



## Jerry R. Howard

December 3, 1947 - December 17, 2020

Jerry R. Howard, 73, of New Castle, passed away on the afternoon of Thursday, December 17, 2020 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie following a brief illness.

He was born December 3, 1947 in Tipton, Indiana, a son of the late Russell and Francis Howard.

Jerry was a 1966 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School. He enjoyed being a mechanic for many years in New Castle before finishing his career at Ryobi in Shelbyville. Not one to sit around during retirement, Jerry currently worked at O'Reilly Auto Parts. He married the love of his life, Barbara Hollars, on April 2, 1983, and together they enjoyed 37 years of marriage.

Jerry was a people person and never knew a stranger. He loved to talk and greatly enjoyed the fellowship each morning of his McDonald's cronies. He was a giver and couldn't pass up a person in need without helping.

He loved spending time at the lake, boating, fishing, gardening, and going NASCAR Races. He loved car shows and cruise-ins. Jerry loved his family and especially his "perfect" granddaughters whom he took on vacation every year.

Those left to cherish Jerry's memory include his loving wife, Barbara Howard; three daughters, Kim (Todd) Cowan of Mooreland, Tracy (Heath) Hudnut of Sulphur Springs, and Aime (Paul) Groce of Springport; three granddaughters, Nicole (Todd) Pierce of New Castle, Tiffany (Patrick) Hilburt of Sulphur Springs, and Shelby; three great-grandchildren, Sarah and Taylor Pierce and Grant Hilburt; a brother, Jeff (Barbara) Howard and a sister, Cheryl (Gary) Abshire both of Tipton along with several brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dale Watkins and his father and mother-in-law, Walter and Elva Hollars.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Tooley officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be offered to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jerry R. Howard.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Phil Marsh lit a candle in memory of Jerry R. Howard*



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**phil marsh** - December 22, 2020 at 06:38 AM

JH

“ *Barb I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and peace for you and family*



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**Janice hamby** - December 21, 2020 at 08:43 PM

TJ

“ *I knew Jerry many yrs.ago & thought he was a VERY nice person. He & his wife Barbara lived by my son. Prayers for his family.*



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**Teresa Jester** - December 21, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - December 21, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ Steve Pummill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry R. Howard.



**Steve Pummill** - December 21, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Howard.



December 20, 2020 at 09:39 PM

CT

“ Barb and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathy. Christy Tompkins



Christy Tompkins - December 20, 2020 at 03:42 AM

JM

“ Jan McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Jerry R. Howard



Jan McDaniel - December 19, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JJ

“ Howie is my brother in law. So many greats memories, camping, fishing, boating. Many trips to "the lake" check on the camper put up or go get the boat we always had a good time. I will always remember the new years eve trips to Gatlinburg. I'll miss him!

Jim - December 19, 2020 at 01:16 PM

KU

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a good neighbor and a good man.

Kevin & Teresa Umbarger

Kevin & Teresa Umbarger - December 19, 2020 at 01:01 PM

AB

“ Jerry was always so kind to me and Carl. We enjoyed seeing him pull up on his golf cart to chat with us at camp. He will be missed. I'll keep his family in my prayers.



Amy Buchanan - December 19, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Howard.



December 19, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Howard.



December 18, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Howard.



December 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Howard.*



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December 18, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Jerry was a great guy and the most friendly person you could talk with. He will be missed by so many. ❤️*



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**Steve and Teresa Winchester** - December 18, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Known Jerry and Barb most of my life so very sorry to hear this news.*



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**Rita Littrell** - December 18, 2020 at 12:33 PM