



## John N. Howard

November 22, 1930 - May 21, 2019

John N. Howard, age 88, of Kalamazoo formerly of Bloomingdale, passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at Rose Arbor Hospice, Kalamazoo. John was born Nov. 22, 1930 in Kalamazoo the son of Ira and Anna Howard and has lived in the Kalamazoo area since 2008. John loved woodworking, was Treasurer for the Village of Bloomingdale for many years, and served with Victim Advocacy in Paw Paw. He raised 10 children and was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Surviving are his wife, Delores, whom he married Oct. 17, 1997; 11 children, John, Dale, Gary, Duane, Vickie, Candy, Nelson, Sandy, Richard, Caroline, Diane; a truckload of grandchildren; brother, Royce Howard, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Julian Howard, and sisters, Rosemary Gleason and Barbara Boyle. A private graveside service will be held at Tucker Cemetery, Bloomingdale Township. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ John was one of the nicest people you would ever meet. shared coffee and stories many many times...I will miss him. Bud Sanderlin, Kalamazoo.

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**Bud Sanderlin** - June 03, 2019 at 05:04 PM

JE

“ My grandpa was a wonderful man. He always made me feel loved whenever I saw him. I remember going to Michigan excited to see him and now I can't see him anymore. I love you grandpa Howard and I miss you so much

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**Jenny** - May 25, 2019 at 12:52 PM

MA

“ John, I never got to meet you, but, Dee told me what a wonderful man you were and how much you loved one another. She told me how you loved the NASCAR races and always watched them. Also, what wonderful things you made with wood. For you to of been her husband, I know you had to be a great guy. R.I.P. John.

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**Marion Adams** - May 23, 2019 at 12:43 AM

DG

“ So Sorry For Your Loss of John Your Loving Husband Dee Our Neighbors and Friend He Will Never Be Forgotten You Will Be Missed Thoughts and Prayers RIP John

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**Dave and Kathy Guess** - May 22, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John N. Howard.*



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May 22, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John N. Howard.*



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May 22, 2019 at 07:14 AM



“ *Candy & Jason purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John N. Howard.*



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**Candy & Jason** - May 21, 2019 at 09:20 PM

DH

“ I can not pick a specific memory of grandpa but I can think of several ways how my life was shaped through him; without him even recognizing it... His love and craft with wood working carried through to Sandra, when I was young she would drag me to auctions and land of Amish wood working and there I heard of dovetailing, and tales of how grandpa could craft incredible doors and detail work. I will always look at a well crafted piece of furniture, or anything made of wood and think of that love he passed down, and the kit car he built, things crafted with time and love far outweigh mass production... thank you for that

Diana Holton - May 21, 2019 at 07:19 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss. I am glad he no longer has to suffer. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Barb Marquis - May 21, 2019 at 06:35 PM

GS

“ Ginger Schuster sent a virtual gift in memory of John N. Howard



Ginger Schuster - May 21, 2019 at 04:36 PM

GS

Here's the roses that went with the balloon

Ginger Schuster - May 21, 2019 at 04:36 PM

GS

“ I'm sending this because when u were recovering from hip surgery Nelson a told me to pick a balloon out to go with the rose we got u and it had a teddy bear with a heart on it I hope u like it dad we love you



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**Ginger Schuster** - May 21, 2019 at 04:34 PM

GS

“ Ginger Schuster sent a virtual gift in memory of John N. Howard



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**Ginger Schuster** - May 21, 2019 at 04:33 PM

GS

“ Ginger Schuster lit a candle in memory of John N. Howard



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**Ginger Schuster** - May 21, 2019 at 04:30 PM

GS

“ I remember the first time Nelson brought me over to meet u we had a great time a s lots of laughs I will miss u Fly High John you will no longer stuffer  
Love Ginger

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**Ginger Schuster** - May 21, 2019 at 04:28 PM

GA

“ When I was a boy of about 8 dad told me he could drive a nail through a 2 by 4 with his bare hands. Of course being a boy I bragged about being able to donut in front of friends at school. And boys calling bluffs came over and said something to dad while I tried to divert topic. He calmly went over got a nail Ana a 2 by 4 and folded up a matchbook cover and put blunt end of nail in his palm with matchbook protecting palm gripped the 2 by 4 and pushed the nail the entire way through the board and calmly walked away. If the term gentle giant was ever meant for anyone it was meant for my dad.

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**gary** - May 21, 2019 at 04:17 PM

SB

“ Uncle Bud you were the greatest. Loved spending the summers with you going camping, especially the trip to Canada. Thank you for thinking enough of our family to invite us. My sister I will always carry fond memories in our hearts of those days we all spent together as family and the fun. Thank you for sharing. Love and Miss you, Doe Doe (Sharon)



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**Sharon Byington** - May 21, 2019 at 03:46 PM

CA

“Dad your an amazing man. You were an awesome father. I will miss you dad. You took all of us in with open arms. There are so many awesome memories of camping and traveling with you. We will never forget you.

You were an absolutely amazing mentor to my husband Steve. He is greatly appreciative of everything you supported and taught him. We want you to know we love you and we will always miss you.

Love N Hugs , Caroline and Steve



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Caroline - May 21, 2019 at 02:54 PM

CA

“Dad, I will always love you. Thank you for being an amazing father. You always had a big heart. Thank you for always being there. I will always miss you but, never forget you. I love you. Thank you and God Bless you.



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Candy - May 21, 2019 at 02:41 PM

SH

“I will always be grateful for the wonderful summers with the family and our camping trips. Thank you for sharing yourself with my sister and myself. You will be remembered always. Little San.



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Sandra Hain - May 21, 2019 at 02:29 PM