



Robert Wm. Howard

July 8, 1934 - June 23, 2011

Robert Wm. "Bob" Howard, 76, of New Castle, died Thursday, June 23, 2011 at Integra Specialty Hospital in Muncie following a brief illness.

He was born July 8, 1934 in Youngstown, Ohio, a son of the late Lucius and Irene Howard.

Bob served as director of Boys Flat at the Youngstown, Ohio YMCA's Camp Fitch for eight years where he hand built the Chapel in the Woods. He also served as Executive Director of the YMCA's in Piqua and Lima, Ohio and in New Castle where he started the preschool program. He retired from the organization in 1999. While serving the YMCA and New Castle community he was honored with the Citizen of the Year Award. Bob graduated from High School at University School in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Culver Military Academy. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from the University of Toledo. He was a founder of what is now Life Stream Services in Yorktown. Bob was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church in New Castle where he served as elder, deacon and trustee. He was a substitute bus driver and teacher for New Castle, South Henry and Blue River Schools. He had been a member of Rotary of New Castle and the Jaycees and was active in the Ambassador's Club. He and his wife were tireless volunteers at the White Estates pool.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sally Howard; son, Jim (wife: Julia) Howard of New Castle; daughter, Debbie (husband: Jeff) Schroeder of Lawrence, Kansas and four grandchildren, Jason and Laura Howard of New

Castle and Ryan and Dillon Schroeder of Lawrence, Kansas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Kniel Howard Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church St., New Castle with Pastors Rex Espiritu and Art Whitaker officiating. Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. Monday at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Sunday at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Community Foundation for the YMCA and First Presbyterian Church Youth with envelopes available at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Robert Howard.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Pat and I met Bob and Sally in church. What a perfect, gracious couple. I am certian Bob is greated with, "Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Craig and Pat Hanks - June 27, 2011 at 12:07 PM

MD

“ Jim,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Michael

Michael L. Dudley - June 27, 2011 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ Sally, Jim, Debbie and Families, Please know you are in my heart and prayers at this difficult time. I have a lot of fond memories of Bob and the Howard family. Bob was such a kind man that made a difference in this world.
With my love and sincere sympathy, Jenni

Jenni Becker - June 24, 2011 at 08:49 PM

JR

“ Bob was an everyday hero and an outstanding person and good neighbor-my thoughts and prayers to Sally and the entire family.

James Robbins - June 24, 2011 at 11:44 AM