



Mr. Howard Lamar Butcher

June 16, 1946 - February 22, 2018

Howard Lamar Butcher, 71, of Nesbit, Mississippi, passed away on February 22, 2018. He was born on June 16, 1946, in DeWitt, Arkansas.

He grew up in a small farming community and attended high school in St. Charles near the banks of the White River. Those years allowed him to meet the love of his life, Peggy Lou Horton, of Ethel, Arkansas, with whom he shared 51 years of love, marriage, family and service to many.

At the encouragement of his high school coach and life-long mentor, Dr. Kellar Noggle, Howard earned his Certificate of Technical Education in Architectural Drafting from the Pines Vo-Tech School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1966. After job searching in nearby Little Rock and Louisiana, he landed a job in Memphis with Ralph Jones, an architect who became a life-long friend that treated him like the brother neither of them ever had. He stayed 20 years until he decided to take the entrepreneurial plunge and open his own office in Southaven. Howard loved designing custom-built homes and faithfully served the residents of DeSoto County and beyond for 30 years.

Howard and Peggy made their home in the Colonial Hills subdivision of Southaven, Mississippi and spent many happy and fulfilling years there. The friendships and ministries they developed during those years were very dear to him. His passion was in loving, giving, serving and praying for his family and friends. He was an avid Razorback fan who loved watching his kids and

grandkids play sports. He was always up for a little hunting or fishing with his boys as well as the good food that usually followed. Howard took great pleasure in studying and sharing the truth found in God's Word with others. He spent the majority of his adult life serving His Lord and the church as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and on various building and finance committees. Howard also ministered to many youth boys over his lifetime both on and off the basketball court. He was even a one-time songwriter and a poet. His silly humor and laughter, loving hugs, gentle manner, humility, engaging demeanor, and heartfelt prayer support will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leslie Lamar Butcher and Alice Faye Ingram. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Lou Horton Butcher of Nesbit; children, Leslie Carr (Phillip) of Water Valley, Cindy Lamb (Joe) of Senatobia; Dick Butcher of Senatobia; and Dean Butcher of Olive Branch; mother-in-law, Alice Horton of DeWitt; sister, Janette Poe of Little Rock; brother-in-law, Charles Horton, Jr. (Dana) of DeWitt; grandchildren, Destiny Smith (Daniel), Sean Lamb, Tressa Lamb, Hannah Burton (Ricks), Reid Butcher, Emily Carr, Abby Butcher, Nathan Lamb, and Tate Butcher; great-grandchildren, Carson Smith and Cohen Smith; nieces, Julie Caldwell (Joe) and Jessica Johnson (Trevon); nephews, Neal Poe, Heath Horton and Warren Horton.

Let it be said that Howard loved and lived well. He also fought a good fight against the cancer that invaded his body. We know that he is with our Lord experiencing all the glories of heaven even now and look forward to seeing him again one day.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25th at Essex Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

On Monday, February 26, visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Carriage Hills Baptist Church, 8352 Farmington Drive West in Southaven, MS. A memorial service will commence at 6:30 with visitation resuming afterwards.

Memorials may be made to Love Community Baptist Church, P.O. Box 521, Hernando, MS 3632.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Peggy and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Obviously, Howard lived a wonderful life and you have great memories to cherish and comfort. May God bless you and give you comfort and healing through this difficult time.*

Bob and Ann Broach - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Heaven has gained another angel. Thinking of your family in my prayers.*

Judy McSwain Scroggins - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

SH

“ *Peggy Lou & Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Prayers for all.*

Sheila Harvey - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

LD

“ *Dearest Peggy, and, family, please accept my deepest condolences, on the home going of Howard. When we were growing up at St. Charles, even though he was older than I was. He was always so nice to the younger kids. What a wonderful guy! Libbie Terry Dougan. Phil. 4:13*

Libbie Dougan - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

JP

“ *I will always remember you.*

Julie Poe - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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“Peggy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your dear family during this very difficult time. Your memories and your family will be such a help in the days to come. Your faith will get you through. Love, Carolyn West Rouse

Carolyn West Rouse - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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“Thinking of you Mrs. Peggy and all of your love ones. May God bless you and your family with comfort in this time of sorrow and in the days ahead. Angie Tapley

Angie Tapley - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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“My heart is breaking for you, and for your children and grandchildren. I loved Howard, as did anyone and everyone who knew him. He had the nicest smile, and could always make ME smile, even when that's the last thing I wanted to do. So many, many things I could say about him--and every single one of them is a GOOD thing. May God grant you peace and comfort as you face life without your one and only. Fly high, sweet man...

Nancy Posey - April 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM