



## Emerson A. "Bud" Shultz Jr.

May 28, 1934 - November 14, 2024

Dateline: Godfrey

Emerson A. "Bud" Shultz Jr., 90, died at 11: 25 p.m. Thursday November 14, 2024 at Alton Memorial Hospital, in Alton, IL. Bud was born on May 28, 1934 in Champaign Il. The son of the late Emerson A. and Katherine L. (Roberts) Shultz Sr.

Bud achieved his bachelor's in music at University of Illinois, where he was the Vice President of the U of I Marching Band and his Master's in Education at Purdue University, where he was the woodwind instructor for the Purdue University bands and he was assigned to one of the ROTC bands. Bud also served in the U.S. Army.

He was the band instructor at North Junior from 1963-1967 and continued at Alton High school from 1967-1977, which included leading the Symphonic Band and The Marching 100. Both bands achieved awards in competitions over the years.

Bud was a professional musician from the age of 15, he was asked to play with a professional band where he spent many weekends traveling around central and southern Illinois playing different band gigs.

He and his wife Gail owned and operated Winds and Stings Music shop in North Alton, IL for 10 years. Shortly after opening the music store Bud organized the "You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band." The band played for many weddings, class reunions, benefits and general entertainments. Bud

ended his professional career playing in February 2023 making it the last Mardi Gras Celebration sponsored by Hayner Library and Lewis and Clark Community College

He married L. Gail (Woodling) in Decatur IL on June 24, 1956, and she survives.

Besides Gail, he is survived by one son and daughter in law, Mark and Debbie Shultz of Greendale Wisconsin., two grandsons Michael (Julie) Shultz of Franklin Wisconsin, Nathan Shultz Milwaukee Wisconsin, four great grandchildren Adelyn, Gabirelle, Lydia, and Spencer Shultz.

A memorial visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at The Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church on Dunn Road in Florissant, MO with Rev. Theodore Laesch officiating. Memorials may be made to The Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church or to a charity of one's choice. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guestbook can be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran  
11645 Benham Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63136  
(314) 741-3737

## Memorial Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Chapel of The Cross Lutheran Church  
11645 Benham Road  
St. Louis, IL 63136

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ My deepest sympathies to the Shultz family. I'm one of the hundreds of AHS students who lived in the band room. (Class of 1976) Too often we don't realize how influential our teachers were until we're MUCH older and wiser. I have nothing but great memories of my time in Marching 100--even though I put my flute away to play what most likely was the original saxophone. (School-issued horn) Carol Butler Dawson

Carol Dawson - December 05, 2024 at 03:56 PM

PE

“ Peggy Eggers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emerson A. "Bud" Shultz Jr..

Peggy Eggers - December 04, 2024 at 11:51 PM

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“ Peggy Eggers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emerson A. "Bud" Shultz Jr..



Peggy Eggers - December 04, 2024 at 11:51 PM



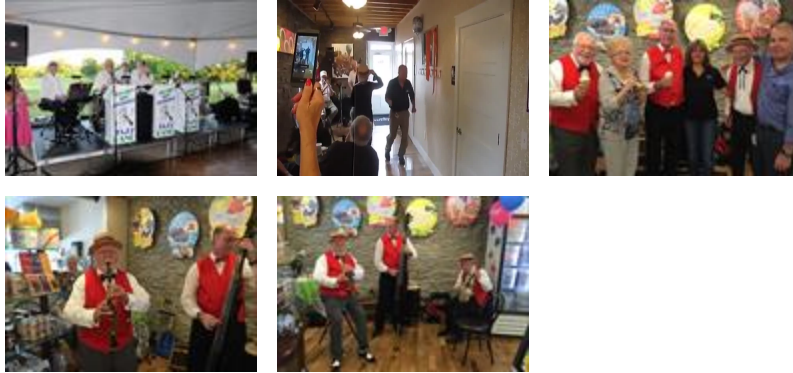
“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Emerson A. "Bud" Shultz Jr..



December 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JV

“ 5 files added to the album *In Memory from Jenny & Greg VanWyk at Kilwins*



jennifer vanwyk - November 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM

JV

*Bud was a good friend to my Dad, Jim Maynard, who was a trombone player in the You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band. Through that relationship, Greg & I got to know Bud & Gail over the years and they became our friends. The You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band played at our wedding in 2010 and again at the Grand Opening of our shop, Kilwins, in St. Charles in 2015. Bud's Trio also played at our shop in St. Charles multiple times over the years. We love Bud & Gail and will treasure our memories with them. His talent and music will live on through the CD's and videos we have of him playing. He was a beautiful, kind soul and an extremely talented musician who happily shared his gift with so many. We'll miss you Bud! Love you & thinking of you Gail.*

*Jenny & Greg VanWyk*

jennifer vanwyk - November 26, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DM

*Bud was a natural born teacher and educator. I played clarinet alongside Bud with the Dixie Dudes and the Edwardsville Municipal Band. Whether it were a gig or a rehearsal, I always came away from the experience being a little bit better musician. At the end of a Dixieland gig in Springfield, Illinois, Bud popped the mouthpiece off his clarinet and told me to put my mouthpiece on and give it a try. (Normally, musicians don't do this any more than they would trade toothbrushes.) I was totally overwhelmed playing his large-bore Pete Fountain clarinet. If someone would have done that for me when I was sixteen, my whole life would have been different.*

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**David Miller** - December 04, 2024 at 08:48 PM

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*Gail, please accept my deepest sympathy. I am holding you and your family up in prayer. Be of good cheer, Bud is resting in the arms of Jesus.*

*Peggy Eggers*

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**Peggy Eggers** - December 04, 2024 at 11:40 PM

JF

*“ Oh Gail, we are so very sorry to hear of Bud's passing. You all were so kind to my parents, Ray & Lorraine Hughes, and it was wonderful to have Bud playing their funeral in 2020. God Bless and keep all of you, at your time of grief. Sincerely, Craig & Jeris Ford*

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**Jeris Ford** - November 20, 2024 at 11:07 PM