



Bill Howard

February 25, 1936 - December 18, 2020

Howard, Bill, of Kirkwood, Missouri, was born February 25, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to William and Margaret (nee Hicks) Howard and entered into rest Friday, December 18, 2020 in Richmond Heights, Missouri at the age of 84 years, 9 months and 23 days.

He is preceded in death by, his parents and his spouse Betsy (nee Lesley),

One (1) daughter, Susan (nee Howard) Simpher.

He is survived by,

One (1) Sister, Francis (nee Howard) Pennington.

One (1) Niece, Karen Beck.

One (1) Son-in-law, Vincent Simpher.

along with numerous extended family and friends.

William proudly served in The United States Navy from 1954 to 1958. He will be honored with full military honors at his memorial. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 10301 Big Bend Rd. Kirkwood, Missouri. Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Events

FEB **Memorial Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

10301 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO, US, 63122

FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I met this nice gentlemen via a friend for his furniture refinishing skills. He had an aura of peacefulness and loved his craft. He knew my interest and was willing to give me a tour around his basement of his current projects, always giving a historical background on different pieces of furniture. He was honest and kind. Over the years, he beautifully restored about 8 pieces of furniture for me, and to this day they remain in perfect condition due to his expert work. He was proud of wife and daughter and always brought them into our visits.
Even though I haven't seen him for many years, I carry Mr. Howard in my heart.

marsha steffen

Marsha Steffen - February 22 at 04:09 PM



“ Bill....I could not ask for a better Uncle. You mean so much to me. I just hope that you are at peace and meet up with Betsy and Susan again. I miss you and all of our talks----they mean more than you will ever know. Now and always. Karen

karen - February 20 at 01:58 AM



“ Bill was such a kind and gentle man, and I along with so many who knew and loved him, will sincerely miss him. Bill and I shared many visits and many stories, and a birthday lunch or dinner when possible. He beautifully restored so many things for me, as well as my clients over the years. He loved to talk about his beloved Betsy, his daughter Susan, the Zale's, the corgis, the arrowheads he collected, the wonderful birds that flocked to his backyard and all the simple little things in life. Betsy and I often “ caught up on life” as we walked from the faculty parking lot at Meramec to our offices in Humanities. I am sure that she, Susan and all the corgis in heaven are elated to be joined by Bill. I am sad that I did not get to say good bye to my special friend, but I will always remember his beaming warm smile and mellow demeanor. I feel so blessed to have known you and Betsy, and hope that our paths shall cross again, my friend. Kay and Mike Hagan

PS. I tried to convince Bill that eggs were easy to prepare!

Kay Hagan - February 20 at 01:51 AM



“ I met Bill Howard about eight years ago, when a friend recommended him to me for antique furniture restoration. I don't think there was any style or condition of furniture that Bill could not recondition. But that was not all. One day I stopped by and told him I was on my way to Maplewood to have a lamp repaired. He looked a bit taken aback, saying he was a retired electrical engineer and could certainly fix it. He did, and there were several other lamps, some of which were offered at a church auction. Overtime, I became acquainted with Betsy, and attended many concerts at Meramec Community College, where she played flute in the concert band. It was a sad time when Bill and Betsy lost their beloved daughter. and then for Bill to lose Betsy. I visited with him every couple of weeks, bringing food I shared with other friends who were caregivers. Bill said he didn't like to cook (except for steak on the grill,) so it was a pleasure to include him on my rounds. The last time I called him to offer some soups, he didn't answer. It was a shock to hear from Bill's son-in-law, Vince Simpher, that Bill had a major stroke and had lost all memory. I held out, hoping I would be able to send cards and then maybe visit. Bill will long be remembered in the hearts of so many people he had served, well beyond the antique furniture repairs.

Margaret Gustafson



Margaret Gustafson - February 19 at 02:09 PM



“ Frances Pennington, Karen and Lee Beck purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bill Howard.



Frances Pennington, Karen and Lee Beck - February 18 at 05:00 PM



“ Bill Howard was a good neighbor. He enjoyed giving advice and helping people. Many of us have beautiful pieces of furniture he expertly refinished. My grandmother's rocking chair and my brother's desk are my favorites. Bill's front yard became the place for walkers to stop and talk. My dogs looked forward to Bill's special attention; Micah and Danny still try to lead me onto his driveway as we pass by.

Bill Howard was a good friend. He is missed. Barbara Fowler

Barbara Fowler - February 18 at 01:21 PM



“ My dog, Chloe, and I enjoyed many a front-porch visit with Bill and his sweet corgi, Lyric. I always learned something from him. He was so knowledgeable in so many areas, especially plants, wildlife and canines. Saying a prayer Bill is reunited with his dear Betsy and Susan and once again spoiling the many corgis who were lucky to be members of his family. -- Kim Krull

Kim Krull - February 15 at 03:17 PM