



Mr. Grady William Howard

November 14, 1937 - October 8, 2014

Mr. Grady William Howard, 76, passed away Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital.

He was born November 14, 1937 to W.W. "Bill" Howard and Edith Ratliffe Howard. Mr. Howard graduated from A.L. Brown High School, Kannapolis, in 1956. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Howard joined the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. He attended the Spencer School of Watchmaking and was self-employed as a jeweler/watchmaker for a number of years. He also did watch repair for Ralph Williams' Jewelers.

When Piedmont Correctional Center was built, he became a Correctional Officer and did Extradition Work. He was on the Governor's 20 Shooting Team and did firearms instruction. He later served as Safety Officer and Veterans Services Officer for Rowan County. He was working as a North Carolina State Veteran Officer in Winston Salem when he retired in 1998.

Mr. Howard loved flying radio-controlled airplanes and helicopters. He was one of the first three people in the nation to fly radio-controlled helicopters. He did extensive traveling and competition with this hobby and wrote articles for Radio-Control Modelers Magazine.

Mr. Howard was an avid golfer and played with the GARS. He was a member

of the Salisbury Spencer Moose Lodge, having served as Governor of the Salisbury Lodge and was a member of the Eureka Masonic Lodge. Those who knew him remember him for his telling of “stories.”

He married his wife, Barbara Pinkston Howard, on April 11, 1962. Together they enjoyed riding motorcycles and traveling. He was a member of Providence United Methodist Church where he served in the choir for many years and was active in the Adult Sunday School Class, the United Methodist men and the Administrative Council.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Steve, and a sister, Phyllis.

In addition to his wife of 52 years, he is survived by a sister, Billie Atwood (Ray) of South Carolina and a brother, Gene Hershaw Howard (Monica) of Mount Holly, NC and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Saturday (Oct 11) at Providence United Methodist Church.

A Celebration of Life Service will follow on Saturday at 11 AM, conducted by Rev. Aldana W. Allen. Burial will be at 10: AM Tuesday, October 14, at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd Location.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Providence United Methodist Church, 6450 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Howard family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Providence United Methodist Church
Salisbury, NC

Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Providence United Methodist Church
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Barbara, Please accept my sincere sympathy on Grady's passing. I hope you find comfort in your memories of a life well lived that the two of you shared.*

J.C. Ludwig, Catawba '61

J.C. Ludwig - October 14, 2014 at 06:57 AM

TW

“ *Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss of Grady and pray your find comfort in all the wonderful memories in this time of sorrow. I knew Grady for over 30 years as part of the RC hobby is so enjoyed, he taught me a lot in all that time and I'll surely miss him as I know so many others will as well. He lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed every minute of the ride. His laughter and story telling is what I think I'll miss most. I'm sure we'll all get to see him again in heaven one day.*

Trent Wilhelm / Rowan Aeromodelers

Trent Wilhelm - October 13, 2014 at 09:45 AM

BD

“ *Barbara, I pray that precious memories will comfort you in this time of sorrow. Grady ran life's race with joy and laughter and he finished well.*

*Love,
Barbara Dalton and family*

Barbara Dalton - October 11, 2014 at 05:50 PM

GC

“ *Mr. Howard was a man of many talents and interests, a fellow golfer, and a good friend. We all salute him for his service to the United States, North Carolina, and Rowan County. His service is a model that all citizens should strive to follow. It was a pleasure knowing him, and we will miss him, however, we know that now he is with Jesus in heaven.*

Gordon Correll for the GARS Organization

Gordon Correll - October 10, 2014 at 06:46 AM

JR

“ *Thinking of you during your sorrow but celebrate Grady's homegoing. Aunt Edith and Uncle Bill have alot of company now. Remember one day when I was home in Kannapolis he just dropped by to see his Aunt Gage. I remember thinking how thoughtful that was and what it meant to her. Our families were close as we grew up and I miss that. Grady made everyone proud. He was a fine and noble man who will be remembered often. Sending our love to you, Barbara, and all the cousins who are with you at this time of great loss. Judy and Terry Ridenhour*

Judy Ellington Ridenhour - October 09, 2014 at 01:13 PM