

Auctioneer, Dedicated Volunteer Ron Shivers Dies

Ronald L. Shivers passed away Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in the Abilene Memorial Hospital.

He was born December 13, 1937, in Abilene, Kansas, the son of Everett and Velma Shivers. Ron was united in marriage to Doris Monroe at Manchester Methodist Church on November 10, 1972.

Ron worked various jobs in his youth, and when he was 18 drove his first semi. Ron drove several years for Naturich Mills, Yellow Freight System, Dautel Truck Line, Woolco, J. Brannen Clothing and Woolworth Company. In addition, Ron was a partner in hog production enterprises.

In 1982, Ron and his good friend Allyn Thompson went to auctioneer's school in Kansas City, Missouri. They started a successful partnership business Thompson & Shivers Auctions conducting sales over a wide area.

In 1984, Ron got his real estate license, his broker's license in 1986, became a certified appraiser and opened his own real estate office in 1991.

After Allyn Thompson's passing in 2012, Ron continued operating as Ron Shivers Realty & Auction Company with large numbers of sales many advertised on 580 WIBW.

Ron was a member of Talmage Lions Club, Dickinson County Sheriff's Posse, Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association, and Sand Springs Saddle Club. He owned horses, participated in horse activities and judged many horse shows for a number of years. Ron also helped Dickinson County 4-H Horse Club in fund raising activities.

Ron was a 50-plus year member of Abilene Elks Lodge, Oakhill-Wakefield-Clay Center Blue Lodge, Oakhill-Wakefield Order of Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and Isis Shrine Club of Salina.

He was a member of Kansas Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, National Auctioneers Association and Kansas Auctioneers Association. Ron was inducted into the Kansas Auctioneers Hall of Fame in 2005.

A member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, he served as vice president and president and was named Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2001. Ron was co-chairman of the Chamber Ag Committee and representative on the Central Kansas Free Fair Board, serving as vice president and president. In 2010, Ron was inducted into the Fairs and Festivals Hall of Fame.

He was the grand marshal of the 2018 Abilene Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Parade. Ron was recognized as Volunteer of the Year in 2018 by the Dickinson County Historical Society.

Ron is survived by his wife, Doris, of the home, stepson Dennis Monroe and stepdaughter Cindy Monroe, and granddaughters Natalie Lober, Melissa Applebee (Monroe) and Alisha. His great grandchildren are Shiann Lober, Aiden Applebee and Breanna Applebee. His sisters are Evelyn Carter, Sharon Cramer and Sandy Feighner.

He had many nephews, nieces, and cousins. Ron was preceded in death by sister Shirley Jackson and brother Butch Shivers.

The family received friends Monday evening, Nov. 26, 2018, at Danner Funeral Home in Abilene. Funeral services were Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 27, 2018, at Abilene First Baptist Church with Pastor Jack Gilstrap officiating. Interment followed in Prariedale Cemetery at Talmage.

Ron Shivers' family suggests memorial contributions in his name to Dickinson County Heritage Center, Central Kansas Free Fair, The Shivers Foundation, Kansas Auctioneers Association, First Baptist Church, or donation of choice. They may be sent in care of Danner Funeral Home, POB 758, Abilene, Kansas 67410.



Ron Shivers

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