

Judge, community leader, remembered

(KAIR)--A well known Atchison-area community member is being remembered.

Maurice “Buck” O’Keefe, Jr, died Sunday at the age of 89.

O’Keefe, a lawyer by trade, served as the Atchison City and County Attorney from 1958 through 1964.

Following a 26-year-stint in private practice, O’Keefe was appointed as Judge for the 1st Judicial District in 1981, overseeing Atchison and Leavenworth Counties.

He retired from the bench in 1995.

According to his [obituary](#) from Atchison's Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home, O’Keefe served as President of the Atchison Family YMCA, Exalted Ruler of Elks, Grand Knight of the Knight's of Columbus, President of the Kiwanis Club, Judge Advocate for the American Legion, Chairman of the Parish Council, Maur Hill Alumni President, and President/Bell Ringer for the Atchison Salvation Army.

O’Keefe served as the Grand Marshal for the 1991 Atchison Saint Patrick's Day Parade, and was long dubbed “The King of Volleyball, “ for his love of that sport.

Services for O’Keefe will be Thursday morning at 10:00 at Saint Benedict’s Catholic Church, in Atchison.

Among his survivors are his wife, Martha, and five children.

Due to the services, Atchison County District Court will be closed Thursday from 9:30 that morning until 1:00 that afternoon.

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