



Mr. Carl Schwuchow

December 21, 1940 - December 21, 2012

Robert Carl Schwuchow, 72, of Decatur, passed away, December, 21, 2012 in Sylvester, Georgia.

Memorial Service for Bob Schwuchow, 72, of Decatur will be Saturday, January 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Reverend Lillian Eddleman officiating.

He was born to the late Carl and Dorothy Schwuchow, December 21, 1940 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Bob graduated from Decatur High School 1959 and received a B.A. in Music Education from Western Kentucky University. He also received an M.A. In Music from East Carolina University where he began post- graduate studies.

Bob was a high school and college band director in Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Georgia. He married the late Ardith Singleton Schwuchow in 1967. They were both teachers in Atlanta when they relocated to Decatur and partnered in Decatur Band Instrument Company which they owned for over thirty years.

Bob was passionate about making a difference in the lives of students with music. He encouraged students and band directors by promoting a foundation for success through school band programs. He also served as a Sunday School Teacher and Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Carl and Dorothy Schwuchow; his sister, Sandra Schwuchow and his wife, Ardith. Mr. Schwuchow is survived by one child: Janna Beanblossom (Cal) of Sylvester, Georgia, and two

grandchildren; Ike and Jake Beanblossom.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 801 Jackson St., Decatur, Al, 35601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Carl Schwuchow*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *My wife, Penny Brown, worked for Bob at Decatur Band instruments and we had 2 children in the band. I must have bought \$10,000 worth of band instruments from him in the 7 years they were in the band. I cut his grass for 20 years to pay for them. I remember once he called me and asked if I could go with him to repossess a piano. We drove to Russellville and then had to carry that piano at least 100 yards to his truck from the house. This in 1993, and he was not a young man then. After we got it home, he asked me if I wanted it. My grandchildren played Christmas songs on it to me just a day before I heard of his death, and I thought of him. I will miss Bob and Ardith, they were good people.pcknw*

Robert Duling - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

VP

“ Janna, you may or may not remember me but I knew your Mom and Dad very well.....my brother was in the band at Decatur High with your Dad.....we knew the whole Schuwuchow family very well.....I did not know until a shor time ago your Mom had died...Ardith and I were very good friends too...I actually worked for them at the band store for a year after they bought it from the Millers.....

I am very sorry for your loss now of your Dad and your Mom a couple of years ago....I didn't even know she was sick.....much less did I know she had died....we live in NC and been here about 30 years now....my family all lives there in Decatur still.....

please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time....feel free to email me anytime.....

*Love
Vivian Phelps*

Vivian Phelps - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

LS

“ Jenna, we are so sorry about Bob. We knew your parents for many years. Soon after they bought the store from Mr. Miller they carried a group to the King Instrument Company in Cleveland, Ohio. We had a wonderful time-visited museums,attended a dinner theater, etc. Our daughter, Amber, was a little girl at the time. She loved Ardith and her apple collection. Your mom made a corn casserole that Amber always requested when we visited. I could never make it right according to her. We have many delightful memories. Please know that we are thinking of you, Linda and Lamar

Linda and Lamar Strickland - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

PB

“ *Lots and lots of memories. I am so sorry!*

Phil Bonds - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

BP

“ *I just learned of Bob's passing. I am saddened and wanted to send condolences to the family. I enjoyed knowing Bob and will miss him!*

Byron Pugh - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

LS

“ *Mr. Schwuchow was our next door neighbor for gosh...forever I guess. After growing up and moving away when I would come home to visit my family always loved chatting with him. He was a very dear man. I will miss him. My thoughts are with his daughter and all of her family.*

Laura Armes Soriano - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

KW

“ *Janna, thinking of you and praying for your family at this time. Lots of fond memories of your dad as my Sunday School teacher to all the times in and out of Decatur Band during my school band years.*

Kim Brown Ward - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JC

“ Janna and family, I am deeply grieved to hear of your Dad's passing. I last spoke to him when he called about your Mom's death. They both were fine, fine people. We were friends from the time they purchased the store from Mr. Miller. I was a rep in the M.I. business for 35(+) years, and Ardith and Bob always treated me with the greatest respect. He and I kept in touch after my tertirement in 1998. I shall miss them both terribly, as I know you will. God Bless. John Clark

John Clark - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM