



Howard E Tranthum

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Howard E. Tranthum, born on April 29, 1949, in Lewes, Delaware, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2024, in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Howard's journey through life was marked by his unwavering dedication to his family and his passion for the simple pleasures of life. He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Kelly Tranthum, his son Howard Jr. from Georgetown, DE, his stepdaughter Kathleen Olkowski of Wilmington, DE, and son-in-law Andy Rash. Howard's legacy continues through his grandchildren Amanda Fitts (Joshua), Samantha Rash, Andrea Rash, Shane Rash (Maddie), and four great-grandchildren He is also survived by his brother Arvil, sisters Nancy Tranthum and Betty Barrett (Zarro), from Delaware city. and several cherished nieces and nephews. Howard was predeceased by his parents, William and Doris Tranthum, and his daughter, April Rash.

Howard's life was rich with hobbies and interests that brought joy not only to himself but also to those around him. He was an avid cook, finding solace and joy in the kitchen, where he created meals that brought his family together. His love for the outdoors was evident in his enthusiasm for crabbing in Rehoboth Bay and fishing in the Florida Keys with his dear friend Pete White. These activities were not just pastimes for Howard; they were a way to connect with nature and with the people he loved.

As a proud member of the Lewes Moose 646, Cape Henlopen Elks 2540, and AMVETS Post 2, Howard's sense of community was strong. He believed in the power of fellowship and service, and he dedicated much of his time to the activities and missions of these organizations.

Howard E. Tranthum's life was one of purpose and joy. He was a loving husband, a caring father, and a loyal friend. His selfless nature was the cornerstone upon which he built his life, and it is the legacy he leaves behind. As we say farewell to Howard, we celebrate a life well-lived, a life that will continue to inspire and influence generations to come.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to your favorite charity.
At Howard's request, there will be no services.



Tribute Wall

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TH

Thomas Honahan posted:

This saddens my heart to here this...I've had the pleasure to work side by side with Howard for 25yrs He was a friend a mentor and someone who taught me many things at work and in life...I will always remember you my friend

July 1 at 2:58 PM

KO

Kathleen Olkowski shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will never forget how well you cared for and took care of me and mom. You are truly one of the greatest men I have ever known and I am so glad you came into our lives when you did. I will love you and remember you forever !



March 21 at 11:03 AM

VM

Victoria Moore lit a candle in honor of Howard.



March 21 at 8:44 AM

VM

Victoria Moore posted:

Rest in peace Uncle Howard. I will always remember the weekends you would come to Delaware city and fish with dad from the dock. I have nothing but good childhood memories of you. Kelly I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you with much love. Vicki

March 21 at 8:42 AM

GB

Ginni Bagnatori posted:

Kelly and family. So sorry for your loss. The tribute was so Howard, caring and gentle. Howard was a man of few words, but he always had that smile and really loved to share his creations. Howard you will be missed and glad that I had the privilege of your friendship. Ginni Bagnatori

March 19 at 4:49 PM



Tribute Wall

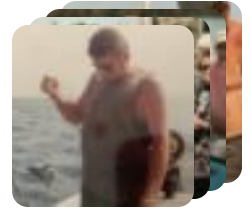
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March 19 at 12:47 PM





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Kelly & Howard Crabbing



Howard, Pete & Clancy at Mervin Key, FL Keys



Howard, Kelly, Jimmie, Skip and Peach at Kevin's wedding



Howard's Shark bit catch



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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