



## Howard Dale Thompson

September 16, 1937 - November 23, 2023

Howard Dale Thompson of Haymarket, VA went to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023. He was born in Ballard, WV to Basil and Eva Thompson. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his wife's parents, Earl and Viola Martin , a sister-in-law, Marsha Hurley and brother-in-law, Richard Hurley.

Howard was a graduate of Peterstown High School, Concord and Marshall Universities. He taught biology in Monroe County, WV and retired from Prince William County Schools after a total of 39 years teaching, 32 of those years at Stonewall Jackson High School.

During the summers and weekends Howard was a park ranger for Prince William Forest Park and Manassas National Battlefield Park. He attended Haymarket Baptist Church.

Howard enjoyed spending time in nature hiking and seeing the beauty of God's creation. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and supporting his grandchildren in their many endeavors.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, LaDonna and four daughters and their spouses. Stephanie Shirey (Steve) of Mechanicsburg, PA, Sabrina Huntzinger (Dan) of Bristow, VA, Monica Walker (Sam) of Haymarket, VA and Melanie Schroeder (Matt) of Mt. Airy, MD. Also surviving are 6 grandchildren: McKenna Chan (Cody), Rileigh Watson (Matt), Kyndall Huntzinger, Graham Walker, Jacob and Aubrey Schroeder.

Howard is also survived by a brother Norman and his wife Carol of Ballard,

WV, nieces Susan Blankenship (Adam) and Beth Weikle, nephews Byron Hurley (Trena) and Brennan Hurley (Ginger) as well as 5 great nieces and one great nephew.

# Cemetery Details

## **Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery**

16509 Waterfall Road  
Haymarket, VA 20169

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Hello, I graduated with Howard from Peterstown High School in Peterstown, WV. in 1955. After graduation, I went in to the U.S. Army and Howard went to Concord College. I never did see him anymore after high School. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. We were very good friend in high school and I'm sure we will be missed by all that knew him.. Thurmond Brewster Brighton, Michigan and Palmetto, Florida.

Thurmond Brewster - January 03, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ Mr. Thompson was one of the best teachers and also one of my favorites. He made biology fun and always had a joke to tell. I am so sorry for your family's loss of such a wonderful, kind, sweet and funny man. May he rest in peace.

Marie Grimmert - December 26, 2023 at 11:33 AM

KM

“ Howard was a dear church friend who will be truly missed !  
Kathy McGahan

Kathleen McGahan - December 03, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JB

“ *Mr. Thompson was one to be remembered, especially after being out of high school for almost 30 years. I still use his saying from biology class-*

*One girls a girl*

*Two girls is half a girl*

*And three girls ain't no girls at all*

*So you three, move!*

*Prayers for comfort to your family on your loss of such a great man*



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**Julie Blake** - November 30, 2023 at 09:33 PM

DM

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Thompson's passing. I worked at Stonewall with him for many years. He was a kind, funny man, always a smile and a joke! I used to see him at Lowes after we both retired. All three of my children had him for a teacher and I substituted for him many times. My condolences to the whole family.*

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**Donna Maynard** - November 30, 2023 at 04:03 PM

DF

“ *My love and condolences to LaDonna, her children and grandchildren.*

*My late husband and I have been friends with Howard and LaDonna for many years.*

*Always a pleasure to be in their company. Howard interesting to talk to and always a happy and kind gentleman. He will be missed, but fondly remembered.*

*Dianne Frye*

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**Dianne Frye** - November 30, 2023 at 03:29 PM

GS

“ Was he also the Band Teacher at Parkside Junior High School. Though he was my teacher then 1967 or 68 maybe. I played percussion and our band placed 3rd in a state competition at Woodson High School.



Gene Sullivan - November 30, 2023 at 12:37 PM

AM

“ The best mentor any first year teacher could have! I will never forget his advice, sayings, kindness and laughter. I heard the following more than once, "If you hoot with the owls, you can't soar with the eagles."

Andrew J McClellan - November 30, 2023 at 07:53 AM

RB

“ My heartfelt condolences to his family. Mr. Thompson was my Homeroom and Biology Teacher. He was such a nice person! Funny and always made each of us feel special.

Robin Bennett-kidwell - November 29, 2023 at 08:55 PM

BP

“ Ladonna and family. I also had Howard as a Biology teacher at Stonewall. In talking with Howard it was discovered that both our families had a farm in Ballard and they were side by side. We saw you both many times at functions and it was always great talking to catch up. Keeping you and your family in prayer. Bernardine Faris Posey.

Bernardine Faris Posey - November 29, 2023 at 04:47 PM

KS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Thompson family. Mr. Thompson was my 9th grade Biology teacher at SJHS (class of 1990). He was kind and soooo funny. More importantly, such a decent gentleman. I recall some of his little funny sayings...one in particular....how do you get a message out? Telegraph, telephone, tell a woman LOL. I had the pleasure of running into him a couple years ago in the Haymarket Giant parking lot. We chatted a bit....he was the same Mr Thompson I remembered from high school.*

*He has been welcomed Home to rest with his Heavenly Father.*

*With sympathy and fond memories,  
Katherine McDonald Strich*

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**katherine strich** - November 29, 2023 at 10:23 AM

RL

“ *Mrs. Thompson and Family,*

*some of my fondest memories in High School was Mr. Thompson. He made Biology fun. You could always walk the halls and see him and Mr. Dotson standing and talking with students. He always remembered my name even after 38 years. He was an awesome teacher and man. Thank you for sharing him with us. He will truly be missed*

*Robin Conklin Leonard  
78 - 81 SJHS*

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**Robin C Leonard** - November 29, 2023 at 09:57 AM

DB

“ *LaDonna and family,  
I remember Howard as a great biology teacher especially, but even more as a great person. When I would go out the back door of my classroom at SJHS, I would either observe him enthraling his class or, if it was during his planning period, not being too busy to talk. He and Paul were the "dynamic duo" in the science department. I know he inspired many students, and I never heard one speak anything but praise for him. When he retired, it was a loss to the school, and now that he has passed, his is a loss to the world. He made it a better place.*  
*Dave Button*  
*SJHS 82-87*

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**Dave Button** - November 29, 2023 at 08:13 AM

BM

“ *LaDonna and family...my deepest sympathy. A teacher to remember at PHS. Bennie*

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**brenda Miller** - November 29, 2023 at 07:56 AM

MC

*My sincere sympathy go to LaDonna, Stephanie, Sabrina, Monica and Melanie in the passing of a beloved husband and caring father. Howard was such a kind and thoughtful man. During my 19 years as a teacher at Stonewall Jackson High School, he was a supportive friend and assisted me in many volunteer activities. God bless his family.*

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**Marcia Conway** - December 05, 2023 at 11:32 AM