



Steve Howard

January 17, 2010

Mr. Loy Steven Howard, age 63 of Marietta, passed away January 17, 2010. Steve, known as "The Rock," worked as an EMT dispatcher for the Douglas County Fire & Rescue and then later for Atlanta South Ambulance. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Howard; son, Matthew Howard of Marietta; mother, Nell Howard of Marietta; brothers, Michael Howard of Powder Springs, David Howard of Marietta; sister, Donna Howard of Powder Springs; nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2:00 PM at Davis-Struempf Chapel with Doug Stevens and Terry Cogland officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 4 to 8 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org)

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home

1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

JAN **Service** 02:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Chapel

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Comments



“ Steve was a very special nephew. It was so good to hear about his past from two great gentlemen at the funeral. I wasn't around Steve as much as so many others because I lived away, but he was loved and we new he was special. We always made the coment that he was a genius. I knew God would use him in special ways. He was called to the job he did. God don't make mistakes. God also knew that Steve would get saved. God had his hand on Steve all the time, because God is omnipotent. Sandy, Matt, Nell and family, you are in our prayers and we love you.

Theresa Jonson - February 06, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ I will keep your family in my prayers!

Donna Leslie (Cracker Barrell) - January 20, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Rachel Rozema and family Jody and Eric Bell - January 20, 2010 at 03:31 PM



“ My prayers are with you and Matt.

Love you,
Damon

Damon Toliver - January 20, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ To the Howard Family:
I wish to convey my deepest sympathy to you in your time of need. May God continue to bless you and keep you. Steve will be greatly missed especially on the bowling lanes. Sandra and Matt, please take comfort in knowing that you both are in my prayers. God Bless!

Melissa M. Miller - January 20, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ It was with great heartfelt sadness that I first learned of Steve’s passing this morning. I first met Steve in 1970 when he was a young man of 23 working for Metro Ambulance Service out of the Spring Street Atlanta office. In that year, I still remember Steve telling me one day that he truly felt that working on an ambulance to alleviate suffering and saving lives was God’s calling for him in life. In the summer of that same year, Steve was accepted to attend a special American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Emergency Care Advanced Training course in New Orleans which built upon his already completed Red Cross Basic & Advanced First Aid training. It was Steve’s passion to learn to be the best even a year before the first formal EMT courses would begin in Georgia. And his passion for saving the many lives as he did over the years as both an emergency medical technician and EMS dispatcher, allowing him to continue his great skills in delivering medical help within critical life-saving minutes. In the follow-on years I would not get to see Steve as the passage of time would take its toll. But in later years I would once again have the opportunity to interact with Steve as he worked as a dispatcher for Metro Ambulance and later at Atlanta South EMS in East Point. I can especially remember that Steve, while dispatching, had the remarkable ability to mentally track and know the location and status of a myriad of ambulances even as he was engaged in answering a multitude of incoming emergency calls. He would always dispatch the closest ambulance and in countless instances he truly saved a life. This ability was especially remarkable in the day and age when 911 and computers, as we know it today, simply did not exist. Several years ago, Steve had the opportunity to recall his early 70’s personal experiences aboard a Metro ambulance when he was interviewed as part of a documentary EMS history film project that captured stories of Atlanta EMS pioneers while they could still be told. If a EMS Dispatcher “Hall of Fame” were to ever exist, there is no doubt that Steve Howard would be an inducted member due to his great dedication, knowledge and experience as a dispatcher over the decades. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Sandra, his son Matthew, his mother Nell, both of his brothers Michael and David, his sister Donna and the remaining Howard family. The great Kevin Costner baseball movie “Field of Dreams” once described aspiring players who hitchhiked to distant cities “for the love of playing the game.” Steve will forever remain in our hearts as a great Atlanta EMS ambulance service legend that represented a similar bygone golden era of Metro Ambulance medics who pursued their EMS careers based on a passion to save lives and being part of a true college like fraternity like that of which existed in those years.

Tom Barlet - January 19, 2010 at 02:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Steves passing. May Gold hold you in his hand and ease your pain

Carolyn Byrom - January 19, 2010 at 01:50 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I worked with him for years at Atlanta South and I will always remember him. He was a great man.

Dawn Clayton - January 19, 2010 at 12:10 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear the bad news! I always enjoyed working with Steve at Atlanta South! He was always calm under pressure and when things were hectic. RIP Steve!

Allen Beavers - January 19, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ Sandra & Matt,
I can't begin to tell you how sorry we are about Steve. God in his wisdom knows what needs to be. Just keep putting your faith in Him! We love you
Deb, Ray & Jordan

Deborah Payne Campbel - January 18, 2010 at 01:06 PM