

Holton, KS



Richard Shove, 93, of Holton, KS passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at his home with his wife by his side. He was born January 13, 1924 in Havensville, KS the son of Paul and Mary (Gibson) Shove.

Richard graduated from Havensville High School in 1942 and attended a semester at Washburn University. Richard served for a few months in the United States Navy during World War II. He later graduated with honors from College of Mortuary Science at St. Louis in 1946. After he was licensed as a funeral director and embalmer, he started his career at Tessendorf Funeral Home in Onaga, Stewart Funeral Home in Wamego and worked for over 60 years with Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Richard was a loving husband.

Richard was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Holton and Holton Chamber of Commerce. He was a life-long member of Holton Lion's Club, Holton Masonic Lodge #42 AF & AM and Holton American Legion Post #44. Richard also was a former Holton Fire Marshall and served as President of Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts in 1971.

He married Margie M. Lister on April 28, 1944 in Liberty, MO; she preceded him in death on December 24, 1989. He married Marlene J. Asher on June 15, 1990 in Holton, she survives of the home.

Other survivors include a step-son, Matt Asher of Holton, KS; a sister-in-law, Murrel Ryan of Lake Wabaunsee; 2 nieces, Natalie Poorman (Tom) and Kitsy Maynor (Pete) and 2 nephews, Craig Shove (Jeannie) and Mike Shove.

He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Shove; brother, Winston Shove and twin brother, Robert Shove.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Family will reet friends from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow in the Holton Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Holton Lion's Club or Jackson County Friends of Hospice c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a

special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.