



George Franklin Howe

January 12, 1925 - May 7, 2009

George F. Howe, 84, of Eaton Rapids, MI died Thursday, May 7, 2009. Mr. Howe was born January 12, 1925 in Eaton County, MI the son of Arthur and Hazel (Day) Howe. Mr. Howe was with the U. S. Postal Service in Charlotte and East Lansing, retiring with 20 years of service in 1985. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church, a life member and twice Past Commander of the VFW Post 2406 in Charlotte, Past Eighth District Commander, Past Commander of the Eaton Barry Council as well as V.F.W. Chaplain, Past President of the Charlotte Orioles Booster Club, and Past President of Dad's Post 286. George was the first "Santa Claus" on Santa Claus Day at the V.F.W. National Home in Eaton Rapids, and was the Lansing Area Federal Employee of the Year in 1973. He served in the United States Navy for 3 years during WWII in Iran and the Pacific Theatre. He was awarded a medal from Russia for his service in Iran. He touched many lives through his work with Eaton County Soldiers, Sailors and Relief Commission where he was a Board member. He is survived by his wife, MaryJane (Wolf) Howe whom he married September 16, 1989; daughter, Marsha (Ted) Whipple of Charlotte; son Tom (Sandy) Howe of Dunedin, FL; daughter, Lori (Rick) Olson of Olivet; step-sons, Jack (Susan) Backofen of Eaton Rapids and Marty (Sue) Backofen of Eaton Rapids; step-daughters, Jodi Backofen of Eaton Rapids and Sally Backofen of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, Randy (Kim) Howe, Amanda Olson, Lindsey Olson, Andy Backofen, Jessica Backofen, Jason Backofen and Alicia (Dale) Hills and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister,

Mary Alice Dunn. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, MI with Pastor Sarah Friesen-Carper officiating. Interment will be in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will be Friday, May 8, 2009 from 2:00 ♦" 4:00 and 6:00 ♦" 8:00 p.m. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, MI.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of George Franklin Howe



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ We are sorry to hear about your loss. It was a pleasure getting to know George. He had good sense of humor and always made us laugh.

Hayes Green Beach Infusion Center - May 13, 2009 at 10:10 AM

PS

“ Lori, We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Patti & Jim Stapleton - May 12, 2009 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ Lori, Rick and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Take comfort in knowing that others share your grief. He will be remembered as a man who loved people and loved to share a laugh or two with others.

Laura Cooper - May 10, 2009 at 11:28 AM

JV

“ With heartfelt sympathy on your loss.....from JoAnna Harrington and Verland Ward.

JoAnna and Verland - May 09, 2009 at 01:03 PM

WC

“ Dear Mary Jane, Lori, Marsha and families, I'm sorry to hear about George. May he rest in peace. Wilma Campbell

Wilma A Campbell - May 09, 2009 at 02:31 AM

DB

“ MaryJayne, We were saddened to hear of George's passing in today's newspaper. Such a wonderful man and he will be missed greatly. Donna and I are not able to attend the visitation or the funeral as she had surgery today and is spending the night in the hospital. Again, pleas accept our condolences. Donna and Rodger Bastien 275 Cambridge Dr. Dimondale, Mi. 48821

Donna and Rodger Bastien - May 09, 2009 at 02:01 AM

TT

“ Kim and I bring are deepest sympathies to you, Jane, and to George's extended family. As you know, George was one of my all time favorite people. He loved life with his unique sense of humor. I will never know if he was ever offended by me referring to him as "the old goat," as there was never any indication in his smile and warm personality. George had so many meaningful contributions to us in this world. I am so thankful for knowing him. May he now rest in peace with our God and be free of all those physical ailments. And Jane, we pray for you as you grieve. And I know you will be surrounded by your family and many friends. I will give you a call in a couple of weeks. Terry Torkko

Terry Torkko - May 08, 2009 at 09:22 AM

LH

“ LORI AND MARSHA SORRY TO HERE ABOUT YOUR FATHER
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND ALL THE
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. LOWELL

LOWELL HOGLE - May 08, 2009 at 09:03 AM

JR

“ Hello Jane, Sorry to hear about Georges passing, he put up one
helluva fight. Our prayers are with you. John and Mary Jane -----
- from Poland

John Ramsay - May 08, 2009 at 07:38 AM