



Howard Ray Nail

December 17, 1944 - April 12, 2022

On April 12, 2022 Howard “slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God.” He passed peacefully at home with his wife at his side.

Howard was born December 17, 1944 in Woodlawn, Virginia, to Stella and Robert Ray Nail.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan Nail, his children, Joseph Anthony Nale, (Kassondra), Jessica Lauren Sharone, and Bryan Ellison Nail (Nikki), and his sisters, Margaret Eastridge, and Peggy Sisk. The light of his golden years were his grandchildren, Aubrie Nicole Nail, Carter Daniel Sharone, Camilla Joleigh Nail, and great granddaughter, Oakley Ann Boilatt.

Howard was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a man larger than life, making everyone feel welcome in his presence, and had a heart of gold. He was a friend to many and made every one of his family and friends see the humor in life, and was a great storyteller. We will miss his wonderful sense of humor and his infectious laugh.

He was a beautiful reflection of the love of God, through his acceptance of the difficult times in his life.

The family of Howard Ray Nail invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Ray Nail.*



May 01, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Howard was my God Father. The Fondest memory I have of him was him taking his Daughter Jessica and I to Disney world at age 12 or so. He was the sweetest man, and Dad anyone could know. I saw him approx . A month before he went with our savior. He will forever be missed and very loved. Rest in peace Howard, you were an amazing God Father to me. He taught me what being a good Dad and Husband looks like. God has yet to make one as best as you! Love you forever!*

Amanda Rainaldi - May 01, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Howard Ray Nail.*



April 29, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Ray Nail.



April 27, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ I met big H at SMM church in a small table group about 3 years ago. He immediately became a great friend. He could tell such great stories and make us all laugh. It is amazing how close I felt to him right away and could see and hear God through him. Thank you God for placing big H in my life to reflect your love and providing me with another angel. Rest In Peace. 🙏

Kathleen Dinger - April 23, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ Worked with Howard many years at Florida Rock ! He was a good man and a hoot to be around! Deepest Sympathy! Shana Ouellette (Saddler at that time)

Shana Ouellette - April 15, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ Mike & Linda Watson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Howard Ray Nail.



Mike & Linda Watson - April 15, 2022 at 03:17 PM

GH

“ To Joan and Howard’s family,
I’ve known H since I was in High School, 1973. He was my 1st boss
and an amazing friend to me and my family throughout the years.
Although we haven’t seen H in many years, we were in touch
through social media. An amazing soul who will always be dear to
my heart. I’m so sad to learn of his passing. Sending much love and
prayer to the family. 💕

Gini Heilman - April 15, 2022 at 03:00 PM

MW

“ H.R. and I first met when we were both in our early teens, and it
seems that we bonded as friends almost immediately. We have
remained close as best friends for the subsequent 60 years. We
rode the high roads and the low roads together. He picked me up
when I was down, and I picked him up when he was down. H.R.
was a giant with a sweet and gentle spirit; and I like everyone who
knew him, will miss him. I love you, old friend, and I look forward to
seeing and talking with you again when I get there. I would like to
send my most sincere condolences to Joan and all the family.

Mike S Watson - April 15, 2022 at 02:21 PM

CA

“ HR was a dear old time friend of mine and my
family. He was a kind, consideration,
compassionate, and most generous man
ever. He had a great sense of humor, and
fortunately I had the pleasure knowing him.
Over the past several months we would talk and laugh and
reminisce about all the good and crazy times we had. He could
make me laugh all the time. God Bless you my friend, and we will
meet again someday.



Catherine M. Allen - April 15, 2022 at 01:24 PM

DK

“ Sending condolences to H.R.'s family during this difficult time. H.R. and I had several conversations during the past few months, and enjoyed many laughs reminiscing our younger days in Galax, VA. He was so proud of his family and his children's accomplishments. Wishing you peace and comfort at this time.

Dan Kemp - April 15, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JT

“ Howard, a great friend, father and husband and grandfather. Also, highly respected in the Construction Materials industry. Howard had something special when interacting with people that was genuine and sincere. You are loved and are missed.

Respectfully,
Jack

Jack Tobin - April 15, 2022 at 11:45 AM

NW

“ I love & appreciate my interactions with Howard. He was a great story teller and laughed with you each time. Sending my prayers & condolences to the family!



Nita Wallace - April 15, 2022 at 11:45 AM

LM

“ I didn't know Howard for very long but I could see what a kind and gentle man he was. You could see by his smile the excitement and love in his eyes whenever any of the babies were around. He was loved by many and will be missed by many. Rest in peace Howard, you will not be forgotten.

liz mastrangelo - April 15, 2022 at 10:52 AM

TD

“ *H. R. will always have place in our hearts. We have such great memories of him. Rest in peace. Temple & Charlie Davis*

Temple & Charlie Davis - April 15, 2022 at 09:46 AM

MS

“ *Howard was a gentle giant. I am so grateful that God connected us. I also thank God (and you, Joan) for allowing me to spend time with you both these past several months. I looked forward to each visit. I learned so much more about Howard and your life during those times. The love and faith you both have is admirable and endearing. You are beautiful people who I am proud to call friends. I love you both and like Howard said, “I’ll see you in heaven.” God bless you always. 🙏❤️😊*

Maureen Salerno - April 15, 2022 at 09:15 AM

DK

Sending my condolences to H.R.’s family. Our friendship goes back to our younger days in Galax, Virginia. We had lots of laughs the last few months reminiscing those days and times. H.R. was so proud of his family. Wishing you all comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Dan Kemp - April 15, 2022 at 11:18 AM

MF

We give thanks to our Lord for putting Howard and Joan Nail in our path. It was always a pleasure to see them both in the 7:00pm mass (Spanish) on Saturday night. Your friendly nature was always appreciated. Howard Ray Nail may you rest in peace in the arms of our Lord Jesus. Our condolences to the family. Sincerely the Silva Family, (Fred, Ruth and Fernando Andrés).

Mr. & Mrs. Silva and family - April 15, 2022 at 11:29 AM