



Howard MacDonal

July 20, 1947 - May 16, 2023

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, Howard Ernest MacDonal loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle passed away at the age of 75.

Howard was born on July 20, 1947 in Atascadero, California to Stanley MacDonal and Anita Evans MacDonal. The family relocated to East Detroit when Howard was young and he graduated from East Detroit High School, with numerous friendships he maintained throughout his life. Upon graduation from High School, Howard enlisted in the Navy and always referred to his experience there as "his college" where he began to understand what he wanted to do with this life (personally and professionally).

After he was honorably discharged, Howard began a long career with Xerox in the service industry. He retired from Xerox and started a business in Gaylord as a Sears Appliance Store owner. He was very proud of his time building and operating his Sears store and made many friendships as a result.

On November 12, 1971 he married Cheryl Lynn Brisson and together they raised their sons Aaron and Kurt. Howard loved his family more than anything else and was proud of his "boys" (and would say this often). Howard was happiest when with his family and friends where conversations were filled with comradery, debate and laughter. Howard had a love for cars, music, food, and travel and spent many vacations with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl, parents Stanley (Scotty) and Anita, brother Ian, sister-in-law Janet, brother-in-law Mike, and nephew Chris. He is survived by his children Aaron (Theresa) and Kurt (Courtney), grandkids Wesley, Mia, Henry, and Eleanor, sister Jenita (Doug) Day, brother Harry Brown, sisters-in-law Sue, Donna, Elise, and Debbie, brothers-in-law Dan, Rick and Mark, and many extended family members.

There will be no public services at this time. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

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“Hi all, I sure hope you all can read this, it's gonna be long, but oh I have memories, and they're all GREAT ones!!! In 1979, my mom died, and Howard and Cheryl were SO KIND, to let me stay in there home till I left for college in 1984. I remember when we got home from the funeral, the next day, Saturday, Howard, and I, put my ham radio vertical antenna up. Now it was winter time, but he wanted to do it for me, it was such a loving thing he did for me. He knew that I had nothing to do, and he's the one who got me interested in getting my ham radio license, so, that night, I got back on my ham radio, which I was not able to use since the end of October of that year, up north. and I talked to a ham station in a rare state to talk to on ham radio, Montana!!!! I told Howard, that I talked to a Montana station, and he was THRILLED for me! It's because of Howard, that today, I have an income, and I'm not homeless on the streets!!!! He set that up for me, before I left for college, in 1984. He BUILT, for ME, my OWN bedroom, down in the basement so I could have time to myself, which I absolutely HAD to have, in my senior year in high school, to get my school work done, and that's how I got the great grades! He even showed me 1 Sunday afternoon, when he was building my room, what he was doing, and he let me help, build that room, he didn't say, "you're blind, you cannot build this bedroom." I remember the Sunday afternoons, watching Lions football with him, in the basement in the family room down there, we both enjoyed that! I do not know if I would have let someone stay with me, if they were in the same situation I was in, because it is a HUGE change, in a household, but Howard and Cheryl, did, and I thank God that they did!!!! I sure hope everyone can read this, because I could not get to the funeral, to say all this, so I thank the Lord, that I found this page, thank you for letting me type this. Trippy in Port Huron

Harry - May 05, 2024 at 04:31 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *My Friend Howie*



Ben Laemers - May 27, 2023 at 11:35 PM

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“ Over many years Howie was a dear friend. I met him back in 1968 and he was one of a couple of guys who suggested I interview with Xerox. We had both recently got out of the military and that brought us even closer together. Through Howard I met some of his East Detroit HS friends, who also became good friends. His buddy Doug, who also worked at Xerox and his wonderful wife Linda, and also Nick and Pam. Me, Howie, and Doug rode dirt bikes together in the 70's. Also, sometimes when one of us wasn't busy taking service calls for Xerox I would travel along with Howie because we worked in the same area. At that time we worked in the New Center Area (Mid-town). I remember he said one day, "Hey Benny, I want you to meet a girl I've had my eye on for a while"! That, of course, was Cheryl, who he later married. A fine women and friend also, over the years. There was also a group of us, mostly from Xerox, that went to the U.P. and played poker every year, for many years. We would drink too much, act stupid, and play oldies on our boom boxes all night. Great fun. I will miss Howie immensely. Rest in peace my friend. Love, Benny

Ben Laemers - May 27, 2023 at 11:29 PM

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“ There are no words to describe the sadness I feel with the loss of my brother-in-law Howie. I will miss your humor, kindness, sarcasm and the love you showed all of your family. I loved you for taking such good care of your wife, my sister Cheryl, when she needed you. I love and miss you Howie. Until we meet again. Rest in Peace.

Sue Mundy - May 27, 2023 at 07:28 PM