



Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.

January 1, 1922 - January 1, 2013

Mr. Roswell Roe Howard, Sr. "Roz", age 91, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Funeral Services will be conducted Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 2PM in Lakeside Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Oliver officiating. Interment will follow in Heritage Memorial Park.

The family will be at Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville Friday Evening from 6-8PM to receive friends.

Roz was born on a farm in middle Georgia in 1922. Growing up around machinery fascinated the boy, and he spent more time taking the family tractor apart and putting it back together than he did plowing.

In 1937, at age 15 he joined the CCC and learned even more to hone his skills as a mechanic. Drafted in the Army in 1942, he worked in the motor pool, so by the time he came back home, he was ready to build some cars. He told us recently he went to a track near Macon carved out of a cornfield when he got out of the Army. He was hooked.

After having his share of flips and crashes he was lucky enough to walk away unhurt. Before long he had the driving part figured out also. By the 1950's Roz was racing every track in Georgia, and later hooked up with Southern Racing Enterprises out of Atlanta and toured the South East. In 1957 the SRE joined with MARC (the Midwest Assoc. for Race Cars, later ARCA) and won the 1957 Regional Points Late-Model Championship. For the next 3 years, he

hooked up with famed racing hall of famer Paul McDuffie and teammate Joe Lee Johnson for some Grand National (Nextel Cup) races. It was there at Darlington in 1960 that a wreck on the track went wrong and three friends of Roz's were killed in the infield, including McDuffie. After that, Roz took the cars to Atlanta, and along with Paul's widow, they auctioned them off. Roz never looked back. As he told us one day, "I had a great career and won a championship and a bunch of races along the way." He raced from the cornfields of Macon to the asphalt at Darlington, and every outlaw track in between. He successfully retired to Milledgeville, GA.

He is was preceded in death by his loving wife Treeasian Flowers Howard, sons Todd and Randy Howard, and parents Elbert and Pearl Vaughn Howard. He is survived by his daughter Janane (Kerry) Pilcher of Macon; sons Roswell "Roz" (Liz) Howard, Jr. of Milledgeville and Craig (Cindy) Howard of Eatonton; best friends Dr. Louis (Louise) Jacobs, Russell (Elaine) Sweatland and Otis (Evelyn) Hester; grandchildren Bodie (Kim) Pilcher, Mandy (Kelly) Marsh, and Stephen (Sheila) Howard; 9 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Race Car Hall of Fame, GARHOF, Inc., P.O. Box 491 Kennesaw, GA 30156 or to Serenity Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Heritage Memorial Park

371 Log Cabin Road
Milledgeville, GA 31061
(478) 452-2148
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
(478) 452-2148
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Baptist Church
1023 Milledgeville Hwy.
U S Highway 441 North
Milledgeville, GA 31061
<http://www.lakesidebaptistchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Lois & Scott Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



Lois & Scott Tidwell - March 04, 2013 at 08:15 PM

LT

“ *Lois & Scott Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



Lois & Scott Tidwell - March 04, 2013 at 08:14 PM

GB

“ *Sorry to hear about your Father passing away.*

Geary L Brake - January 07, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. As a young boy in the 60's I would walk to the shop in Macon and watch and learn. He gave me some of the best business advice I ever heard and I remember it and practice it to this day. Rest in peace my friend.
Mike Cranford*

James Michael Cranford - January 04, 2013 at 04:33 PM

LB

“ Roz Jr., Liz, and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I adored Roz and Treasian and have many fond memories of them. I'll always remember her sitting at the kitchen table late at night studying and her smile when we walked through the door. I'll always picture Mr. Roz in the machine shop with the four boys. Sometimes they would laugh, and other times, out of frustration, a tool might fly across the shop. He was the hardest-working man I know. There was and is a lot of love in your family. I know you will treasure every memory. You were blessed to have such wonderful parents, and I have been blessed to know all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless.
Lauren Bonner and Family

Lauren Bonner - January 04, 2013 at 04:05 PM

EY

“ Eddie&LeeAnn Yaughn lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.



