



Eldon H. Milburn

January 16, 1934 - May 7, 2015

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Eldon Milburn passed away at home surrounded by his family in the early morning hours of May 7. Eldon was born to Ella and John Milburn on the family farm in Kingman, KS, on Jan. 16, 1934. After graduating from Kingman High School, Eldon attended Southwestern College in Winfield, KS, on a basketball scholarship. He was the starting center on the Moundbuilders team that advanced to the NAIA National Basketball Tournament in Kansas City.

Eldon married his college sweetheart, Pat, on June 24, 1956.

Eldon and Pat moved to Kansas City, where he began his 38 year career with the Kansas City, Kansas Public School System. Over the years he served as a math teacher, basketball coach, counselor, assistant principal and principal. Eldon left his administrative role and returned to the classroom to finish out his career doing what he loved best, teaching. He often commented, “I enjoyed every day in the classroom,” and, “There was never a day I didn’t want to go to work.”

Eldon had a continuing interest in the lives and careers of the basketball players he coached and the students he taught. He enjoyed maintaining friendships with many, and truly cared about his former students, athletes and the faculty and staff at each school he worked.

Eldon’s passion for learning carried on throughout his life. He received his masters degree in math education from Emporia State University and

completed graduate hours at the University of Georgia, Southwest Missouri State University, Fort Hays State College and the University of Kansas.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; children Cynthia (Dana) Barrager, Rhonda (Kevin) Dennis and Jay Milburn; his beloved granddaughter Abigail Dennis; and numerous friends and extended family.

A Celebration of Eldon's Life is planned for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12 at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS. Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Per Eldon's request, his body was donated to the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Memorials in Eldon's name can be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
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Memorial Service

MAY 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eldon H. Milburn*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Eldon H. Milburn*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Eldon H. Milburn.*



May 09, 2015 at 05:01 PM

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“ Eldon Milburn:

Eldon, in the 45 years we have known and worked together I don't remember ever hearing you utter an unkind word about anyone or anything. To me, this says an awful lot about an individual. You were always so positive about life in general and for those around you that it was a real comfort just being in your company.

Over these last four decades you and Pat and Jo-Anne and I have shared so many wonderful memories and so many warm get-to-gathers it is hard to recall even a few of that total number. My main regret was that we had to eventually give up our season tickets to the New Theater, which was my favorite evening out. You and Pat were such dear friends to the both of us over those many years, I can never thank you both enough for that.

And now with this latest malady. Even in all of this, when we last spoke your main concern was not so much about yourself but rather how hard your condition was on Pat and how she was having to deal with all of the many visits to the hospital. This was so Eldon. So rest easy dear friend. I loved you like a brother, and I will miss you deeply, but I will always remember that warm smile and your gentle demure. And please know that I will try to emulate you a little more in my own person each day.

*Sincerely,
Joe Meditz*

Joe Meditz - May 09, 2015 at 03:02 PM

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Kevin Blom - May 08, 2015 at 03:20 PM

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