



Mr. Walter James Howard

January 15, 1938 - January 28, 2016

Mr. Walter James Howard, 78, of Peoria, IL passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 2:44 AM at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Walter was born on January 15, 1938 to Henry and Mary (Carver) Howard in Jackson, TN.

Walter leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife Joyce Howard; two sons, Rodney and Randy Kennedy of Peoria; four daughters, Sandra Hill of Memphis, TN, Diamarie Kennedy and Bridget Gaines both of Peoria and Joricka (Kenneth) Toolles of Normal, IL; one brother, Perry Hampton of Los Angeles, CA; six sisters, Freddie McNeil of Chicago, IL Sheila Hampton of Las Vegas, Diane Hampton of Long Horn, TN, Juanette Tomlinson of Jackson, TN; Nancy Hampton of Memphis, TN and Polly King of NC; twelve grandchildren, three sister in laws and a host of nieces, nephews and family.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

Walter worked in security at Caterpillar, retiring in 1995 after over 31 years of service. His past time was carpentry, gardening, fishing and hunting. Walter was known for his barbequing, which was one of his great loves. He also loved to work out at the gym.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Prince of Peace M.B. Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Pastor Simon J. Holly, Jr., will officiate. Walter will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard*



Simons Mortuary - February 04, 2016 at 04:42 PM

SB

My Beautiful Mommy!! Shelia Breaux

Shelia Breaux - February 04, 2016 at 11:30 PM



“ *Mr. Walter James Howard*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Walter James Howard*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter James Howard.*



February 05, 2016 at 02:19 PM

SB

“ To My Sister- in- Law Joyce Howard & your family! Joyce Babe brother was and is my "Rock" from a child Babe always sheltered me, taken me under his wings, directed me in my life. Babe will forever truly be in my heart, and I pray that I will continue be a beam of light to others,as my Babe Brother was to me. Deeply sorrowful that I am absent today. But with you Joyce in spirit!
Sincere condolences to you Joyce & your family!
Love You "Mucho Grande",



Shelia Hampton Breaux - February 05, 2016 at 08:16 AM

DW

“ Fun memories of my mom sending cakes to Babe (Walter) when he was in the Army. They would be crumbs by the time they got to Korea...but he loved getting baked goods from home. - Dianne Whiteside and Family

Dianne Whiteside - February 04, 2016 at 07:45 PM

LW

“ Love You, Your Nephews Warwick and Willie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Walter James Howard.



Love You, Your Nephews Warwick and Willie - February 04, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Ms Joyce and family, sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Randy Shaw

Randy Shaw - February 03, 2016 at 10:20 PM

PK

“ Walter was known to his siblings as "Babe" and was called "Uncle Babe" by most of his nieces and nephews. I called him Uncle Babe even though he was my big brother. Henrietta, his older sister, may she rest in peace and love, gave him the nickname Baby Brother when he was just a boy. The name stuck even after his younger brother was born. When he got older, we shortened his nickname to Babe. He will always be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him. He will forever be, my "Uncle Babe" my oldest and blessed big brother. From Polly, his baby sister, who he never stopped calling "Stink Pot".

Polly King - February 03, 2016 at 02:11 PM

TF

“ The Mckinney Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Walter James Howard.



The Mckinney Family - February 03, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter James Howard.



February 02, 2016 at 11:40 AM

JL

“ Johnny Lee Williams Jr.and Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard



Johnny Lee Williams Jr.and Annette Lucy - February 01, 2016 at 04:52 PM

TE

“ Thoughts are prayers are with you and your family Joricka!!!!

Tenshar - February 01, 2016 at 11:16 AM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss God Bless the family

Johnny Lee Williams Jr.and Annette Lucy - February 01, 2016 at 02:42 AM

JL

“ Johnny Lee Williams Jr.and Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard



Johnny Lee Williams Jr.and Annette Lucy - January 31, 2016 at 07:26 AM

JJ

“ Johnny Lee Williams Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard



Johnny Lee Williams Jr. - January 31, 2016 at 07:25 AM

JJ

“ Johnny Lee Williams Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard



Johnny Lee Williams Jr. - January 30, 2016 at 06:39 PM

JJ

“ Johnny Lee Williams Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard



Johnny Lee Williams Jr. - January 30, 2016 at 06:35 PM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard



Annette Lucy - January 30, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter James Howard.



January 30, 2016 at 01:06 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard*



Annette Lucy - January 30, 2016 at 10:26 AM

JJ

“ *Johnny Lee Williams Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard*



Johnny lee Williams jr - January 30, 2016 at 08:29 AM

JL

“ *Johnny L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard*



Johnny L.Williams - January 30, 2016 at 08:23 AM

JL

“ *Johnny L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter James Howard*



Johnny L.Williams - January 30, 2016 at 08:19 AM