



## Howard Hubert Reist

February 3, 1944 - February 2, 2014

Howard Hubert Reist, 69, of Charlotte, passed away on February 2, 2014. He was born on February 3, 1944 to Morris and Helen (Pitcher) Reist in Lansing, MI. He was a 1962 graduate of Everett High School, and attended Lansing Community College and Michigan State University earning a degree in Criminal Justice. Howard served two tours with the U.S. Army in Vietnam 1966-1967. After returning from Vietnam he met Christine Rowley at a muzzle loading gun-shoot. A short time later they were married on July 24, 1971. Howard worked for the Eaton County Sheriff's Department for 26 years retiring as a Command Officer in 1997. Howard was an avid gun collector who had built an impressive collection of early rifles and related articles. He was a member of the Three Fires Muzzle Loading Gun Club, and the Kentucky Rifle Association. Howard is survived by his wife, Christine, son - Arthur S.( Jeanne) Reist; four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Lucas, Alaura, and Taylor; brother-in-laws Sherman ( Shirley) Rowley, and Tim (Lucy) Rowley and numerous nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 5, 2014 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, Michigan. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014, 11:00 am at the First Congregational Church of Charlotte, Charlotte, Michigan, with, Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Burial will take place in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte MI. Memorials are suggested to the First Congregational Church U.C.C. of Charlotte, and the Disabled American Veterans. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family

and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Howard's Book of Memories at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Hubert Reist*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 02, 2015 at 12:42 PM

RD

“ *It's hard to believe it's almost been a year since Howard left us. I was privileged to represent him at an historical cemetery walk that brought back many great memories. May he Rest In Peace.*

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**Rich Deer** - January 26, 2015 at 10:34 AM

WB

“ *Chris and family: So sorry for your loss. We will all miss Howard at the Skymaster Reunions. So glad that we were together this year and that each of the veteran's received a Quilt of Valor for their service in Viet Nam. Thinking of you all.*

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**Wayne & Bonnie Browning** - February 20, 2014 at 09:29 PM

DS

“ *In behalf of the Skymasters Alumni Association, we give our condolences to Chris, Art and the family. Howard spent a year with us in Vietnam, and has attended many of our reunions over the past 12 years. He will be sorely missed as he was such a kind and knowledgeable person to all of us. God Bless!*

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**Don Yaxley, Skymasters** - February 20, 2014 at 08:10 AM

LP

“ Howard was so sweet and gentle with everyone he met. As Grandfather to my three children and father to me for ten years, he was amazing. We will all miss 'Grandpa Howie' very much and will reminisce fondly. Howard earned and kept my respect through thick and thin. Elizabeth, Lucas and Alaura have been blessed to have him as Grandpa. The children will proudly carry on Howard's love of the outdoors through shooting sports, fishing and camping. My deepest condolences to Chris and Arthur.

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**Lachelle Plue** - February 10, 2014 at 08:54 AM

RM

“ charis and art just want to say i'm so sorry to head about your dad I know how it is art I lose my dad 29 yrs in dec and just lost my mom 2 months ago

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**Robin Moon** - February 08, 2014 at 04:22 PM

RW

“ Howard was a kind and gentle man. He will be missed and remembered for as long as there are old Eaton County Deputies. Howard was my supervisor when we worked in Eaton Rapids for many years and created many fond memories. Chris and Howard loaned Linda and I their popup camper for our first experience RVing and we are still enjoying it today at a club rally in south Georgia four RVs later. Thank you Howard and Chris. As fellow Vietnam veterans we shared a lot of common feelings and stories. I will think often of Howard in the years to come. God bless him.

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**Rick Wahl** - February 07, 2014 at 09:54 AM

MB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Mel and Lisa Burke** - February 06, 2014 at 01:00 PM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff Gonyer** - February 06, 2014 at 11:59 AM

JN

“ Kris, so sorry to read about Howard's passing, my thoughts are with you and your family.

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**JoeAnn Nehmer** - February 06, 2014 at 08:38 AM

BP

“ So very sorry to hear of Howard's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill&Bonnie Partridge** - February 06, 2014 at 07:41 AM

MN

“ Howard was such an amazing and caring person Howard impacted so many lives including mine. Howard was a long time close family friend, Howard showed me how to hunt and helped me obtain my hunter safety certificate. Howard will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with the family god bless. Matt and Kristin Norris

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**Matt Norris** - February 05, 2014 at 03:15 PM

BK

“ Howard was my friend and I will miss him. We worked together many years. He was such a gentle man, kind to everyone he met. I know as a fellow vet he was proud to serve his country and fellow man. The world is less bright because of his passing.

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**Bill Kelly** - February 05, 2014 at 10:19 AM

TT

“ So sorry to read of Howard's passing. We are in Florida for the winter so can not be there but know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. We always looked forward to his stops when on patrol. Had some good times when kids were all younger.

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**Tom & Linda Towsley** - February 04, 2014 at 09:37 PM

RD

“ I'm very saddened to learn of Howard's passing. We worked together at the Eaton County Sheriff Department for many years. More recently he was a regular at our monthly gathering of retirees. His strong, steady presence both at work and after retirement speaks so highly of him - a true gentleman. As a fellow Vietnam veteran, I also salute his service and the sacrifices he made in serving his country. May he rest in peace.

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**Rich Deer** - February 04, 2014 at 07:45 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jason, Melissa and Grace Baity** - February 04, 2014 at 05:43 PM

PL

“ My heart is heavy to hear of Howard's passing. He taught me to load/shoot my father's flintlock in the early '80's and shared many stories of him with me - my dad passed while Howard was in Viet Nam. He help me through a very difficult time in my life with humor and thoughtfulness. Bless you Howard, and condolences to your family.

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**Pat Long-Gilbert** - February 04, 2014 at 02:07 PM