



Ray Howell

November 13, 1931 - October 19, 2018

Ray Herbert Howell, 86, of New Castle, took his final trail ride dismounting in Heaven early on the morning of Friday, October 19, 2018 at Glen Oaks Health Campus in New Castle.

He was born at home on November 13, 1931 in Lewis County, Kentucky, a son of the late Edward and Rebecca Agnes (Evans) Howell.

Ray was raised on a farm in Northeast Ky, in the Mountains. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. On February 18, 1956, Ray married the love of his life and close companion, Carol Jane Hord. Ray came to New Castle in 1959 and worked for Henry County Hospital as an aide and an orderly. He then went to work for Standard Oil and drove a tanker for 7 years driving a home delivery route. He retired from Westwood Elementary School after 26 years as a custodian.

Ray had a passion for horses and loved to say with a smile "it was a disease I contracted as a child." He trained horses on the side and full time after retirement. He especially enjoyed driving horses with carriages. Ray and Carol enjoyed trail riding all over the country with their friends and fellow horsemen.

Ray was a kind and gentle soul, easy to talk with and easy to be around. He was a faithful and dedicated follower of Christ and attended Greensboro Church of the Nazarene since 1972.

Those left to cherish Ray's memory include his wife of 62 years, Carol Howell; a sister, Geraldine (husband: James) Porter of Flemingsburg, KY; several nieces and nephews, including Arnold Howell of Lewis County, KY, and many, many friends.

Ray was preceded in death by a brother and seven sisters, May Howell, Gladys Bradley, Flora Jones, Walter Howell, Gertrude Howell, Nola Fields, Dora Howell, and Jewel Stidam.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Sproles Family

Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Perry and Rev. Gene Bennett officiating.

Friends may call from 4 - 8 pm Monday at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 pm Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Hillcrest Gardens of Memory in Mason County, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, Ray's family would appreciate memorial contributions to Boys Town "Saving Children and Healing Families" www.boystown.org. Ray and Carol contributed to this ministry since 1962. You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Ray Howell.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Gardens of Memory

9617 Mason Lewis Road
Maysville, KY 41056

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ Will miss seeing Uncle Ray at our family reunions. Sweet man!

Rhonda Bailey - October 31, 2018 at 12:17 AM

MG

“ Mr. Howell always had a smile and kind word for this shy little girl. I'm sure that many others students adored him as well. It was such a joy to run into him in my adult years. He always remembered my name.

Melissa Saunders Gregory

Westwood 1969-1975

Melissa Saunders Gregory - October 23, 2018 at 11:19 PM

KM

“ Karen (Sharp) Modlin lit a candle in memory of Ray Howell



Karen (Sharp) Modlin - October 23, 2018 at 11:34 AM

KM

“ I have so many fond memories of this amazing man. Many of them at Westwood Elementary, and some of him riding horses with my dad and I. (He lived down the road from my dad and grandparents). He always called me Sharpy and I called him Howie! I always looked up to him because of his never ending kindness and how much he cared about others. I'll never forget that smile he always wore! Rest in heavenly peace Howie!

Karen (Sharp) Modlin - October 23, 2018 at 10:32 AM

RG

“ I remember Ray. He was kind and sweet to all of us kids. I went to Westwood 1969-1975.



Rhonda Gabbard-ESSERT - October 23, 2018 at 09:03 AM

DR

“ I want to share sincere condolences to hear of Mr. Howell's passing. I knew him from Westwood Elementary School. He always without fail was a kind and gentle man. I looked forward to his smile every day. Our loss is Heavens gain. God bless you with comfort and peace.



Debra Rigney - October 23, 2018 at 07:08 AM

JH

He was a favorite uncle to me I always loved an respected him I will surely miss him

johnny hord - October 23, 2018 at 08:39 AM

AW

“ Angelique Wood lit a candle in memory of Ray Howell



Angelique Wood - October 23, 2018 at 02:25 AM



“ My life was better for knowing him the family is in my prayers



Lynda Alberson - October 23, 2018 at 12:31 AM

Nancy Rice

“ I went to Westwood school. I was picked on and bullied quite a bit by other children. Ray was always kind and caring. He was a friendly face who spoke with me and was a person who brought happiness and joy wherever he went.

Nancy Rice - October 22, 2018 at 10:48 PM

RR

“ I am so sorry we hadn't heard about Ray's home going sooner. What a gentleman of a man he was. We've known Ray and Carol for years and considered them great friends (we lost track of them but never forgot them and their love for the Lord and their church families. May God wrap his loving arms around Carol and give her the strength and grace to get through this sad time today and the days ahead.



Ronnie and Donna Ragan - October 22, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - October 22, 2018 at 11:02 AM

LM

“ Carol I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember the time you two came to my son Andrew's 2nd Birthday and took all the kids for a carriage ride. I think you and Ray had more fun than the kids. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Lisa Miller - October 21, 2018 at 07:19 PM

LM

“ Lisa Miller lit a candle in memory of Ray Howell



Lisa Miller - October 21, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ Ray was always a nice and caring gentleman. Sorry to learn of his passing yet knowing he is with our Heavenly Father. Carol, may God touch you and ease your grief.

Jane Kirkland Black



Jane Kirkland - October 20, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ Sometimes people come into your life and leave a great impression. When they pass you don't feel a void; you feel impacted, changed for the better for knowing them. Be that person. Be impactful My Uncle Ray was this kind of man. He was genuinely happy to see you. He listened with his eyes and spoke from the heart. I regret not spending more time in his presence but will be forever changed by his absence. Love you Uncle Ray.

Kevin Howell

Kevin Howell - October 20, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, I went to Westwood in the 70s and remember him as a very nice and caring man.



Alan B. Crabtree - October 20, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ When I was at Westwood School I remember Mr Howell so well. He was always friendly and very caring man. I enjoyed talking with him even tho I was just in 6th grade. I appreciated him so much and all the hard work he did keeping our school so clean. I remember him thanking me for being so kind to him even tho he was just a Custodian. I was raised everyone one is important no matter what job you have or what title you have! Heaven has a special place for wonderful people like Mr Howell. May God give the family Strength during this difficult time. May God Bless You All!!

Marilyn Ward-Humbles - October 19, 2018 at 04:12 PM



Sorry for your loss, Carol. You have my sympathy!

Jeanette Henderson - October 22, 2018 at 01:59 PM