

Atchison leader remembered

(KAIR)--A longtime Atchison community leader has died.

According to a social media post made Wednesday evening by the daughter of David Butler, a celebration for family and friends is being planned, and details are forthcoming.

Butler last month was recognized through a proclamation made by the Atchison City Commission, a board on which he sat for numerous years.

The proclamation, made January 21 by Mayor Shawn Rizza, called on citizens of Atchison to commend Butler “on a lifetime of love, service, and leadership to Atchison residents.”

According to the proclamation, Butler was first elected to the Atchison City Commission in 1989, and served for a total of nearly 20-years during his various terms on the Commission. During his years of service, Butler held the role of Mayor during a number of his terms.

The proclamation said Butler, affectionately known as “Dave,” “never met a stranger, [was] welcoming to newcomers, [and was] friendly to all.”

Butler’s most recent Atchison City Commission term came to an end last year, having chosen not to seek re-election.

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