



Dudley Bradford Shrider

September 23, 1949 - December 16, 2025

Dudley Bradford Shrider, 76, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. He was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on September 23, 1949, to the late Richard and Patricia (Aglar) Shrider.

Dudley liked people. He collected them and always had a story to entertain them, including the people he met during his work at Campbell's or as foreman at Sauder Woodworking; or while having his own residential painting business for many years; or his job of driving the buggy at Sauder Village, where he no doubt kept the visitors engaged with his friendly nature.

Work life aside, his greatest pleasures were a mix of family and fun.

Right from high school, his love of horse racing developed quickly as he ventured into a long career on the harness racing circuit. He would go on to own horses with brothers Mike and Jeff, and shared the passion with father-in-law Cecil as well as his brothers-in-law.

Saturday trips to Raceway Park became a staple for his family to await the chance to race down from the stands into yet one more winner's photo. As a member of the United States Trotting Association, he knew the breeding lines forward and backward, and loved the many contacts he made on the Midwest harness racing circuit as well as the county fairs.

He took great satisfaction in his work on the Henry County Fair Board, serving as Race Superintendent, a role of which he was especially proud.

In 1972 he married Charlotte Strock of Liberty Center, whom he met while grooming horses for Charlotte's father Cecil. Family life soon followed with two daughters who have great memories of their doting dad.

When it came to stories, no one told them better than Dudley. He'd set the scene with a

little historical background, then he'd deliver the details, finishing off the tale with an amusing ending and a classic Dudley cackle and smile. Making people laugh – that was one of his specialties, whether at family gatherings, his "coffee clubs" at PeeWees and McDonald's, or visits with his kids and grandkids.

Of his claims to fame, he was especially proud last year to become the oldest living Shrider male in history, making it to and then surpassing his 75th year, honored with a surprise birthday party attended by his many family members and friends.

A lifelong Cincinnati Reds fan, you could always find him catching the games on TV, and watching Buckeyes' basketball with Charlotte was one of their favorite pastimes.

Family and friends were tops on his list, but of all the simple joys in his life, his most treasured were his grandkids and great-grandkids. "Grampy" was everything a grandpa should be, and so much more. They were all his pride and joy, and he made no mistake about making sure everyone knew it.

Dudley is survived by his wife of 53 years, Charlotte; daughters Laurel (Jeffrey) Zawodny and Allison (Jason) Abbott; grandchildren Brett, Brook, Bailey, Emily, Lauren and Carter; great-grandchildren Brody, Bentley and Bridger; brothers Mike (Kathy) Shrider and Jeff (Sue) Shrider; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, December 19, from 2–7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, as well as from 10-11 a.m. at the church on Saturday. Services will be held on Saturday, December 20, at 11 a.m. at Malinta United Methodist Church with Pastor Robert Palczewski and Cecily Rohrs officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Mercy Ships. Online condolences may also be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Malinta Methodist Church
107 Henry & Adam St.
Malinta, OH 43535

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Malinta Methodist Church
107 Henry & Adam St.
Malinta, OH 43535

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.*



December 19, 2025 at 12:53 PM

TA

“ *The IKE ADP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.*

The IKE ADP - December 19, 2025 at 12:53 PM

KS

“ *So sorry to hear of Dud's passing... I have great memories of my cousin. We are sending our prayers & deepest sympathy to the Schrider family. In loving memory, Kevin & Julie Semer & family*

Kevin Semer - December 19, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JS

“ *Julie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.*

Julie S. - December 19, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.*



December 19, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.*



December 19, 2025 at 09:56 AM

SA

“ Sheri, Geof, Jaye & Sharon (BGSU F & A) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.

Sheri, Geof, Jaye & Sharon (BGSU F & A) - December 19, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



December 19, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



December 18, 2025 at 03:25 PM

PP

“ Patrick Pauken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.

Patrick Pauken - December 18, 2025 at 03:25 PM

JB

“ Laurel, So sorry for your loss. Your father sounds like a pretty amazing man and I can tell family was very important to him. Prayers for all of you as you celebrate his life. Judy Budi

Judy Budi - December 18, 2025 at 11:06 AM

BS

“ Bailey S. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



Bailey S. - December 18, 2025 at 09:29 AM

KA

“ Laurel and family — Dean and I send our deepest condolences over the loss of your father. May his memory be a blessing in the difficult days ahead.
-Kristie Ackerman

Kristie Ackerman - December 18, 2025 at 06:25 AM

SS

“ Superior Building Services purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



Superior Building Services - December 17, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



December 17, 2025 at 07:35 PM

WF

“ With love from The Bonner Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.

With love from The Bonner Families - December 17, 2025 at 07:35 PM

DB

“ Dudley was a good friend of my brother Donnie Bost and me, Dave, also a great painter he will be missed god bless him.

Dave Bost - December 17, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



December 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM

LK

“ Love Wally, Lindsay, and Kylie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.

Love Wally, Lindsay, and Kylie - December 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM

DA

“ Dan and Sherry Abbott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



Dan and Sherry Abbott - December 17, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



December 17, 2025 at 01:57 PM

AS

“ Aaron, Danielle, Kaylie & Paige Shrider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.

Aaron, Danielle, Kaylie & Paige Shrider - December 17, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dudley Bradford Shrider.



December 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MF

“ Michael & Sheila Bonner and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dudley Bradford Shrider.

Michael & Sheila Bonner and Family - December 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM