



## Howard D. Hamilton

April 26, 2010

Howard D. Hamilton 79 passed away Monday, April 26, 2010. Mr. Hamilton was a Naval Aviator during the Korean War. Graduated from Grinnell and Drake University in Des Moines. He loved traveling, flying and boating. He had a full life, terrific sense of humor and handled Parkinson's better than most. Mr. Hamilton is survived by his loving family, Steven Hamilton, Tracy Hamilton-Mendoza and Rosemary Hamilton; two grandchildren, Ashley and Adam Hamilton. Services and interment will be at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, Florida so he can be close to his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Howard D. Hamilton uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jon Ringland - Nephew posted a condolence So sorry to see Howard has passed on. It was great getting to visit him yearly in Grand Marais for a few years when he stayed the summer there. His wit and perspectives were what drove his unique style.*

Jon Ringland - Nephew - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Anna Hamilton - 2nd. cousin posted a condolence Howard was my fathers (Hugh)cousin. We called him Uncle Howie. He was a funny man for sure. long before his days with Bill W. there were many experiences of "Howie". One I remeber well was when I was about 13. My dad and Howie were both drinkers in those days and one cold, snowy night they took me with them downtown Des Moines to see Santa Claus in the Younkens window. I thought then that this was odd but went anyway. There was a long line of folks with their children waiting to see Santa and there in the line was Howie (in a trench coat) dad and me. When it was my turn to see Santa Howie pushed me aside and made his way inside the enclosed glass window for all the world to see and stood before santa in his trench coat, opened it up real wide and then we left in a hurry. My dad and Howard laughed all the way home. It was years later that I learned that santa was a freind of theirs and a police man in Des Moines. Howie had flashed santa...right in front of eveyone standing in line at Younkens window. Very funny. He was also the avenue to my sister and I moving to Grand Marais Minnesota.Thank you Uncle Howard.*

Anna Hamilton - 2nd. cousin - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Anna & Sarah Hamilton - 2nd cousin posted a condolence Dear Tracy and Steve, We were shocked and saddened to here of Howards passing. He and our father were close and over the past 30 years we too became close to your dad. Our hearts go out to you and yours. Sincerely, Anna, Sarah, Charly and Mary Hamilton P.S. I would like to put an obit in the Grand Marais paper as people here new Howard. Is that ok?

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**Anna & Sarah Hamilton - 2nd cousin** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Donna (Schultze) Burman - friend posted a condolence Howard was Howard--unique, funny, off-the-wall and loved being a friend of Bill W. Reading the other messages from friends from Des Moines takes me back to good times and good friends when we all worked hard at living 'one day at a time.' Condolances to his family or origin and his Program family.

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**Donna (Schultze) Burman - friend** - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Chuck Corwin - Friend posted a condolence Howard and I met in the fall of 1977 in a growth group after we both had completed treatment. Neither of us was on solid footing, but kept stumbling forward. I always liked his view of situations and the world around us (kind of a Far Side look at things). He was a good friend, always had time to talk, and will be missed.

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**Chuck Corwin - Friend** - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Tom Zimmerman - friend posted a condolence I have fond memories of my friendship and work association with Howard. Howard was that rare person who was equally at home with either the prince or the pauper! Over the years, Howard and I made numerous sales calls together and, out of that working relationship, a deep and abiding friendship and respect developed. God Bless him, Rosemary, Steve and Tracy. Rest Easy Hud. Tom

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**Tom Zimmerman - friend** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ jennifer Beardsley - daughter of friend posted a condolence Howard was a very good friend of my father's, John Beardsley, who passed away in 1987. They were friends for many years, before and after they each became friends of Bill W. I have a lot of memories of Howard from my childhood and I have to say he was the second funniest man I ever knew. My father was the funniest. The two of them together were a comedy team and could make a person laugh until they thought their sides would split or they would pee their pants. I am sorry I lost touch with Howard after my father's passing. I send my condolences to his family and friends. Jennifer Beardsley

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**jennifer Beardsley - daughter of friend** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Susie (Beardsley) Christian - friend posted a condolence I just found out today..... Last time I saw Howard was about 9 years ago when he visited me in Denver. Before that, probably some time in Fla, before that it was maybe around '77 or '78 in Nebraska. I was the first of our old Fla partying crowd to hit Eppley CDU in Omaha (I have no idea why I was the first cuz I sure wasn't the worst (he-he), but I was followed shortly by John (Beardsley), and Howard landed somewhere in Des Moines where they took photos of the new patients (boy would it be fun to get a hold of those... Powell?). Sounds like you all who posted earlier knew the same Howard that we knew, undoubtedly one of the funniest people I've ever known. I found out from my program buddies in Denver (& now Tucson part time), Donna & John who met him in Des Moines. Great photos, and condolences to the family. Haven't seen Steven since he was a kid.

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**Susie (Beardsley) Christian - friend** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Jim Creighton - Former business associate posted a condolence Howard was one of the kindest, thoughtful, compassionate, and funniest man I have ever known.. He will be missed by many,many friends.

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**Jim Creighton - Former business associate** - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ James W. Brown - cousin-in-law & friend posted a condolence We will all miss you. Thanks for the memoriess Jim & Beth Brown

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**James W. Brown - cousin-in-law & friend** - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dave Adkins - friend posted a condolence Gary's last line about Howard re: money and truth is everyman and I add "tireless seeker(s) of hole fillers". . HH liked the story of the guy whose tombstone inscription was "What the xxxx was all that about". . Howard's name will come up and brighten DM meetings for a long time.

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**Dave Adkins - friend** - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

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**Dave Adkins - friend** - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jack Mullane - Friend posted a condolence Howard was a dear friend and will be sorely missed! We had many a good times and were thier for each other in both good and bad times! He never complained about his illness with Parkinson and handled that like most everything else "one day at a time" !

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**Jack Mullane - Friend** - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jack Mullane - Friend posted a condolence Howard was a dear friend for over 30 years and will be sorely missed! We had many a good times during those years and we were thier for each other in both good and bad times! Howard never complained about his Parkinson illness and handled it like most things in his life "One day at a time " and took a Nap! Love Ya Howard Your Friend JACk Mullane

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**Jack Mullane - Friend** - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Richard Howes - friend posted a condolence Howard or Howie, as some of us called him, was the best storyteller I ever heard. One of my first encounters with Howie 30 some years ago was at a meeting of the friends of Bill W. In mixed company he told a terribly funny, inappropriate, off-color story for which he remains legendary to this date. Howie epitomizes the role of Jack Nicholson the astronaut in the movie, *Terms of Endearment*. He was funny, sacreligious, spiritual, insightful, debonair, romantic and and tenderhearted. He left a mark and will be missed by many. I hope there is a tuba for you in heaven.

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**Richard Howes - friend** - May 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ DAVID HENRY LONG - friend posted a condolence I am sorry to hear of Howard's passing. I have admired his wit and integrity for some time. While I am sure he is in a better place now, I join his other friends and relatives selfishly wishing he was not gone.

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**DAVID HENRY LONG - friend** - May 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Gary Todd - friend posted a condolence Howard and I were only acquaintances until our respective shortcomings welded us together like oil and water. We hardly ever agreed on anything. Somehow this discourse united us into what I dare say was a very meaningful and therapeutic relationship. Howard and I spent many hours trying to figure out how to ease the discomfort of dependency. His sense of humor and our respective death grip on self righteousness kept us entertained for years without really bearing too much useful fruit. He was a great companion. He could and would bring light to dark places unless you wanted money or told him the truth.

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Gary Todd - friend - April 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM