



Howard W. Ashbrook

September 30, 1942 - February 28, 2011

Howard W. Ashbrook, age 68, of Bloomingdale, passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2011. Howard was born Sept. 30, 1942 in Lawrence, MI, the son of Charles and Edna (Pike) Ashbrook and had lived in the Bloomingdale area his entire life. He was an active member of Townline United Methodist Church, loved antique tractors, his flower and vegetable gardens, family outings, and was a loyal member of his senior exercise class. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Surviving is his wife, Shelby (Beach) of 42 years, whom he married in Townline UMC; one daughter, Laura Lee (Shannon) Foster of Allegan; a grandson Joseph Foster; 3 nieces, Debbie (Mike) Bales, Lynn (Rick) Ashbrook, and Anita Ashbrook; several cousins; and his many Amish friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert C.; and a nephew, Philip Ashbrook. Following his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Monday 11 AM at the Townline UMC, Pastor David Haase officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to Townline UMC. Arrangements by BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Townline United Methodist Church
41470 24th Ave.
Bloomington, MI

Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much Unkie.



Lynn Ashbrook - March 09, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ I just want to say how sorry I am to hear about your loss. I worked with Howard for many years at Pullman Industries in Bloomington. We had many good times there and when we bought our house in B'Dale he actually came by to bring me a bird feeder that he bought at a sale at my house before we purchased it and he brought it back so I would know what went to the pole standing in my front yard. We hung the feeder back up and it is still there to this day! Howard was a very genuine man and will be sadly missed by many!###imported-begin##Robin Hays###imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 01:24 PM



“ He was just like his tractors -- they don't make 'em like they used to anymore. What a loss for humanity.###imported-begin##Aaron Shields###imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ *To Howard's Family:
Thank you so much for sharing Howard with us. He meant so much to so many people. He was a kind and generous soul, and we will deeply miss him.
God bless you and keep you in his Grace.##imported-begin##Patty Wise##imported-end##*

March 06, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ *Howard was absolutely one of the kindest, most honest men I've had the honor of knowing. I especially looked forward to Spring and Fall, knowing that Howard and I would get together and spend our time talking bluebirds. Now a new birding season is starting, and I am already mourning the loss of my good friend; birding will never be the same.

I will never forget Howard.##imported-begin##Michael Wise##imported-end##*

March 06, 2011 at 03:02 PM



“ *Shelby - I'm sorry we won't be able to be at the funeral. As you know, our drive is 10-12 hours from Bloomingdale. We wish we could be there with you. Howard was such a wonderful man. Please take good care of yourself, and everything else will fall into place for you during the rest of your life. This change of life for you will be difficult, but you are a strong person and will be able to overcome and create a life of your own, until you can see Howard again. Love Art & Pat##imported-begin##Arthur and Patricia Moelaart (Tassell)##imported-end##*

March 03, 2011 at 12:45 PM



“ Coming from such a small family, my sisters and I had only one Uncle. How lucky we were to have the best Unkie that God ever made. Thank you for everything you did for us girls. I love you so much!##imported-begin##Lynn Ashbrook##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 09:49 AM



“ Shelby and Laura: I am so very sorry to hear about Howards passing. My gosh I was trying to think back to when I met Him and I am thinking it was about 35 years ago. I remember coming out for visits when our kids were very young. Howard had just stopped and talked when I was at the mailbox and he was passing by. He will be greatly missed. You're both in my prayers.##imported-begin##deana arrasmith hostetler##imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 06:42 PM



“ I worked with Howard @Pullman Ind. in South Haven. I am so glad I had the chance to get to know him. He always put a smile on my face. We were also email buddies and I will miss his sense of humor in his emails. My prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Cindy Fairbanks##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Howard will be greatly missed by many people.##imported-begin##Jen (Towne), Tom, Evan, Jacob, Brandi and Brad Diller##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 10:43 PM



“ I just want to tell you how sorry i am about Howard. I worked with him at Pullman in South Haven. He was a great guy. I was one of his e-mail buddy's also. Sure will miss hearing from him.
Bo Foster###imported-begin##Bo Foster###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 04:14 PM



“ Dear Family:
Howard was a living example of what a Christian should be. He was a loyal and loving person who served God with all his heart. He loved people and had a giving heart. I will miss him and keep him in my heart forever.
Blessings - Pastor Dave###imported-begin##Pastor Dave Haase###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 10:22 AM



“ Shelby & Laura,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Howard was a wonderful person, and he will truly be missed. I will always remember the 'greet your neighbors' at Church and of course, Howard and I always gave each other a hug.
He was the Church's 'Handyman'!
He also always sent the best emails.
If you need anything, we're here for you.###imported-begin##Deb Fleetwood###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ Bro, You ae the brother I didn't have and I'll miss all the funny birthday cards we exchanged all our lives.. and the ride on the handle bars of your bike to school. And to many other stories to tell. Sis###imported-begin##Sis###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 09:18 AM



“ The world just lost one of the best men ever. My Uncle Howard will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Deb Bales##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 06:54 PM



“ Howard was an extremely nice man. He will indeed be missed. Our thoughts are with his family in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Richard McBride and Pat Huberty##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 04:33 PM



“ I want to share my sincerest condolences with Howard's family. I sympathize with the pain you are feeling in this difficult time. The world can be a very difficult place at times. We can always have hope though, our Creator makes us a beautiful promise at Revelation 21:3,4. We know that His promises will not fail, so we can look forward to a future with hope. I hope that this can bring you comfort in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Robert Mile##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 04:23 PM