



## Byrl R. Shoemaker

March 1, 2012

SHOEMAKER Byrl R. Shoemaker Ph.D., age 93 of Columbus, Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Riverside Hospital. Preceded in death by parents, Charley and Beulah Shoemaker, brothers, Lt. Kenneth E. Shoemaker and Charles E. Shoemaker, and infant daughter Charlene Ann Shoemaker. Survived by loving wife of 75 years, Dorothy Mary (Curren) Shoemaker; children, Judith (Robert) Hinkle, Gary (Donna) Shoemaker, Carole (Rollin) Shaffer; grandchildren, Edward L. Johnston, Cynthia D. (Eric) Adams, Sherrilu (Daryl) Lauth, Loriann (Kent) Sheeler, Kimberlee (Matthew) Smith, Amy Ann (James) Allen, Lisa N. (Anthony) Ponziani; 15 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law; several nieces and nephews. Byrl earned his Bachelors of Science in Education, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy; all at The Ohio State University. Veteran World War II, Lieutenant (jg) U.S. Navy. Consultant for the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation, Executive Director, Vocational and Career Education, State Department of Education, Ohio. Supervisor, Trade and Industrial Education, Division of Vocational Ed., State Department of Education, Ohio. Supervisor, Findlay Public Schools. Teacher in Mifflin Township, Franklin County; Sylvania, Ohio: Columbus City. Byrl's major contributions to education include: Development of the system of Vocational and Career Programs over the State of Ohio; development of the two-year Post High School Technician Education Centers that have grown into the system of Community Colleges over the State of Ohio; development and implementation of a system of certifying automotive repair training programs

that meet standards set by the automotive industry at the national level. Member of Phi Delta Kappa, Iota Lambda Sigma. Past President, American Vocational Association and Board of the National Institute Automotive Service for Excellence. Byrl received the Governor's Award for Excellence of Achievement Benefiting Mankind (twice); Outstanding Service Award, American Vocational Association; Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award; Ohio Pioneer to Education, State Board of Education, Ohio; Award of Commendation, in Appreciation for Exemplary Leadership in providing the citizens of Ohio with the most comprehensive system of Vocation Education in the nation, presented by the Ohio Association of Joint Vocational Superintendents. In 2011 The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. (NATEF) created The Byrl R. Shoemaker Award. This award will be presented annually to honor an individual or organization for extraordinary contributions and dedication to excellence in automotive education. Dr. Shoemaker has been affectionately referred to as The Founding Father of NATEF. Member of Neoacacia Lodge #595 F. & A.M., Chapter, Council, Columbus Commandery, Scioto Consistory, Valley of Columbus, Honorary 33rd Degree, Aladdin Shrine, Past Patron Corinthian Chapter #393 O.E.S. Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2012 at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 7 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH. Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. Masonic Service 8 p.m. followed by a Commandery Service. Interment Green Lawn Cemetery. For the furtherance of career and technical education in Ohio, contributions may be made to The Byrl R. Shoemaker Memorial Fund, C/O Ohio ACTE, 38 Commerce Park Drive, Suite D, Westerville, OH 43082.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Byrl R. Shoemaker*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sorry I found out so late about Byrl's passing. He is an inspiration and has been for 25+ years, to me. On one trip to offer assistance to industrial educators in Arizona (1991), he inspired me to consider the State CTE Leadership role -- I got that opportunity in August 2011 and I am thankful to Byrl. While he did not affect the hire process here, he inspired and challenged me to a bigger vision for AZ students and CTE faculty, improved relationships between secondary and post secondary CTE programs and closer alignment of CTE programs to industry standards. I am ever grateful to Dr. Shoemaker. I hope the people of AZ also see the impact that he left with me for all of them. Mark Hamilton Deputy Associate Superintendent Career and Technical Education Arizona Department of Education*

**Mark Hamilton** - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a joyful light Byrl carried throughout his life. From our days at North Church many years ago to the present at Maple Grove, his love and generosity of spirit overflowed on everyone around him. I am grateful to have known him and will miss seeing him when I come to Maple Grove. I will always remember his beaming face in the congregation every time our family was singing in church. That picture is a gift. Blessings to all the Shoemaker family in this time of loss. You are in our prayers. Peace and love, Candace Bennett*

**Candace Bennett** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I was saddened to hear of Byrl's death as he greatly influenced my life.I was a student at Findlay High School-later a vocational teacher-and a supervisor at Springfield.I also worked with him on several committees. I know that he influenced Gov. Rhodes and with out him we wouldn't have had a strong statewide vocational program. Thousands of students owe him gratitude for helping them to have a meaningful career. Thank you for sharing him with us.

