



## Jeral David Shipman

January 10, 1943 - February 14, 2018

Jeral David Shipman (J.D.) 75, of Macon MI passed away on February 14, 2018 with his wife at his side. J.D. was born January 10, 1943 in Guthrie, OK to the late Charley Shipman and Zena (Hall) Shipman. On December 17, 1966 he married Judy Chapman. J.D. is survived by Judy and their two children: Steve Shipman (Deannine) of State College PA and Stacy Summers (Bruce) of Columbia, MO and 4 grandchildren: Abby, Joshua, and Brittany Shipman, and Isabelle Summers. He is also survived by his sister Loretta Rowe of Corpus Christie, TX and was preceded in death by his other siblings, Don Shipman and Charlene Waterhouse.

J.D. was a gentle and kind man who loved his family deeply and always was proud of them and their accomplishments. He genuinely cared about his friends and is remembered as someone who tended to the welfare of others. He spent many years working for Oklahoma Natural Gas in Tulsa OK until Judy entered the ministry, and then he willingly moved to Wisconsin and later Michigan, where he found other career opportunities until his retirement in 2006. No matter where he lived, JD always managed to find a softball team on which he could play shortstop.

JD was a past-president of Saline Kiwanis and an ordained Deacon in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He also retired from the US Naval Reserve after having spent 20 years in service to his country. He enjoyed doing a variety of

art forms over the years: working with stained glass and weaving wonderful baskets, and had taken up wood-carving until Parkinson's disease got in the way.

Thanks to Cambrian Assisted Living in Tecumseh, JD lived out his last 3 years enjoying himself, participating fully in all the activities, helping other residents, learning origami, and serving as president of the resident's association.

A memorial service will be held at Saline First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 3:30 pm, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett. The family will receive friends at the church from 2:00 PM until the start of the service, and a light supper will be served afterward. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Saline or the Humane Society of Huron Valley. To sign JD's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeral David Shipman*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Judy, Steve, Stacy, and family-  
We are sorry to hear of JD's passing. I still remember fondly all those fellowship evenings when Sunday school teachers would gather at each others homes. What a great group!*

*Love and hugs,  
Gary Shaw and Marianne Boshuizen*

**Marianne Boshuizen** - March 19, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of He's passing!!! He was an awesome man and I truly enjoyed getting to know him and care for him. He leaves a huge void behind. I stopped by Cambrian on Thursday and Ted told me but everyone I talked to said how much they missed him and what a huge loss it was to the Cambrian family. This pic was from one of our guys football tailgates.*



**Dawn Schroeder** - March 11, 2018 at 10:17 AM

KS

“ *The Kiwanis Club of Saline sends our sincerest condolences on the passing of JD. He was a Distinguished Club award winning President of our club. It was always a pleasure to have JD at our meetings and service projects. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Kiwanis Club of Saline** - March 07, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeral David Shipman.*



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March 07, 2018 at 07:40 AM

BB

“ *My condolence to J.D.'s family. We worked together many years at O N G. He was a very good friend. Bill Boyington*

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**Bill Boyington** - March 05, 2018 at 09:04 PM

BB

“ *Sorry to hear of JD's passing. I was honored to be trained by and work with him for a couple years in dispatch at the Tulsa Service Center. Great experiences working with a patient, caring, knowledgeable, and honest man. Rest in peace my friend, see you again on the Heavenly side.*

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**Brad Ballard** - March 04, 2018 at 09:32 PM

JP

“ *Many years ago we were neighbors over by East Central High School in Tulsa.. You were both very nice and I am glad to have known you.*

*With my deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Judy (Bradley) Pridgin  
Bixby, OK*

*Thank you for putting his obit in the Tulsa paper.*

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**Judy Pridgin** - March 04, 2018 at 04:34 PM

RM

“ *I grew up with his son Steven and his daughter Stacy. They used to live behind me and I would go over and play with Stacy. Me and mom would go over and visit and even took care of their dog poppy. I remember when we would watch their house when they were gone and Stacys mom would leave this wooden Figure that looked like someone was standing in the kitchen would scare me and my mom when we would enter.*

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**Robyn McCreary** - March 04, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *JD was one of my classmates at Po Hi in Ponca City. I never got to really know JD but I always observed his character and as far as I can remember he seemed to be very pleasant. I send all of y prayers and love to the family. There is a movie actor that played in a lot of westerns mostly I can't think of his name but JD's features looked much like his. May Father God Forever Comfort You!!!!!!  
Thelma Nadine Thomas  
Class of 61*

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**Thelma Thomas** - February 23, 2018 at 03:11 PM

CB

“ JD sat next to me in World History. I had such a crush on him which, if he realized, he didn't embarrass me by letting me know he knew. I was such a nerd and he was so cute! He was always gentle, kind and polite to everyone. I know you will miss him forever as will those of us who were fortunate enough to know him way back when. I am praying for comfort for your family.

*Charlotte Smith Burton*

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**Charlotte Smith Burton** - February 22, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ JD was my friend, and I weep with all of you who will miss him for a long time. But I assure you, JD is with Jesus. Judy, one Day we will all gather There and rejoice at the reunion. God bless you.

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**Jim Porter** - February 22, 2018 at 02:56 PM

CI

“ Judy, I am so sorry to see your beloved JD has passed. Such a kind, loving and gentle man. Prayers and kind thoughts coming your way. Carter Bishop III

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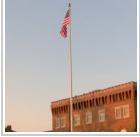
**Carter Bishop III** - February 21, 2018 at 09:16 PM

DR

“ Reverend Shipman, I was very sad when Yvette told me of your husband's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. Hugs, love, and peace to you all. Deb

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**Deb Ross** - February 21, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ We are sad to learn that JD has passed, but we know he is with the Lord. He was a dear friend from the time we were sophomores at Po-Hi. My husband didn't meet JD until our senior year, but also remembers him with much fondness. He was a wonderful and gentle person and everyone loved him. He will be missed and never forgotten. We are thankful to know that one day we will all meet again.

*Barbara Kaylor Porter and Jim Porter*

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**Barbara Porter** - February 20, 2018 at 02:36 AM