

Edward A. Schock Biography



Two photos on the right, courtesy of the Elgin History Museum

EDWARD A. SCHOCK - Class of 1964, b. September 24, 1946 - d. From the EHS Yearbook, the Maroon: Nickname: Al.

Ed Schock was born and raised in Elgin, Illinois and attended Sheridan Elementary School (now Ronald D. O'Neal Elementary School), Larsen Junior High School and EHS. He went on to attend Bradley University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He then returned to Elgin to teach (Bartlett Elementary School, 1971-1988) and serve as a principal (Coleman Elementary School, 1988 - 2003) in the Elgin Public School District. He also served as the President of the Elgin Teachers Association (1978 - 1984) He received an M.A. in Educational Administration from Roosevelt University in 1974.

Being a Political Science major, it isn't surprising that he served on the Elgin City Council (1993-1999) and as Mayor (1999-2011) where he spearheaded establishment of the Centre and reclaiming the riverfront as public space, including the development of Festival Park.

He was always very active in the community besides his elected positions. He was a charter member of Friends of the Fox River, president of the Neighborhood Housing Services, and founding member of CURE (Clean Up and Restore Elgin). In addition he was a member of the Gifford Park Association (serving as a docent for the annual Housewalk was a favorite activity), North East Neighborhood Association, as well as a volunteer coach/manager for his daughters' various basketball and softball teams.