



## Mr. Howard Bentley Shofner, Jr.

March 30, 1923 - April 29, 2016

Howard B. (Buddy) Shofner, Jr. died on April 29, 2016, at the Christian Care Nursing Home in Shelbyville, TN. Born in Shelbyville on March 30, 1923, Buddy, as many of his friends called him, and his family subsequently moved to Nashville, where his father Howard Sr. practiced law. He also maintained a paper route for many years, helping to support his family through the Great Depression. Like his father Howard Sr. before him, Mr. Shofner attended Webb School in Bell Buckle Tennessee, where he excelled in math and oration as a member of the class of 1940

He attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis from 1941-45, where he excelled both academically and athletically, playing varsity football and graduating with a degree in electrical engineering. Some of his later training was as part of a UDT (Underwater Demolition Team), later known as the Navy Seals. After leaving the Navy, he was employed by Hughes Aircraft in California and later Arnold Engineering Development Corporation in Tullahoma Tennessee. He left the corporate world to become a full-time farmer until his retirement in 2004.

Mr. Shofner is survived by his spouse of 68 years, Helen Goffe Shofner of Murfreesboro, one daughter, Barbara McGowan of Shelbyville, a son Howard Bentley Shofner, III (Debbie) of Murfreesboro; grandchildren Justin Minch and Katherine Allison Minch both of Nashville, TN; Kyle Swain, Jenna Swain, and Zachary Swain, all of Shelbyville and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by father Howard Bentley Shofner, Sr., and mother

Kate Jenkins Shofner, sister Catherine Shofner Anglin, brother John Christopher Shofner, sister-in-law Betty Thompson Shofner, all of Shelbyville TN; oldest daughter Maureen Shofner Minch of Nashville; and grandson Jerred McGowan of Shelbyville, TN.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 7th at the family cemetery at Shofner Lutheran Chapel beginning at 2:00 P.M. Arrangements are being handled by Feldhaus Memorial Chapel in Shelbyville Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Shofner Lutheran Chapel, 4625 Spring Cove Drive, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37128

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Mrs. Shofner, Barbara, Bentley, and family,  
I was saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Shofner. I remember meeting him in 1970 at your farm. He was a dedicated hard-working man that loved farming. I remember passing your farm many times as I visited my grandmother in Normandy. The Shofner family has a rich heritage in Bedford County, TN. and I'm proud to have known him and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with the Shofner family as you remember and celebrate his life.*

*Steve Goodwin  
Murfreesboro, TN*

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**Steve Goodwin** - May 04, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Our prayers for you and your family from the Shofner Family in California and Colorado.*

*Linda, Sue, Ann and John Shofner.*

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**Linda Pickle** - May 03, 2016 at 04:25 PM