



Donald Lee Howard

October 13, 1930 - January 22, 2023

Donald Lee "Dick" Howard, 92 of Jackson Passed away January 21, 2023 at the Four Winds Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jackson. Born in Scioto County, Ohio, October 13, 1930

To Orlin G. & Edna (Addis) Howard. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1948.

He married his High School Sweetheart, Patricia Mapes, February 12, 1949.

Donald and Patricia Howard were the proud parents of Sally (Ted) Penix, David (Karen) Howard, and John Joseph Howard. Donald had four grandchildren, Brian (Angela) Sayre, Bethany (Kris) Penix-Sayre, Julie (Josh) Sayre, David (Allison) Sayre. He had thirteen great grandchildren, Morgan Sayre, Logan Sayre, Mason McGhee, Landon McGhee, Griffan Sayre,

Weston McGhee, Evan Burroughs, Lily Penix, Luke Penix, Aubrey Sayre, John Henry Sayre, Lauren Sayre, Kate Sayre. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951 where he proudly served until 1955. He primarily served as an

electrician aboard the USS Shelton, Where he obtained the rank of Chief Petty Officer during his tour of service. His military service made him a

Veteran of the Korean War. Donald Howard was a proud member of: Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, Ohio

The Jackson Elks. The Jackson Chapter of the American Legion, a Charter Member of the Wagon Wheelers Square Dance Club and The Gold Wing Road Riders Motorcycle Club.

He retired as Plant Manager of the Jackson Plastic Plant a Division of

Lancaster Colony Corporation.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Patricia Mapes Howard in 1997, His stepfather, Colonel Howard Houck, United States Marine Corp., Brother: John "Jack" Howard and Brother-in-law, Edwin "Bub" Mapes. Dick Howard is also survived by companion, Bonnie Grow, Sister-In-Law: Sharon Mapes Tipton and Ex Sister-In-Law: Pat Howard Riegel as well as several nieces and nephews. NO Services will be held per his request, Private graveside services will be held by Pastor Janie Karl with burial following at the Fairmont Cemetery, Jackson, Ohio.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family and will be conducted by Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Dick Howard will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Cemetery

12 Fairmont St
Jackson, OH 45640

Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Donald Lee Howard, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Navy Veteran, Donald Lee Howard, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

TP

“ Seldom does someone come into your life and make a lasting impression. The best way I can describe Dick Howard is he was like that footprint or handprint you put down in wet cement and date it. I knew him long before I had the honor of marrying his beautiful daughter. He was the plant manager at the Jackson Corporation Plastic Plant. I was a Sergeant at the Jackson Police Department. There was a strike at the plant and the strikers were trying to keep the truckers from delivering products to the plant. He was afraid someone would get hurt and hired off duty police officers to keep the peace. He always made sure we had plenty to drink and plenty to eat. He was humorous about the situation and as always, he assured us that it soon would be over, and we wouldn't have to do this for too much longer. Little did I know that fate would come to play, and we would meet again. This time in a more personal and permanent way. I would become his son-in-law. Getting to know him over the past 35 years has been truly my honor. We have shared laughter, tears, joy and heartache. His wisdom and guidance were humble but true. If you listened, paid attention and did what he quietly suggested, you wouldn't go wrong. In my opinion, he was a man's man. I found, over the years, we shared the same philosophy of life, pretty much the same beliefs, likes and dislikes. He didn't like a whole lot of BS. He was direct and to the point and I honestly think that he didn't care whether you agreed or disagreed with him or not. The thing that I found most enjoyable about him though was his stories. Often true and always humorous. More often than not they would be self-deprecating. He had a bunch of them. I will miss hearing them because I'm sure there were a few left. He will be missed. However, like those fingerprints or handprints in the concrete, his mark will stay with us for a long while. I know his interactions with me will and we shared quite a few. Rest in peace Sir! I am so happy you are no longer in pain.

Ted Penix - January 23, 2023 at 10:43 PM

PW

“ Dick was one of the best people I knew. I was very fortunate to get a job in 1972 working with a great bunch of people. I appreciate Dick hiring me. I worked there 32 years. Love and prayers to Bonnie and the family.

Pam Wood - January 23, 2023 at 08:11 PM

RG

What a great guy, good friend and we spent a lot of time bouncing around in that old ford going fishing. Dick Howard was a class act Dick grow

richard grow - January 25, 2023 at 03:44 PM

JP

“ Sally so sad hearing about your dad,...one of my favourite people....be thinking of you and all the family...



JoAnn Pedigo - January 23, 2023 at 07:09 PM

DB

“ So sorry that Dick has passed on on. He was a wonderful gentleman and he and his family were a big part of my youth. RIP my good friend-Dr. Raymond Lynn Boothe

Dr. Raymond L Boothe - January 23, 2023 at 06:16 PM