



## David R. Howell

February 25, 1953 - April 26, 2021

David Robert Howell, 68, passed away on Monday, April 26 at Penn Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, after a valiant fight to recover from a heart attack. He was born in Milford, Delaware on February 25, 1953 to Harry and Evelyn (Miller) Howell.

David graduated from Cape Henlopen High School in 1971 and studied accounting at the University of Delaware. He owned a button business in Georgetown, Delaware for over 30 years and was always met with lots of questions when he told people he sold buttons for a living. David was involved in the Georgetown Little League program for many years with his children Amber and Matt. He was an avid basketball and tennis player and enjoyed playing tennis with his kids, grandkids, and friends at the Plantations in Lewes. David also enjoyed ballroom dancing, after being talked into taking dance lessons by his wife. He belonged to the Twinkle Club dance club in Laurel and he and his wife often danced in the kitchen while cooking meals together.

In retirement, David delivered meals for Meals-on-Wheels, and he was a tax preparer for AARP's Tax-Aide Program. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Indian River Senior Center in Millsboro, where he made great friends shooting pool.

David was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and he experienced incredible joy getting to know each of his grandchildren. Hugi (10) called him most every day to talk about basketball, Oliver (9) was excited to learn how to fish and build things with Pop-pop, and Ali (7), whom he called Sunshine, loved reading to him and telling him jokes. Aree (4) loved assisting with and especially eating Pop-pop's famous French toast. And he and Aran (2) shared many fits of uncontrollable laughter at Pop-pop's crazy funny faces.

David is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Joanne (Fisher) Howell; his daughter, Amber Herrera and son-in-law Victor, his son, Matthew Howell and daughter-in-law June; his five grandchildren: Hugi, Oliver, Ali, Aree, and Aran; his older brother, Bruce Howell and sister-in-law Bonnie; his brother-in-law Theodore Jones; his sister-in-law Wanda Howell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special family gathering will be held at his home. Interment will be private.

Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Joanne Howell, c/o Parsell Funeral Homes, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

Contributions in David's memory may be made to Meals-on-Wheels, 32409 Lewes Georgetown Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

# Comments

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“ Joanne, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Sending you & your family heart-felt thoughts & prayers for comfort & strength during this difficult time.



Mary Lou Warren - May 05 at 11:03 PM

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“ I am so shocked and saddened to learn that Dave is no longer with us. While our lives took different paths, what wonderful memories I have from our coaching days. He was always the good guy.... and the quiet one -- we balanced out one another so well as we worked with a bunch of young girls trying to teach them how to play softball. Please know Joanne that you and your kids are in our hearts and prayers. I feel so honored that I knew Dave and that he and I shared so many wonderful experiences on the ballfield. Peace, love and hugs to you all.



Lynn Berryman Lester - May 04 at 09:56 PM

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“ Joanne - so sorry to hear of David's passing. God Bless you and family!

Janice Owens - May 03 at 08:31 AM

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“ Joanne and family so sorry to read of David passing our thoughts and prayers are with your family

Lisa Stoeckel - May 02 at 09:22 PM



“ We were saddened to have lost a good friend and fellow pool player, and we send our heartfelt condolences for your loss. David will be remembered for his quick and genuine smile, firm handshake, gentle manner and kind words, not to mention his camaraderie, skill and confidence at the pool table with his friends. Much deeper than that, David was admired for his pride at being a grandad, for his love of family, and for his hands-on involvement with his community through selfless acts of service. We are truly grateful and privileged to have met David a number of years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and with you, JoAnne. With sympathy, Alfred/Susan Castillo, Seaford, DE.

**Alfred Castillo** - May 02 at 11:27 AM

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“ David was a such a nice person & I enjoyed working with him on the Board at the Indian River Senior Center. You will be missed! Pat Fox

**Pat Fox** - May 02 at 09:00 AM

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“ I loved playing tennis with Dave. We were part of a great group that played together for well over twenty years. Dave was a great competitor, a very fair player, and talented athlete who was a great friend during those years. I always remembered one of Dave's favorite expressions after making a winning shot during one of our many doubles matches "I'd rather be lucky than good"! Truth be known, Dave was just really good!  
God bless your family.

Bill Pritchett

**Bill Pritchett** - May 01 at 12:11 PM

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“ I've known David for only a few short years. It was an honor and a pleasure getting acquainted over some competitive, but always fun, pool games.

May he rest in peace!

**Glenn Coach** - May 01 at 10:23 AM

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“ David was one of the nicest people I've ever met. He was a great pool player and will be sorely missed.

**Leslie McKenna Beall** - May 01 at 09:09 AM

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“ Dave was a game player. He was competitive but always the sportsman. Whether it was chess, checkers, cards, tennis, pool or even pickle ball, he was hard to beat. In fact, I don't think I ever won a game of pool from him.

We shared a lot of common interests and I found him easy to talk to and debate important issues.

I never knew him not to be busy and helping out in the community. It doesn't get any better than that.

I will miss him.

**Tom Bason** - April 30 at 08:16 PM