryn Dopfer - November 05 at 02:21 PM



“ I will always remember you. What an incredible life you had, and all your students that you touched, and changed your their lives. My brother John Davis was best friends with you, and I was the tag along little sister that went to the horse races with you two. Such good memories! Rest in Peace Dick in God's loving arms.

Jean Mansell (Bauer) - November 05 at 07:20 PM



“ Mr. Schroeder, you were a wonderful teacher and friend. As well as an inspiration to so many young people who were blessed to have you as a teacher. Your legacy will live on for a long, long time,

Nick - November 05 at 07:45 PM



“ My favorite teacher of all time. I loved choir class. I remember your blue suit you wore and the way your voice sounded when you sang. You are in the hearts of many. My condolences to the family and the man that loved and cherished you. R.I.P.

Molly McGranahan Koenig - November 05 at 07:54 PM



“ He was definitely among the top of my favorite teachers. I was in his 8th grade choir '86-'87. I will always remember his passion for music and his painted ceiling tiles of the B1G conference teams above his desk. From one fan of a rivalry team to another, Go BLUE! R.I.P. My condolences to your family.

Marc Perry - November 06 at 07:15 AM