



Howard Lee Bailey

May 16, 1935 - May 30, 2016

Howard Lee Bailey, age 81, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2016.

He was born on May 16, 1935, in Baileysville, West Virginia, the son of the late James Elmer and Nellie Ella (Morgan) Bailey. He was a retired building supervisor for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Survivors include his loving wife, Freda (Harvey) Bailey; four children, Cathy L. Torkos and husband Richard, Debra K. Alt and husband Tom, Gary L. Bailey and wife Margarete, and Karen O. Bailey; two sisters, Sharon Ritter and Patricia Morgan; one step-brother Stanley Mitchell; seven grandchildren, James C. H. Tanner, Danielle N. Jaderborg, Matthew C. L. Bailey, Zachary G. Bailey, Ashley M. Dove, Kirsten A. Torkos, and Jessica T. Martin; and three great grandchildren, Kyler P. Jaderborg, Mason R. Bailey, and JaiLynn T. Martin.

Howard was born to a family of 11. He met the love of his life Freda Bailey (Harvey) in 1957 when he was 22 years old. He often told the story of how they met. He was driving down the road when he saw the most prettiest girl in a white coat walking down the railroad tracks to the local "hang out." There they met and, soon thereafter, they fell in love and married on November 1, 1957. In September 1958, Howard and Freda became loving parents when

their first daughter was born. After their second daughter was born two years later, Howard and Freda moved to Fairfax, Virginia, where he started his career with Fairfax County Public Schools as a custodian. He worked hard and through his dedication and skilled abilities, he retired as a building supervisor for Lake Braddock High School. Howard and Freda bought their first and only house around 1961 in Manassas, Virginia. Here they created a foundation for their growing family adding a son and a third daughter by the time Freda was 24 and Howard was 32.

As a father, he emphasized the importance of education. Howard being born during the depression, having a large family, and in the coal mining area of West Virginia, he did not graduate from high school as he had to work to help support his family. But during his years at Fairfax County Public Schools, he earned his G.E.D. which for him was a major accomplishment and one he was very proud of.

Howard was a proud man and a “jack of all trades.” His passion was fishing and hunting and spending time with his wife and family at the Shenandoah River. Every Friday, after school was out, he would load the family in the truck/camper and head to “The River.” He loved the outdoors and Howard and Freda would work hard to build and maintain what you would call a “country resort.” Spending time with his wife and beloved family in this way was his most prized possession. No matter the weather, it was home away from home, with the same comforts needed to escape the craziness and stress the “real world” created for those who had to work hard to place food and drink on the table. There you would find swimming, canoeing, volleyball, fishing, catching hellgrammites and night crawlers, horseshoes - to simply roasting marshmallows around the fire pit where he would always compete with the neighbors to see who could build the largest fire. So many fond memories of “family bonding” that family and friends will cherish always. Nothing fancy, nothing expensive, just good inexpensive fun and family time.

The family will receive friends from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2016, at the Parkland Emmanuel Church of God, 8709 Parkland Street, Manassas, Virginia. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Parkland Emmanuel Church of God, c/o Freda Bailey, 7411 Bull Run Road, Manassas, VA, 20111.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parkland Emmanuel Church of God
8709 Parkland Street
Manassas, VA 20111

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Freda, Debbie, Cathy, Gary and Karen I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of us growing up together.
Linda Rosson



Linda Rosson - June 06, 2016 at 10:33 PM

JF

“ John, Cathy Elekes and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Howard Lee Bailey.



John, Cathy Elekes and Family - June 04, 2016 at 08:21 AM

GB

“ Hey Pops, gonna miss you! I would not be the man I am today if you had not been the kind of father and best friend you were with me starting as a young boy. Because of your example I have two great sons of my own. Love you pops!

Gary Bailey - June 03, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Lee Bailey.



June 03, 2016 at 03:06 PM

DA

“ Oh Daddy...what can I say that would honor you the way you deserve? You were such a trooper...right till the very end. A man of means who loved with all your heart when you loved. Your hands were firm when we did wrong...yet gentle and caring when we did our best. You made life fun...with very little money and I could not have asked for a more amazing dad. We will miss you for all eternity!

Debbie Alt - June 03, 2016 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ Debbie Alt lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bailey



Debbie Alt - June 03, 2016 at 11:34 AM

JE

“ Jules & Margaret Elekes lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bailey



Jules & Margaret Elekes - June 02, 2016 at 08:40 PM

CT

Thank you Jules and Margaret...we miss you guys. Love you.

Cathy Torkos - June 02, 2016 at 10:41 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Steele lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bailey*



brenda steele - June 02, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Lee Bailey.*



June 02, 2016 at 09:36 AM

SM

“ *So sorry for your loss He was such a kind man. I remember one of my daughters wanted to "marry" Howard when she was around 5 or 6 years old. I had to explain he was already married. They both loved being around him!!*

Sharon Melton - June 02, 2016 at 05:51 AM

DA

Thank you Sharon...he will be missed! Give our love to Marty...hoping all goes well.

Debbie Alt - June 03, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Howard Lee Bailey.*



June 02, 2016 at 03:46 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cathy Torkos - June 01, 2016 at 09:45 PM



I am so Sorry for your loss, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers

Amber Sly - June 03, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *Darryl And Sandra Alt lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bailey*



Darryl and Sandra Alt - June 01, 2016 at 09:00 PM



Our Deepest Condolences to the Bailey Family

Darryl Sandra - June 01, 2016 at 09:33 PM

CT

Thank you Darryl and Sandra. Hugs to you both.

Cathy Torkos - June 01, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Howard Lee Bailey.*



June 01, 2016 at 07:05 PM

BT

“ *Bo Tanner lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bailey*



Bo Tanner - June 01, 2016 at 06:17 PM

DE

Thank you Bo! Love to you...always from the Bailey's

Debbie - June 02, 2016 at 02:51 AM

WR

“ *Wendy Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bailey*



Wendy Ruffin - June 01, 2016 at 03:09 PM

WR

Howard, I will miss you forever, you was a man of very small words but when you spoke everyone knew it. I love your family and I am so glad that I have always been included in your family get together's and trips to the river, all of you have treated me and welcomed me as family. I love you and I will miss you forever. I'm so sorry Freda, Gary, Debbie, Karen, Cathy, your spouses and kids; I know all of you loved him dearly and it showed. Dad said he will miss you and he is so sorry for your loss Freda & Family. Love you all, Wendy

Wendy Ruffin - June 01, 2016 at 03:17 PM

CT

So sweet Wendy. You are part of our family and thank you for caring so much for my parents. We really had some wonderful times growing up. Love and hugs to you and your family.

Cathy Torkos - June 01, 2016 at 09:41 PM

JW

So sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of Howard and your family especially the week-end camping outings.

Jeanie West - June 05, 2016 at 07:23 AM