



Howard W. Andrews

August 23, 1950 - April 7, 2021

Andrews, Howard W., April 7, 2021 age 70 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Debbie. Loving father of Heather Velasco and Stephanie (Edward Cruz) Andrews. Proud grandfather of Kaylynn (William) Jackson, Jacob Velasco, Andrew Velasco, Sarah Velasco, and Judy Velasco. Great grandfather of Kya & Liam Jackson. Dear brother of Ron (Pam) Andrews and Nancy Andrews. Uncle of Michelle (John) DeGiovanni, Corey (Elaine) Andrews, and Jenifer (Tim) Selby. Howard worked 47 years at Ford Motor Company as an engineer and I.T. support. He was very involved with the Dearborn Sunrise Rotary, the MI Miata Club and model railroading with the Detroit United Railways. He loved to scuba dive and traveled the world to do so. Visitation Sunday, April 11th 1-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Events

APR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 09:00PM

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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI, US, 48170

Comments



“ I will miss Howard. We shared our interest in building trolley models and several times he provided assistance to me on my projects especially when it came to computer design or photography. Howard was one who wouldn't wait around for someone else to do something he just jumped in and did it. He admired the East Penn club modules and thought why not do the same with the DUR? He encouraged the members of the DUR trolley club to build modular layouts then he invited us to his home and shop and provided the know how and labor to get each of us started on our modules. I never saw a layout framework get built so fast as when we were working with Howard. His generosity will always be remembered.

Eric Diehl

Nathan Eric Diehl - April 14 at 03:29 PM



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Rick Ryan - April 13 at 03:32 PM



“ I want to send out my deepest condolences to Howard and his family. Howard was a great guy. I met Howard and Debbie through our love for wine. It was an honor knowing him. Mike Seifert.

Michael Seifert - April 11 at 11:38 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Howard's family and friends. Although we never met in person, our conversations always brightened my day. It was an pleasure and an honor to help him make fantastic vacation memories. You will be missed. Blessed is the true judge.



Ian Goldberg - April 10 at 10:17 AM



“ Howard became a part of our family long before he married our mom. We could tell from the moment we met him how much he loved and cared for her. He filled our lives with good conversation and even better wine! I am so grateful for the memories we made with him over the holidays, family celebrations, visits to Chicago and casual nights out to dinner. He made our wedding “guestbook” and it is a piece my husband and I will forever cherish. We love you, Howard!



Lauren Burke - April 10 at 10:13 AM



“ Howard and I were best pals from age 12 through high school. College years separated us, then career choices sent us off to different cities.

Howard was an active member of Baldwin High School's A/V Club. To my surprise, he easily roped me in to join his band of brothers (and sister Zoe Farrell). Howard taught me some basic survival skills in audio technology. I was intellectually fascinated because Howard was.

Directly attributable to his patient and highly specific lessons in the late 1960s, in 1974 I had a technology idea that allowed my former wife and me to launch an information processing business in New York City, which I ran for 12 years before selling it to a Wall Street firm. Combining computing and audio technologies (in pre-PC 1974) was our competitive advantage. Howard was delighted to hear the story about what all he triggered in my mind that resulted in my startup's pioneering success in electronic publishing.

During July 2018 in Chicago, he, Debbie, and I had a particularly meaningful dinner, a behind-the-scenes tour of my large church, Fourth Presbyterian, and otherwise celebrated the memories and moments we shared. We three planned to reconvene pre-COVID, yet God had other plans.

From that visit, I remained eager to show Howard and Debbie all the sophisticated audio and computing technology I installed in my organization's office building near Chicago O'Hare Airport. Well over 50 years later, still I give credit to Howard for introducing me to the intricacies of such technical matters.

Heartfelt thoughts, prayers and condolences flow to Debbie and all other family and friends. Surely Howard is at peace in the presence of the Lord we both loved, first with the innocence of children, and then later with adult discernment.

John R. Dallas, Jr.
Chicago, Illinois



John Dallas - April 09 at 11:17 PM



“ I met Howard many many years ago at a photography workshop. We worked many workshops together over the years and became good friends. Howard photographed my wedding and captured some wonderful memories for my family. He was such a kind man and I know he will be greatly missed. Prayers and love to his family during this time.

Candlelynn Turner Snell - April 09 at 07:43 PM



“ I met Howard at a National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) function about 10 or 15 years ago. We shared many interests and as I got to know him I found that we had almost identical backgrounds. We were both raised in adjacent Suburbs in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, we were both the same religion and both were interested in railroads and trolley cars. He introduced me to the Detroit United Railroad Club (DUR) which I later joined. We were both members of a division of the (NMRA) and also of the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. We both made models of Pittsburgh Railways trolley cars and had layout sections that connected with each other when the club participated in model railroad shows with our sectional layout. I moved away from South East Michigan bout 8 years ago but we still stayed in touch. Almost 3 years ago I remarried and Howard was my Best Man and shared photographic duties with my son, a semi-pro photographer. I was quite shaken when I found out he had cancer. I will miss him greatly.

John Wissinger

John Wissinger - April 09 at 07:34 PM



“ I remember meeting Howard many many moons ago when I walked into a local Camera store for studio classes. He and I immediately hit it off. From there our love for Photography grew together, always talking latest gear and techniques. On top of the we both worked at Ford and had many lunches mostly at our standard that he loved going to. I will miss him dearly.

-Jeff

Jeffrey J. O'Connell - April 09 at 06:49 PM



“ I met Howard thru Fairlane Sunrise Rotary when we worked a project with Starfish Family Services taking the children to the Circus. He and I immediately hit it off as we both seem to have a passion for underprivileged children. We continued for many years in the club and in the community taking care of Winter Readiness projects and other places with children S the main focus. I too loved how he recommended wines and pairing when we were out socially. He will be dearly missed.

VICKIE PERRI - April 09 at 05:52 PM



“ I met Howard at a Bacchus Club event in Northville many years ago. After less than 60 seconds of speaking with him, I knew that we would become friends because of our mutual interest and love of wine. I will always remember the passion he expressed when speaking about a great bottle of wine he had just enjoyed and how much he loved traveling to wine regions. Debbie, you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Jeanette Fallon - April 09 at 05:33 PM



“ Howard was my baby brother and he will be missed in Pittsburgh too. He was a good bother and a wonderful man.



Nancy J Andrews - April 09 at 05:33 PM



“ I met Howard when we were both worked in the carburetor group @ Ford Motor Co. I reconnected with Howard @ Division 6 of the National Model Railroad Association. I heard that Howard had cancer.

Larry Wolohon - April 09 at 03:50 PM