



David Thomas Howard

July 11, 2022

David Thomas Howard, 68, a lifelong resident of the Lehigh Valley, died Monday, July 11, 2022, after a 2 year battle with cholangiocarcinoma. Born in Allentown, PA, he was the son of the late John and Florence (Charles) Howard. He graduated from Louis E. Dieruff High School in 1972 and attended Kutztown University.

In 1977 David cofounded Howard Construction, Inc., with his brother John Howard. In 1980 they opened The Video Station, the Lehigh Valley's first video store. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Builders Association and the Pennsylvania State and National Home Builders Associations. David served on the Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors committee and Whitehall Traffic Impact Advisory Committee. He was honored to be Builder of the Year in 1996 and 2009. He was an active member of the Lehigh Valley's Skills USA Council, and a proud recipient of their Volunteer of the Year award in 2015.

David found great happiness in cooking for friends and family. His favorite time of year was the start of Newhard's corn season. He enjoyed a good game of poker, trips to the beach, and John Wayne movies. He was a loyal fan of the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, Dallas Cowboys, and all things tennis. He was a member and sat on the board of the Ridge and Valley Rod and Gun Club. He enjoyed trap shooting and especially the club's roller hotdogs.

Survivors: David is survived by his wife Donna Smith, daughter Janna Howard, stepdaughter Alyssa Smith-West (Derrick West) and children Dalton, Kaidyn, Camryn, and Addisyn, and stepson Kevin Smith, Jr. (Jazmin Smith) and children Garrett and Colt.

He is also survived by his sister Ruth Howard Marcon, sister-in-law Louise Gentile Howard, and extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his brother John Howard and sister Linda Howard.

Services: Calling hours will be held from 11am to 1pm on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 1601 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. Masks are preferred.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers please send donations to <https://cholangiocarcinoma.org/howard/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Davey eating spaghetti with braciolo at my parents home on Sunday dinner. He loved those braciolo . Funny one was when he gave our crabby neighbor lady a quarter to call the township when she got in his face about shoveling snow onto her space (she thought she owned the road) That shut her up but quick! Ya had to be there cuz it was a hoot!*

Lucia Gentile - July 16, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Thomas Howard.*



July 15, 2022 at 01:01 PM

FG

“ *Donna...
My thoughts and feelings are with you and the Howard family at this time of sadness. I consider it an honor to have known Dave. I enjoyed working with him and appreciated his knowledge, sensitivity and humor. He will be missed by many. I am so glad that you came up to me at Tres Scalini's.
In spite of his condition he extended a warm welcome to me. I will always remember David as a friend.
Take care and feel free to contact me for a chat if you like.
Fondly...
Fran Gaal*

Francis Gaal - July 14, 2022 at 05:58 PM

FA

“ It's very sad to see that Dave's cancer finally took him out, life is very fragile and it seems these days cancer is the rule of the day when it comes to death, I've known Dave and John for as long as they were in business and members of the LV Home Builders Association both were great people and it's very sad that they will no longer be among us. Rest In Peace and condolences to the rest of the Howard family. Frank & Donna Alexander
Anthony Builders Inc. Anthony Construction LLC

Frank Anthony Alexander - July 14, 2022 at 01:49 PM

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“ Love you to pieces, Mer xo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Thomas Howard.



Love you to pieces, Mer xo - July 14, 2022 at 11:26 AM

SM

“ I was fortunate to have known Dave for many years. He was always a person who enjoyed life. He will be missed by all who knew him. We last spoke a few months ago and he vowed to vigorously fight his illness.

Rest In Peace, my friend. God bless you and your family.

Scott & Linda Mitchell - July 14, 2022 at 05:55 AM