



Howard Duane Teten

October 23, 1932 - January 11, 2021

The much-beloved, Howard Teten passed away at the age of 88 due to complications of COVID-19. Howard leaves behind a family who so loved and valued him. Howard is survived by his three daughters, Cynthia Leazer, Michelle Mueller, and Karen Snider. Grandchildren include Johnathon Leazer, Nickolas Teten, Lydia Teten, Matthew Mueller, Elsa Snider, Megan Mueller, Ian Snider, and great-grandchild Sebastian Leazer. Howard was preceded in death by his wife Gail Teten and son Carl Teten.

A man of unassuming beginnings, Howard served the nation as an aerial photographer in the Korean war. He joined the California Orange County Sheriff's Office as a deputy and served as a Police Officer with the San Leandro Police Department, before joining the FBI in the early 1960's.

Howard was a visionary in the field of criminal profiling. He was the first FBI criminal profiler and co-created the FBI Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) where he served as Unit Chief. Much of the television show Criminal Minds is based on his unit. After Howard's retirement, he used his vast insights to consult and teach for organizations and nations and even served as an expert consultant of the TV show, The Profiler.

To his family and friends, Howard was a gentle giant. With the ability to find light in the darkest corners, Howard kept his sense of humor even while

enduring this dreaded pandemic. Howard remained humble of his professional accomplishments, being most proud of his work on the mental health of undercover agents and their reentry into society. His role in shaping Law Enforcement will last long into the future.

A virtual memorial service will be held Sunday, January 24 at 2 pm eastern.

Interment at Quantico National Cemetery will be at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to <https://socxfbi.org/donations/>

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I knew Mr. Teten when I worked in the Graphics office next to him at the FBI Academy in Quantico. He was such a lovely man and shared his beautiful craft of hand wrapping fishing poles with me. He was such a great and esteemed man with all his contributions to the FBI. I was happy to know him, even a little bit. I hope he is now reaping his heavenly reward for all he contributed and all he gave to humanity.

Sharon Jacoby - April 03, 2021 at 11:56 PM

RW

“ Howard's death saddens me greatly. For a few years we worked together in the discovery of our ancestors. His ancestors are from Germany who emigrated to Nebraska. Many emails will remind me of him. Such a great personality! Thank you, dear Howard!

Roland Wolken-Möhlmann - February 03, 2021 at 09:53 AM

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Linda - January 23, 2021 at 10:51 PM

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Annie Rose Siegrist and her great, great Uncle Howard!!

Linda - January 23, 2021 at 10:52 PM

RD

“ Howard "Bud" Teten was a mentor to so many of us in the BSU. We will never forget the team of Teten and Mulanney as they held court in the classroom of the FBI Academy. Their students and coworkers learned so much from them and Bud went out of his way to patiently explain details. He shared his knowledge and techniques freely desiring that we become as proficient as possible in applying the behavioral sciences to all types of criminal behavior. He was a master teacher, scholar and friend. We will miss him greatly but we take everything he taught us with us to carry on his work. May he enjoy heavenly happiness as his reward for giving so much,

Roger Depue

Roger Depue - January 23, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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Karen Snider - January 22, 2021 at 06:36 PM

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Michelle Mueller - January 22, 2021 at 12:08 PM

WW

“ Very sorry to hear of Howard's passing. I first met him in one of my in-service classes in the Academy. What a great lecturer! I did not sleep one wink in his class. Jack Kirsch and I visited him in Manassas Rehab Center. We tried solving the world's problems, while enjoying sandwiches, snacks, and smoked salmons, washing them down with some madicainal liquids. After the COVID lockdown, I could only stand in the courtyard, outside his window and chattedd with him by cell phone. This great scholar and gentleman will be missed.

Bill Wang FBI - Retired WFO Jan. 20, 2021

William Wang - January 20, 2021 at 03:13 PM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Howard's passing. A real gentleman and outstanding representative of the FBI. He was the first person I turned to when we were putting together the "Profiler" team. He never let us down and I enjoyed meeting and talking to him at all hours of the day and night on many subjects. A voice of reason and professionalism that he can now share with all his many friends in Heaven. RIP Jim Greenleaf

Jim Greenleaf- Special Agent FBI - January 16, 2021 at 03:45 PM

JT

“ Such a wonderful man who joined the FBI and worked long hard assignments and loved his family. May God bless him and his wonderful family and friends.

James Trahon, Retired FBI Boston

James Trahon - January 16, 2021 at 02:25 PM

JK

“ Bud, where did the last 50 years go? I remember you running a class of 100 police officers, seated five across and as far back as you can see. You and Pat were the backbone of the teaching profession at the Academy. When the class saw you, you were the only philosopher and Renaissance man who was equally comfortable speaking to a room full of police officers, as he was repairing old computers for old people after retirement. I still don't know how you pulled that one off. I thank you for the hours we spent at the gun club and in the field. I was always proud to call you my friend.

Semper Fi. Jack Kirsch

Jack Kirsch - January 16, 2021 at 02:11 PM

MQ

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. I met Howard at the Senior Center and found him to be such a bright and wonderful person. He was most enjoyable to be around. I hope you find peace knowing he is with friends and family.

Margaret Quick

Margaret P Quick - January 14, 2021 at 08:40 AM

LM

“ Teten girls, we were so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. All the memories of our wonderful camping trips at Surfside will always bring smiles to our faces. He was a wonderful person and long distance friend. I know you will miss him greatly. Bless you all and your family. May his memory bring you peace. Ken and Linda Marshall.

Linda Marshall - January 13, 2021 at 04:57 PM

RB

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Karen and All her family. How we wish we could have met this wonderful man. With much love, Joanie and Roger Butt, Kirksville, MO.*

Roger and Joan Butt - January 13, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DJ

“ *Michelle, Mike and family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I am wishing all of you whatever your hearts need for comfort during this sad time.

Dale (Potts) Jepson - January 13, 2021 at 11:44 AM