
IN MEMORIAM
Harold H. Schuler
1923–2017

Harold H. Schuler, researcher, author, and former member of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees, died on 15 June 2017 in Tucson, Arizona.

Born 20 February 1923, Schuler was raised on a farm near Tripp, South Dakota. After graduating from Tripp High School, he served in World War II as a member of the 20th Army Air Force in Guam. He graduated from the University of South Dakota with a B.A. in 1950 and a M.Ed. in 1951. That year he was named director of the South Dakota School Lunch program in Pierre, where he later met and married his wife Leona. The couple had three children. From 1954 to 1962, Schuler served as an assistant to United States Senator Francis Case, living both in Pierre and in Washington, D.C. Following the death of Senator Case in 1962, he purchased the Hughes County Abstract Company. In 1964, he was appointed executive secretary of the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy and the South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association. He continued in the abstract business until 1979 and as secretary to the pharmacists until 1986.

For more than twenty years following his retirement, Schuler devoted himself as an author, researcher, and community leader to the preservation and promotion of South Dakota history. Schuler wrote numerous books and articles on South Dakota history, especially on the history of Pierre and its surrounding area. He served on the Board of Trustees of the South Dakota State Historical Society from 1986 to 2002. In 2015, the society honored him with the Robinson Memorial Award for lifetime achievement in history. Schuler was also active in numerous local organizations, including the First United Methodist Church, the Pierre Elks Club, and the Pierre Chamber of Commerce.

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