Eddie&LeeAnn Yaughn - January 04, 2013 at 01:28 PM

EY

we are so sorry for you alls loss we lost a great man me and my husband will never forget every thing he has done for us we will miss him and Tresane very much my husband is really going to miss him he was like a dad to him

Eddie&LeeAnn Yaughn - January 04, 2013 at 01:31 PM

RM

“ Roz Howard, true racing champion and on the square as a traveling man. My friend, rest well.

Bob Moore

Robert Emory Moore - January 04, 2013 at 10:14 AM

SA

“ Mr. Roz loved people! I have known Mr. Roz for 35 years and I am proud to call him my friend . Mr. Roz missed his wife and his sons that have gone on before him. I know there was a celebration when Mr. Roz made it to the pearly gates , Jesus had to say well done my good and faithful servant. I thank God I was blessed to have known Mr. Roz, Mrs. Treeasian, Todd, and Randy . I consider it an honor to have called them friends,

Sherry Arnold

Sherry Arnold - January 04, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DG

“ Denise & James Garner lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.



Denise & James Garner - January 03, 2013 at 07:27 PM

FG

“ It was with great sadness I learned of Roz's passing. He was a good friend and I know he will missed by his family and friends. I enjoyed talking with him in August. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Fred & Jean Glenn, Dublin, GA

Fred M Glenn - January 03, 2013 at 01:20 PM

CF

“ *Cynthia J Flowers lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



Cynthia J Flowers - January 03, 2013 at 12:27 PM

CF

We will miss Uncle Roz dearly.

Cynthia J Flowers - January 03, 2013 at 12:30 PM

JS

Janane, Larry and I were so sorry to hear of your dad's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Jennifer Shipp

Jennifer Shipp - January 03, 2013 at 12:39 PM

LW

James and Minnie Gordon wish to express their sympathy to Roz's family. Our memories go back many, many years. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

James and Minnie Gordon

Linda Walton - January 04, 2013 at 01:44 PM

BC

“ *Beth Coleman Carlton lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



Beth Coleman Carlton - January 03, 2013 at 12:08 PM

BC

To the family, so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy.

Beth Coleman Carlton - January 03, 2013 at 12:08 PM

DC

“ *David Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



David Cartwright - January 03, 2013 at 11:50 AM

PC

“ *We are deeply saddened to hear of Papa Howards passing. He was a blessing to any and all who knew him and loved him. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family. I will never forget the precious memories I have with the Howard family and the many blessings they brought to my life. The world has lost another fine gentleman and he will be missed deeply. He is now with his Lord and his family who have passed before him. May God comfort his family through this sad and difficult time. Roz and Craig my heart is with you and I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Love Paula and David Cartwright*

Paula Cartwright - January 03, 2013 at 11:45 AM

PC

“ *Paula Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



Paula Cartwright - January 03, 2013 at 11:31 AM

DF

“ *David Foster lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



david foster - January 03, 2013 at 11:20 AM

DF

YOU WILL BE MISSED. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

david foster - January 03, 2013 at 11:22 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



LUTHER MINOR - January 03, 2013 at 11:15 AM

ES

“ *Eddie Spurling lit a candle in memory of Roswell "Roz" Howard, Sr.*



eddie spurling - January 03, 2013 at 10:35 AM

TC

*Our condolences to the family. Roz will be missed by all who know him. He was a Gentleman and a great race car driver.
Tommie Clinard*

Tommie Clinard - January 03, 2013 at 11:21 AM

ES

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Roz. He was truly a great Race Car Driver and person. Our Sympathy is with the family.

Rex White & Eddie Spurling
#4 #74

eddie spurling - January 03, 2013 at 10:34 AM

TP

Mr. Roz was a christian gentleman and dear friend. I will miss him.

Tommy Pilcher - January 06, 2013 at 01:28 AM