



Howard L. Edwards

January 15, 1947 - May 29, 2022

Howard Edwards, 75, of Aurora, IL passed on to a better life at Accent Care Hospice surrounded by his family on Sunday May 29th, 2022. He was born January 15, 1947 in Aurora, IL. Howie graduated from Marmion Academy 1965 and studied Industrial Arts at Northern Illinois University in 1969. He married the love of his life Barbara (Michels) on July 24, 1971. Howard retired from 30 years of teaching industrial arts at Naperville School District 203 where he taught thousands of students the art of woodworking and carpentry. Prior to his career in Naperville, Howard also taught in the West Aurora School District 129. After his teaching career he spent many happy years working at Ace Hardware on Lake street in Aurora. He also enjoyed coaching football.

A master craftsman of anything made of wood (from furniture to lamps, clocks, and toys) his skill in the fine art of woodworking touched thousands. Howard participated in countless crafts shows, displaying his creations which could be enjoyed by all.

Howard was very active in the Scouting program at St Joseph's in Aurora, where he served as Scoutmaster in both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. His service to scouting provided boys experience in leadership, outdoors, and teamwork. His volunteerism also extended to his beloved Marmion Academy where he was sought out for his woodworking expertise on various projects throughout the years. He provided hundreds of students with their Kairos crosses for their annual retreats.

While teaching, volunteering, and woodworking were his profession and hobbies, his family was his true love and passion. He and his wife Barbara recently celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary. His three sons were his pride and joy. When his grandchildren were born, he began expanding his talents to "Super Grandpa," much to their delight.

Howard is survived by his wife Barbara (Michels); sons Michael (Trinity), Thomas (Hilary), James (Rachel); as well as his seven grandchildren – Links, Eren, Ava, Nathan, Ryan, Lincoln, and Skylar. He is also survived by this sister Diane Loftus Parker; brothers-in-law Gregory Michels (Mary), Douglas Michels (Susan), Peter Michels (Kris), Micheal Reinke (Patti); and sisters-in-law Kathy Ingraham, and Katherine Michels; as well as many nieces and nephews. Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Louise (Einsiedel) and his sister Joan Heriaud, sister-in-law Jane Reinke and brother-in-law Mark Michels, and Robert Ingraham.

The family would like to thank the wonderful doctors, nurses, therapists, and caregivers at Copley Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Alden Rehab Center, and Accent Care Hospice. Their exceptional compassionate care eased Howard's journey as he returned to our Lord.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions in Howard's name may be made to Marmion Academy, St Joseph Catholic Church, the American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 10, 2022 at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N Lake St., Aurora 630-631-5500 from 4:00 until 7:00 pm, with prayer service at 6:45pm.

A Funeral Mass from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 9:30am to St. Joseph's Church, 722 High St. in Aurora at 10am. Burial will be held afterwards at Mt Olivet Cemetery, 278 Ashland Ave, Aurora.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Morning Prayers

JUN 11. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-844-7380

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard L. Edwards



Daleiden Mortuary - June 07, 2022 at 10:54 AM

AS

“ He was my tech teacher and football coach and was a world-class educator in real life skills and wisdom. He was a real one, a great man.

A Student - March 22 at 11:44 PM

RK

“ Prays are with the Edwards family. I have fond memories of the three boys (men now) in and out of class. Howard was a fine gentleman and dad. Again my prayers are with you.

Ron Keutzer

ron keutzer - June 09, 2022 at 07:23 PM

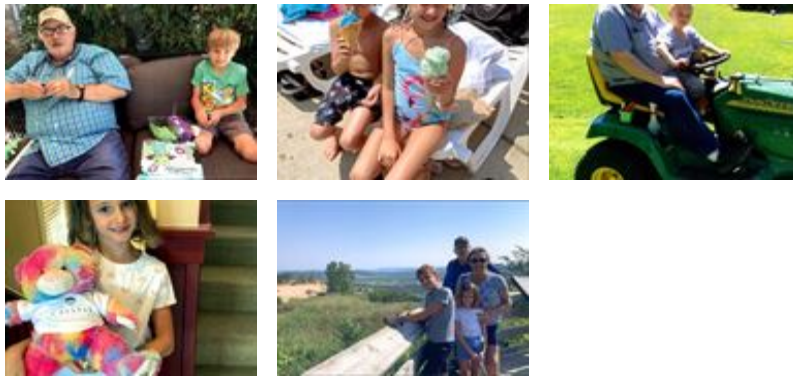
JM

“ *Barbara and Three Men,
We are seldom prepared for the sad turn of events in our lives.
Unfortunately after many loving and productive years, Howie has
been called home.
He seemed well prepared, but we are saddened by his leaving us.
All that we can do is to carry on.
Love,
Uncle Jim Michels*

Jim Michels - June 08, 2022 at 10:04 AM



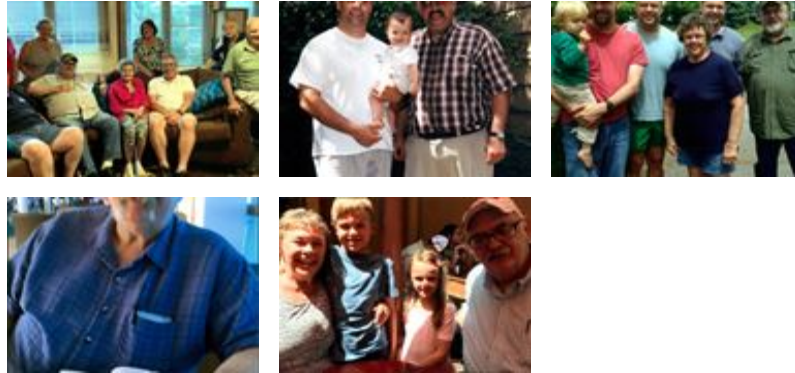
“ *8 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Daleiden Mortuary - June 07, 2022 at 04:48 PM



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Daleiden Mortuary - June 07, 2022 at 10:55 AM

TV

“ *Dear Barb and family,
As an old classmate and friend of Howie from Hinman Street, I want express my sorrow for your loss.
I have many fond memories of fun times with Howie and all the neighborhood kids. He was a good friend and really nice person.
May your memories of Howie bring you comfort and even joy. Tom
Vida*

Tom Vida - June 05, 2022 at 12:09 AM

CZ

“ *Barb, I just learned about Howie when I ran into you at Gary Avram's memorial. I am so deeply sorry and saddened to hear the news he had passed. I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You had a living and wonderful husband who was a terrific father. You were blessed to have 50 years together. May happy memories keep your heart smiling through the sorrow of losing him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.....*

carolann zaha - June 02, 2022 at 04:49 PM

RB

“ *Mr Edward's was my 8th grade shop teacher, he was honest, fun and always had a smile in class. To those who loved him I'm deeply sorry for your loss, and to all of us who had him as a teacher, Thank you*

Rich Berrill - June 02, 2022 at 01:20 PM

FW

“ *I taught with Howie at Jefferson Jr. High for 22 years. I was glad and proud to know him. He was a kind, dependable, hard working, happy man and a mighty fine teacher. The world is a better place because of him.*

Fred Willman - June 02, 2022 at 06:20 AM

TP

“ *Our sincerest condolences to all who love Howard! May God's eternal Light shine upon him. Howard's crucifix continues to hang above our bed. (Marmion's Craft Show). Hugs and prayers. Joleen & Tom Petit*

Tom & Joleen Petit - June 01, 2022 at 01:10 PM