



## Joseph Samuel Shuler

November 18, 1943 - July 16, 2020

On Thursday, July 16, 2020, Joseph Samuel Shuler completed his life's mission, returned to his Heavenly Father, and was reunited with his parents, brothers (Junior and Jerry), and sister (Jolene). In his 76 years of life, "Papa Joe," as he was affectionately known, never faltered in his devotion to family, church, and community.

Joe was born on November 18, 1943 to Samuel Roy Shuler and Ruth Mavis Evans. Sadly, Joe's father died when he was only 2 ½ years old. Joe attended Hosford Elementary and Junior High, where he was well-liked by classmates. From childhood on, Joe worked hard to help support his widowed mother.

Joe graduated from Liberty County High School and attended Chipola Junior College. He married his sweetheart Marlene Price on May 4, 1967. The couple was later sealed for all time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on August 15, 1968.

Joe and Marlene raised their two sons in Hosford, where Joe was a proud resident his entire life. He loved fishing and hosting many a fish fry at their cabin on Telogia Creek. With grit and despite hardship, Joe built a tremendous life for himself and shared the blessings he received to lift his family and those around him.

Joe began working in the mailroom for the Florida financial department at age 18. At 48, he had worked his way up to retire as the director of the Consumer Finance Department for the Florida Department of Banking. After retirement from the state of Florida, he enjoyed working as a lobbyist for Beneficial Finance, Household International, and HSBC Bank. During that time, he became the president and executive director of the Florida Financial Services Association, which covered five Southern states. His duties and responsibilities included advising state and national companies and directing governmental issues in Florida. Because of this exposure to state leaders, Joe became close friends with governors, legislators, and Speakers of the House.

Joe was a longtime member of the Bristol Lion's Club and helped with many fundraisers. He was also a charter member of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce, and was inducted into the Boy Scouts of America "Friend of Scouting" Hall of Fame. Joe was described as genuine, sincere, with a competitive spirit, and possessing a brilliant business mindset.

An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Joe served

throughout his lifetime in many capacities in the Hosford Ward, where he will be greatly missed.

Joe was self-educated, hardworking, friendly and will always be remembered for his faith and love of family and friends. He has touched many lives, but most of all, has left an amazing legacy for his children and grandchildren. He will be remembered for his loyalty, testimony, hard work ethic, and persistence to never give up. He loved his grandchildren fiercely, who adored him, and served as surrogate father to his nieces and nephews, who lost their parents too early.

Joe is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marlene; sons Joseph (Becky) Shuler and their four children (Matthew, Jonathan, Juliette, and Luke) in Hosford; and Doug (Abby) Shuler and their six children (Audrey, Landon, Harrison, Lana, Ruby, and Julian) who live in Tallahassee, his brother, Brigham S. Shuler, (Charlotte) and a multitude of beloved nieces and nephews.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in memory of Joe Shuler to the scholarship fund that was established by Joe and Marlene Shuler in his grandfather's name. Joe wanted to provide students from Liberty and Calhoun Counties the opportunity to pursue their college education. Donations may be mailed to the Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446 designated for the James Edwin "Pat" Shuler Scholarship Endowment. Julie Fuqua from Chipola Foundation can be reached at 850-718-2478 for any questions.

A private family service will be held. Interment will follow at the Evans Family Cemetery in Telogia, Florida. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-643-3636, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Shuler family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## **Evans Cemetery**

Highway 67 South

Hosford, FL, 32334

# Comments

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“ Joe and I were friends for over 40 years. I spoke at his retirement dinner, and he spoke at mine a few years later. We shared some cherished times. He loved his family, he loved Liberty County, and he loved to make a deal. My heart goes out to his family. And I miss my friend.

**rick greene.** - July 23, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ Ken, Cynthia, Peggy - The Earl Bacon Agency purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Samuel Shuler.



**Ken, Cynthia, Peggy - The Earl Bacon Agency** - July 21, 2020 at 11:45 AM

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“ We always enjoyed visiting with Joe, especially at Miss Oras restaurant.....George and Marcelle Johnson

**George Johnson** - July 21, 2020 at 08:57 AM

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“ Condolences to the family. Joe was a good man, and well loved and respected in the community. Marlene, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Connie Price** - July 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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“ Joe was a real gentleman who manifested personal warmth and political skills. He will be missed by his friends and professional colleagues alike.

**Frank Salinger** - July 20, 2020 at 03:39 PM

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“ Joe Shuler was a great friend and colleague. His wisdom and kindness made him a pleasure to work with. My sympathy and thoughts are with his family.

Ken Scruggs

Ken Scruggs - July 20, 2020 at 01:42 PM

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“ I had the honor and pleasure of working with Joe. He had a way of turning a phrase that conveyed multiple meanings. My prayers go out to his family for comfort.  
Toni Bellissimo

T. Bellissimo - July 20, 2020 at 12:24 PM

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“ Praying for those left behind.

John Hamby - July 20, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ Joseph so sorry to hear about your Dad he was one of the great ones and will be missed. Prayers going up for you and your family.

Sharon Mackey - July 20, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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“ Joe Shuler was a friend from the top of his head to bottom of his feet! He was always there for you. My husband Joe Brown and Joe Shuler were a dynamic duo, whether cooking (the Joe and Joe Show) or just enjoying a special fellowship they shared. We are devastated by this loss of someone we both loved very much. Thank you for always including us as family.

Prayers and much love to Marlene, Joseph and family and Doug and family.

Joe and Becky Brown

Becky Brown - July 20, 2020 at 08:12 AM

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“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Marlene and all the family. May God wrap each of you up in his tender compassionate arms. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Prayers, hugs and Love, Ronnie & Michele Manning

**Michele Manning** - July 19, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ I send prayers and love to all Uncle Joe's family. I loved the boys (that's how my dad referred to them) growing up. We visited almost every Sunday. Daddy would take a big pan of fish and he and Ruth cooked. Joe and Jerry picked on me quite a bit. Always played practical jokes. I think maybe that is where Joe learned to love fish. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. Dorothea Shuler Stoltzfus

**Dorothea Stoltzfus** - July 19, 2020 at 07:32 PM

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“ Marlene and family, I am so sorry for your loss, he will be missed by all, every time I saw him he would call me Sweet William, enjoyed talking with him when I could.

**Billy Pullam** - July 19, 2020 at 07:17 PM

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“ Dear Marlene and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I pray that you will find comfort and peace in the days and weeks to come!

**Carolyn Gentry** - July 18, 2020 at 10:09 PM