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**Gary Barger** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ It is with heavy heart to learn of Byrl's death. I worked with him at the State Dept. of Education. He was not only my boss, but my friend as well. I had a tremendous respect for him. Byrl did the state of Ohio, as well as the country,a great service for his perception in vocational and technical education. Byrl and I have have attended many of our colleagues funerals together. Most recently George Kosbab. I had a lengthy conversation with Byrl at this time and we were lamenting the fact that so many of us were disappearing. Byrl indicated to me that he was appreciative of the long years he has lived and can't expect much more. I just had surgery and I am so very sorry that I am unable to attend Bryl's service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. William and Eulalia Ruth

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**William & Eulalia Ruth** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I was at ODE from 1969-1976 with both the Divisions of Guidance & Testing and then later VocEd, and in those years came to know and admire Dr. Shoemaker for his vision and skill in implementing quality vocational programs throught our state. Both inspiring and creative, he was an articulate spokesman for education throughout his career-Ohio was lucky to have him, and surely we all will miss his skills and dedication.

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**Dr. James O'Connor** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many happy childhood memories spent with your family at Indian Lake. Byrl was a very special man who made a true difference in the lives of so many people.*

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**Lisa Williams Exner** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Bryl was a very sincere Brother and Sir knight. It was an Honor to know him. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**David Percival** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Dear Dorothy and Family, Byrl was so welcoming when we came to Neoacacia. Today we celebrate his life with all of you, and send our most sincere condolences for your loss.*

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**Erik and Michele Warren** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *What a fine gentleman and brother! Though I came to know Ill. Bro. Shoemaker late in his life, I am honored and proud to say I had that privilege. What an inspiration he was to me and so many others as he maintained his vitality even in his most senior years. His interest in others and their well-being/success was always evident. He truly cared about all those he met/knew. His example is a fine one for all of us to emulate. I will miss his smile, warm personal greeting and handshake. A great man has been called home. May he rest in peace. So mote it be. Tim Strawn*

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**Tim Strawn** - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Byrl was known throughout Ohio as an advocate and trailblazer for career-technical students. Teenagers from yesterday, today and tomorrow experience the positive impact of all he has done. He will be missed, but the contributions live on. Thanks to the family for loaning us a part of him...As a staff member of the Ohio Department of Education Office of Career-Technical Education, we were extended family.*

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**Pat Huston** - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Dorothy & Family Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Byrl. I was so pleased to see him at George's funeral and Masonic service back in January. He was a true and loyal friend. I will treasure the last visit George and I had with him at his home. Again, my condolences and you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

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**SHIRLEY KOSBAB** - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. Byrl was a great leader and visionary. He was my mentor and role model. He will be missed*

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**Clifford Migal** - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our condolences to you and your family. Byrl made a very significant contribution to Ohio Vocational Education that has impacted millions of Ohio youth and adults. It was an honor to serve, under his leadership, in the Agriculture Education Service. He had a great vision and lived a good life. John & Ruth Davis, Carrollton*

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**John H Davis** - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ RIP Dr. Shoemaker.

Clara Greiner - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ We were sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. We are unable to attend the services, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Wayne and Cheryl Williams

Wayne and Cheryl Williams - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dorothy and Carole, Our prayers are with you and all of your family at this time of loss. May God bless you all.

Lee and Barbara Wemlinger - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all his family and friends. I know he is with God now. God Bless

Jim & Alice Bontrager - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My love and prayers to Byrl's family. He is a precious man. He will be missed at Lakeside, too. Marty Reissig

Martha Reissig - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ Our Members offer their support in this time of sorrow to Gary and your family.

Aladdin Past Masters Unit - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM