



## Edward J. "Ed" Howard

July 30, 1959 - February 14, 2015

Edward J. "Ed" Howard, age 55, of Wooster, entered into rest, Saturday, February 14, 2015 in Mansfield following injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Ed was born on July 30, 1959 in Elwood City, PA. to Clark E. and Nora Bell (Kelly) Howard.

He married Tammie L. Hebenthal on November 26, 1983 in New Springfield, Ohio. She survives.

He graduated in 1987 with a Bachelors Degree from Youngstown State University and then started teaching at the Mohican Youth Center in Loudonville.

In 1998, he then started working as a Registered Sanitarian (Health Inspector) for the Ashland County/City Health Dept. up to the present.

He was a Christian man with a strong faith; enjoyed sports and especially was a Buckeye Football and loyal Cleveland Browns fan; was a past member of the Ashland Noon Lions Club; loved supporting the local schools in many capacities which also included the marching band.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his mother of Duncannon, PA.; daughters, Emily R. Howard and Bethany M. Howard, both of Cleveland Hts., Ohio and Melody B. Howard of Wooster; 2 brothers, Michael (Jill) Howard and Ron Howard and a sister, Cindy (Mark) Bainbridge all of Duncannon, PA.

His father entered into rest previously.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at

The Jack & Deb Miller Chapel of Ashland University, 527 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805.

Visitation will be 2 hours (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) prior to services at the chapel.

A luncheon reception will follow the services in Ashland.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home in Wooster is honored with serving the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: People To People Ministries, 454 E. Bowman St., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: [www.custerglenn.com](http://www.custerglenn.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Jack & Deb Miller Chapel of Ashland University  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

NH

“ I have just now been able to read all the wonderful things you have said about my son. I will never get over this but I know where he is and that we aren't suppose to question God. So I will go on with a thankful heart that he was my son and that he touched so many lives in a positive way. God Bless You All. Nora Howard

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**Nora Bell Howard** - April 10, 2015 at 12:48 PM

MS

“ Ed and his family moved into my neighborhood just before he and I entered third grade at New Springfield Elementary (Mrs. Riddles class.) Our "gang" included he and I, his brothers Mike and Ron, My sister Laurie and the Dey twins Jeanie and Janie. My brother Paul and Ed's sister Cindy were barely out of diapers, so they were a bit young for our adventures, which included:

-our own version of Sandlot baseball and sometimes football in the Howard's front yard, usually boys against girls and if you knew the Dey twins, this was more than fair.

-swimming, fishing or ice skating on Dey's pond, playing imaginary baseball and sliding on the ice into makeshift bases. Never kept score. Sliding was the fun.

-sled riding down their big hill

-(boys only) taking turns sitting inside the inverted box from their new TV in the sandbox while the other three dumped sand in the slit in the top. The idea was to see who could stay inside the longest before bailing out nearly suffocated to death from sand dust. We never did keep time. I'm still coughing up grits of sand.

-digging caves in the huge piles of snow that Ed's father created plowing out their long driveway. Probably a greater health risk than the above activity as we didn't use any supporting structures.

-playing Release in the Summer. This was a version of Kick-the-Can but there was no can and it was always played after sundown.

-Ed and I playing ping pong in our basement

-and....."The War". The Girls "sleeping out" in the tent in my back yard while the boys bunked in the tent up the hill by Howard's chicken coup. Long story short, their were rotten apples, eggs and alarms made with stones in cans tied to strings involved.

*Only a few episodes from some fantastic years.*

*Great memories Ed. Thanks. Sorry we didn't make more when we were adults.*

*Mark Swansiger*

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**Mark Swansiger** - March 06, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward J. "Ed" Howard.*



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March 06, 2015 at 10:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. The Bradley family would like to tell you we are sorry and prayers be with you.*

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**Kathy Sargent** - March 03, 2015 at 12:45 PM

LH

“ We knew Ed from bring our health inspector at the Dairy Queen. We looked forward to seeing him every 6 months and he was always so nice to talk to and so kind and willing to share any helpful tips. No one will be able to replace Ed and we will miss him.

*Ashland Dairy Queen*

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**LORI HAINES** - February 27, 2015 at 05:10 PM

RW

“ Ed, I will always remember you fondly. I was part of a group, along with Ed, of 7 people that did almost everything together from Jr. High through High School. He was such a sweet guy and I enjoyed his company. I was heart-broken when a mutual friend broke the news to me. Sadly, life is not always fair. I know at least 6 old friends of Ed's that will always flash a little smile every time we think of him. May God watch over his family as I'm sure Ed will continue to do from above.

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
your old school friend,  
Renee Wire*

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**Renee Wire** - February 24, 2015 at 03:49 PM

CM

“ To the Family of Ed Howard--Colonial Manor/Jac-Lin Manor of Loudonville would like to extend our deepest and sincere sympathy to you at this time of loss. Ed was very caring and very pleasant to work with during our inspections of the facilities. he truly was a "people person" and it was definitely displayed in all that he did. May your family find comfort and peace in knowing that he has impacted many lives and will be greatly missed by all.

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**Colonial Manor** - February 24, 2015 at 02:42 PM

BM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Only God can provide the peace and comfort to get you through this trial. I remember the morning that Ed was baptized, he was so excited, he almost burst out of the baptistry. Ed was a wonderful, Godly man that has left that as a legacy for many. love to all, Becky & Mike Minamyner

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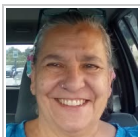
**Becky J Minamyner** - February 23, 2015 at 09:44 PM

GS

“ I worked with Ed many years ago at the Medina County Health Department. It was always such a joy to talk to him as we shared our love of Jesus. He was so proud of you and your daughters, Tammy, and spoke of you all with such love. I pray that you all have the peace that only God can give in this time of sorrow. Love and prayers, Gladys Stout.

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**Gladys Stout** - February 23, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ My thoughts and love are with all of you.

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**Billie Kariher-Dyer** - February 22, 2015 at 10:35 PM

TM

“ In my youth, God could not have provided me with a better friend than Ed.

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**Todd Mills** - February 22, 2015 at 06:01 PM

NG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I just spoke with him a few weeks ago about options for renewal of our health permit. My husband and I own a business which Ed inspected twice a year for many years. Ed was so kind, helpful, and reasonable in carrying out his duties, and usually had time for a nice chat about almost anything before he left.

*With sympathy to all his loved ones,  
Nancy Gwin, Round Lake Golf Course*

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**Nancy Gwin** - February 22, 2015 at 04:33 PM

 Marie Kuzma

“ So very sorry for your loss. Ed was loved by so many Frank and I always enjoyed being around him with his wonderful smile and his kind ways. May your memories and God's love get you through this difficult time. Frank and Marie Kuzma



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**Marie Kuzma** - February 21, 2015 at 08:50 PM

MB

“ Ed leaves a wonderful legacy. He was a conscientious worker and a caring man. I saw him recently in Loudonville and am so glad to have had such a nice visit with him. This is a great loss not only to you, the family, but to all of us.

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**Marilyn Byers** - February 21, 2015 at 08:45 PM

DG

Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Ed was part of my church family growing up and in my youth adventure. I remember when we went to Denver Colorado for a youth Convention and Ed using the women's restroom...in error. My heart hurts for you and your family. 🙏

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**Diane Kozicky Graft** - February 23, 2015 at 05:41 PM

SE

*Ed was a prince of a guy. He helped everyone that he encountered. I met with him about a week before the accident and the last thing that he said to me was to feel free to call him anytime if I needed help or had questions. He meant it. He helped me numerous times over the last 4 - 5 years. I will miss him a great deal.*

*Steve Englet - Ashland County Fair*

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**Steve Englet** - February 23, 2015 at 08:21 PM

DO

“ Roger and I are so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man that I know will be greatly missed and is looking down on all of us from heaven with his daddy. Love the OConnells 🙏❤️

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**deborah oconnell** - February 21, 2015 at 07:58 PM

GA

“ I am so sorry for your loss Howard family. Please know Jack and I are keeping you in prayer. God Bless Gail and Jack Patrick

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**Gail** - February 21, 2015 at 07:24 PM

SK

“ Ed was such a kind hearted soul and quite the jokester. I used to help with the youth group at the New Springfield Church of God and he and his partner in joking, Todd Mills kept me on my toes. I have such fond memories of him and that great big smile. Our deepest sympathy to Tammy and daughters and to Nora and her family. We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. Our love to all of you.

*Sherie Klim and family*

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**sherie Klim** - February 21, 2015 at 06:24 PM

DM

“ Ed and I attended school together from elementary to high school. Although I haven't seen him since, I have fond memories of him. Sending hopes that you find comfort in your memories of him. My deepest sympathy. Donna

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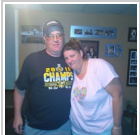
**Donna E Mohney** - February 21, 2015 at 06:22 PM



“ Our lives were so blessed because of Ed. He was the father figure that that my children could always count on. Taking time to attend their games and school functions. He helped them with their homework when I couldn't figure it out. He helped a little boy build a scout derby car, because him mom and big sister had no idea of what they were doing. (And of course the teacher in him taught some science at the same time.) So many memories. Whatever we needed, he was always there, ready to help. Thank you to my sister and his precious daughters. You shared Ed with us all these years, and I will always be thankful.  
Ann

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**Cathie Ann Oquendo** - February 21, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ Uncle ed will be sadly missed and loved. Family gatherings will never be the same. He always had a kind word a big warm smile, a hug to give or a funny story to tell. My heart and prayers go out to aunt Tammie and the girls.

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**Jessica Ealy** - February 21, 2015 at 02:07 PM

GA

“ Ed was a very special man. As a food inspector in our kitchen, he always explained why things had to be done a certain way. He was a very fair and very professional inspector. We will miss him greatly. Your family is in our thoughts an prayers!



Gale Andress

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Gale Andress - February 21, 2015 at 01:09 PM

DJ

“ Emily, Bethany and Melody, I am so saddened to learn of the tragic death of your father. I enjoyed the conversations that he and I had at every parent teacher conference. He never missed coming to one and I am blessed that he took the time to come to talk with me. He always came into my classroom with a smile and was so very proud of the three of you and your wonderful accomplishments both in and out of the academic environment. Although soft spoken, he had so much insight into life and deeply cared about the people around him. Please know that you and your family are and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you always. Donna Johnson

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Donna Johnson - February 21, 2015 at 12:28 PM

RH

“ *What a blessing it was when the Howard family walked into the Church of God on Market Street, Wooster, OH. It was an answer to prayer as our church was small and we needed workers and music people. God sent your family to us and what a blessing it was. Your leadership and talent was greatly appreciated by all. Remember when Emily asked to read the scripture for worship? We had to stand her on a chair to see over the pulpit. She started and got mixed up. She stopped and started over. She must have been 5 or 6 years old at that time. We remember the girls and Ed singing for our services. Ray and I remember taking you and Ed out for supper one evening. Ed thought he should pay, but we insisted to do so. So next time in the car we found a \$20.00 bill on the back seat. Just a few great memories. We are so sorry for your loss and ours for a great friend and family man. We are sorry we didn't keep closer contact when we moved. We just want to say thank you for your love and the support you always gave us. We love you and the girls very much. God Bless - Former Pastor Ray and Jeannie Headings.*

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**Ray and Jeannie Headings** - February 21, 2015 at 11:29 AM

JO

“ *Ed was just the sweetest man. He made health inspections fun. He always had something to talk about. He was a good person inside and out. I'm sure he will be missed by us all. My heart goes out to his wife n daughters. You will be in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss..*

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**JoAnn oney** - February 21, 2015 at 10:31 AM

BL

“ Ed was so much fun to work with at Mohican. He was always funny and caring about the youth and teachers. I loved running into him when he was involved with the Health Department. He always greeted me with a smile and a warm hello. He will be sadly missed. My husband knew Ed also and has very fond memories of his interactions with Ed.  
Betsy Lavinder

Betsy & Randy Lavinder - February 21, 2015 at 06:00 AM

AB

“ Ed was a great asset to the Northwestern Music Boosters. He will be so missed by many. My prayers are with Tammy and the girls. Deep sadness and loss to all.

Amanda Benton - February 20, 2015 at 03:27 PM

SH

“ I have known Ed for a few years. Every year he would come inspect our food trailer. He was so nice and always made time to answer any questions we had. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Stella Hatten - February 20, 2015 at 02:00 PM



much sympathy to EDs family and for his wonderful mom, miss you Nora.

Dolores Clay - February 21, 2015 at 07:49 PM

BF

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your husband & father. May God give all of you the peace & comfort that only he can at this difficult time. I know Ed & the family when they went to the First Church of God. He was a very nice & caring person.

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**Barbara Flickinger** - February 20, 2015 at 12:32 PM

BC

“ Ed was a great guy & I always enjoyed meeting up with him at conferences. A huge loss to the Food Service operators he inspected. They all really respected Ed. RIP my friend,... Way to soon.

*Beth Ann Conrad*

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**Beth Ann Conrad** - February 20, 2015 at 11:40 AM

KK

“ My sympathy to all of Ed's family and friends, loving thoughts and prayers. Ed and I went K-12 together, I am sad to say that I have not seen him since high school. I remember him as a good man with a smile. I will hold you all in my prayers. Kim Welsh Koch

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**Kim Welsh Koch** - February 20, 2015 at 07:42 AM

MH

“ Over the past few days I have come to realize just how much I loved Ed and how much I enjoyed being around him. He always made me laugh and made us feel good about ourselves. When he came to our family, he taught a family that doesn't show much emotion how to laugh at ourselves and caused us all to be closer. He was a man of great talent, he was smart and full of common sense and he would be the first to offer a hand if needed. He was the perfect spouse for Tam and just an awesome father. Although I am so incredibly sad I can't help but thank God that Ed was part of our lives. I can't wait for the day we see him again and I know he will welcome me to heaven and with that smile and firm handshake he will look at me with great excitement and say "you are not going to believe this place."

*Mike Hebenthal*

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**Mike Hebenthal** - February 19, 2015 at 06:16 PM

PR

“ Tears did pass our way. How soon the sound of sorrow's barbs cut the years to shreds. The hopes, the dreams, the plans warmed and now torn away. May your hearts be filled with fond shared memories as your family remembers the good times during this difficult time of loss and grief. *Phil Reeder*

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**Phil Reeder** - February 19, 2015 at 08:43 AM

AH

“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to Ed's family and friends. I just met him last year for the first time and he was such a nice man. My family and I are stunned, saddened and shocked at this tragedy. We will miss him so much. He was my brother's health inspector. We are just so sad to hear this news. He was just the kind of man that did his job so well and was honest and so down to earth. A rare breed. You were his friend from the first handshake. To say that we will miss you Ed just doesn't sum it up. May your family find peace in the loving arms of Our Lord. Rest in Peace. Annette Holstein

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**Annette Holstein** - February 19, 2015 at 04:23 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry that this tragedy happened to Ed. He has been my health inspector here for years & I always looked forward to seeing him! He always answered all of my questions and was a fair and honest man! His presence required respect, but after his job was done, he always had time for a small chat with me personally. I knew of his family & he knew of mine. I am so going to miss him. I am still in shock! He was just here Jan 22nd & I called in specifically to talk to him! He was good at his job & will be greatly missed here in ashland county! -Laurie Brewer

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**Laurie Brewer** - February 18, 2015 at 06:35 PM

DH

“ Tammie & girls, Our love and prayers are with you all. Ed was a wonderful, fun, charismatic man. We will always cherish our memories of the years sitting with you 2 at the football games while our girls were out on the field performing. We always had such a great time hanging out with you guys. Kristen said it best no one could sing the National Anthem with as much heart as Ed..

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**Donna & Alan Herbst** - February 18, 2015 at 06:22 PM

SH

“ We were so saddened to hear this. He's my cousin and was a great person. You will be greatly missed. RIP

Sharon Hawkins - February 18, 2015 at 05:47 PM

TS

*I was so shocked when I heard the news about Ed. He was such a wonderful husband, father and Godly man. We have such wonderful memories of worshipping together at Market St Church of God & West Highland Church of God. Emily and Bethany are in lots of our family pictures when they came over to spend the night with Lindsey. I get an ache in my heart every time I think of this tragedy. We don't always understand why God allows things to happen. We know God loves us. He is there for you as you grieve. May you find some comfort in knowing that all of us loved Ed and will never forget him. We send our love and sympathy. We are praying for you!*

Theresa Watts Saganes - March 07, 2015 at 10:05 AM