



Howard Walter Wollman Jr.

February 15, 1944 - February 19, 2020

Howard Walter Wollman, Jr. of Virginia Beach and Buggs Island Lake, Virginia lost his battle with lung cancer and left us on February 19th for better fishing, beautiful sunsets and eternal campfires by the lake.

Howard was born on February 15, 1944 to Howard Walter Wollman and Berenice Winalski Wollman in New Britain, Connecticut. His mother wanted a Valentine Baby but missed by 15 minutes. To his family, he was dubbed “Mick” or “Mickey” and that is how he was known throughout his early life through high school and to his Connecticut family and friends. He would want to thank his parents, Howard and Berenice, for a wonderful early life and for providing everything necessary for a successful adult life.

He joined the United States Airforce upon graduation in 1961 from Farmington High School, and spent 4 years in the Airforce learning the skills to later become a highly successful aeronautical engineer. After leaving the service, he worked in private industry for a while, including Chandler Evans, where he worked as a fuel control specialist and troubleshooter, and Hamilton Standard, as a fuel control technician, before starting employment with the Department of Navy at the Naval Aviation Depot (previously the Naval Air Rework Facility) in Norfolk, Virginia in the early 70's. The accomplishment he was most proud of was his design and development, in 1986, of a jet engine maintenance system using barcodes for tracking. The system was to be exported Navy-wide to other depots. He received a Special Achievement Award for this project. He retired from federal service in 1996. Howard always said he could fix anything and it was true, from jet engines to golf carts and boats and cars, he could do it all!

He was happiest at his lake house, which he finished building himself, after retiring. He loved the beauty of the lake and area; he was happiest when surrounded by family and friends. He put all of his skills to work, and became quite a friend to the lake community, helping anyone who needed helping. One of his greatest joys was hosting “Granddaddy Camp” for 3 years with his grandfather friends and all of their 21 grandchildren plus some of the neighborhood children as well.

Howard leaves behind his loving wife, Laraine Debold Bock, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, daughters Laura Wollman Ingram, Kymberli Tamara Wollman, stepson, Chris Bock, stepdaughter, Megan Bock Commander and son-in-law, Christian Commander;

son/grandson Howard Logan Wollman, and grandchildren Kenneth Ray Ingram, Lindsay Amanda Ingram, Matthew Turner Ingram, and Sydney Grace Commander; a sister, Leslie Ames of Vernon, Connecticut; brothers Gary and Stanley Wollman, their wives of Texas and Massachusetts, respectively; numerous Wollman nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held in Virginia Beach on Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm at the Holloman Brown Funeral Home, 3445 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

In lieu of flowers, Howard's special request was "to stock the lake with bass" for future fisherpeople and future Granddaddy Camps. But the family has found this request to be unfillable through any state agency or organization. Other organizations that Howard was fond of and supported was St. Jude Children's Hospital and The Salvation Army.

Comments



“ My work experience with Howard started in 1975. The work relationship quickly developed into a lifelong friendship. He worked hard as described by others but he played just as hard. I have so many good memories of our friendship and the good times that we shared. My condolences to all the family and the friends that he has behind. As evidenced by all the other comments he touched the heart of a lot of people and will be truly missed. Most assuredly he will be missed by me and my family. God bless Howard Wollman!

James Evans & family - March 07, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Walter Wollman Jr..



March 06, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ My parents bought a house in the Keats Branch community maybe 16 or so years ago. Howard was always an amazing neighbor helping with whatever needed to be done especially if that meant he got to get out the big toys(: After my dad passed away he helped my mom with her golf cart, her boat, just about anything mechanical. It was always nice to know that Howard was right across the street. He was a part of the lake and he will be missed. My prayers to the family.
Sincerely,
Matt and Terri Nozzarella and Family

Terri Nozzarella - March 04, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ My husband and I were just talking about Howard and were curious about what he'd gotten up to with his life after NADEP & NLMS. I worked on the project Howard so deary loved and was grateful for the opportunity it gave me with my professional.

Rest in peace, Howard

Hazeal Zamperini - March 02, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ I work on several projects with Howard and was always impressed by his inventiveness. The world has lost a true innovator. Bless you Howard.

Robert "Butch" Zarn

Robert Zarn - March 01, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Your friends at the Ozlin-Lodge at the Lake. purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Howard Walter Wollman Jr..



Your friends at the Ozlin-Lodge at the Lake. - March 01, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Laraine and family, so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He will certainly be missed at the lake. Dee says that he never sees Oreos that he doesn't think of Howard. Sending hugs and love from all the Keeters. Love, Kathy, Steve, Dee and Ryan

Kathy Keeter - March 01, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Walter Wollman Jr..



February 29, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ I worked with Howard on several special projects at the NADEP and NAVAIR. He was one of the most innovative thinkers and doers I came across in my career. I was put in charge of several projects that should have been managed by Howard, but he was so dedicated to his NLMS system and improving the propulsion engineering aspect of aviation management that he stuck with his baby to see it implemented throughout NAVIAR. He was a good friend and I'll miss him. God Bless...
Bruce Lowery

Bruce Lowery - February 29, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Howard was more than a friend, more like a brother. He was always there when I needed a helping hand, a strong back or “how to fix it” guidance. My family and I greatly enjoyed the visits to Kerr Dam and the grandkids learned much more than they realized, especially at Grand-daddy Camp. He worked and played hard, and was never reluctant to tackle new challenges. The camping, the fall trips we made to mountains, the boat rides at the lake, and on the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean provided memories that will never be forgotten. Howard was a stand-up man, who was honest to a fault, and always a man one could like and respect.

John Risinger - February 29, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ I moved to the Keats Branch Drive Community about 8 years ago and had the honor of getting to know Howard. He definitely was a character in his own way. There were many evenings when Sheri and I would watch the sunset at sunset beach and Howard would be there often as well. We always enjoyed conversing with him! And, Lawd, don't get him started on politics!! He did much for the community and his neighbors and friends and he will be greatly missed.
Until we meet again!
Laraine, you and Howard's entire family are in my and Sheri's prayers. Ken and Sheri Sims

Ken Sims - February 29, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bruce Jones - February 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard Walter Wollman Jr..



February 28, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Howard was the best "Grandfather" in the world. He loved Buggs Island Lake more than life itself and his mechanical genius saved Bruce and me with our Pontoon Boat and the Golf Cart many many times. Palmer's Point will never be the same again. Howard was greeted at Heaven's door by Bill and Shirley Jones and all the others he loved who entered the pearly gates before him. Howard was a true character in this world and will be missed by all who loved him and knew him.

God Bless the Wolman family and Howard's extended lake family.

With love and sympathy,
Bruce and Sue Jones
Richmond, Va

Sue Jones - February 28, 2020 at 01:31 PM