



James "Jim" Arthur Howland

November 11, 1946 - October 7, 2016

James "Jim" Arthur Howland passed away on October 7, 2016. He was born on November 11, 1946 to Curtis Howland and Josephine Reeves in Granite City, IL who preceded him in death. He graduated from Pleasant Hill High School where he played baseball and football. He was a skilled guitar player, liked a good poker game and could tell a damn funny story.

He lived his entire adult life in Eolia, MO with his wife Shirley Welch who took good care of him to the very end. They were married on June 17, 1964 and spent 52 years together through many difficult times including the passing of their son, Michael "Clay" Howland in 2003. Jim tried to make the holidays special for his kids and one year spent hours building an elaborate train and race car table for his son.

He is survived by his sister, Linda Webb who he tortured routinely in their early years; his daughter Lesley Young, her husband Todd, their two children Olivia and Sophie; and Clay's children Alice and Lucas James Howland.

Jim spent his entire career working at the Hercules plant (now Dyno-Nobel), for 44 years total, retiring in 2009. He started at the bottom and worked his way up to Maintenance Foreman, earning the respect of his fellow workers.

His keen understanding of mechanics helped him solve many problems.

Jim was a devoted Packer fan even during their losing seasons and he passed on his enthusiasm to his daughter, grandkids and family friend, Tara Tucker who is now a Packer fan for life.

He learned to be a pitcher for fast pitch softball and played a lot of games, up

to five in one day during tournaments. He used what he learned to teach others and coached his daughter's Khoury League team where his rules included "no cursing, yelling at umps and no chewing tobacco".

He was not a world traveler, nor a social butterfly but he made a lasting, and positive, impact on those who knew him. He always helped others when he could and his calm demeanor (most of the time) made him an endearing husband, father, friend, coach and coworker.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, October 10, 2016 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Missouri. Private burial services will be held at a later date.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the Eolia Cemetery Association in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" Arthur Howland

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ James "Jim" Arthur Howland

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ Shirley I just heard about Jim my thoughts and prayers are with you Sonja (Welch) Scherff and family



Sonja Scherff - October 12, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Arthur Howland.



October 10, 2016 at 02:02 PM

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“ Shirley and Lesley - my heart is so heavy today. I miss my friend and co-worker so much. We had such a good time working together (if that is even possible), and I cherish those days we had . No one could ask for a better friend and boss than Jim and I know everyone who knew him thinks the same. He thought the world of his family and I know he worked hard to see that you would be well taken care of. I could tell these last few weeks that he knew the end was near - just not yet I kept saying. Sending my love to you and the family today and always.
Nancy Gates



Nancy Gates - October 10, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Arthur Howland.



October 10, 2016 at 12:54 PM

JH

“ John And Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Arthur Howland



John and Linda Harmon - October 10, 2016 at 10:56 AM

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“ Indeed, I am saddened to learn that you’re mourning the loss of your dear love one. However, it saddens our God even more. No doubt, you have many fond memories which will resurface from time to time. And because you do have memories, certainly shows that almighty God has memories as well. Therefore, with full confidence you can take comfort in knowing that he longs to restore perfect life to all those in his memory (Job 14:13-15; Rev 21:3, 4). Please accept my condolences at this most distressing time.

Williams Family - October 10, 2016 at 05:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Arthur Howland.



October 09, 2016 at 11:32 AM

LM

“ Played Fastpitch softball with Jim for a number of years he was a very good picture always looked up to him although he was short like me he was very talented very talented and anything he set out to do he has a great family that loves him so much he will be missed by lots of people he was a mighty man! Love thoughts and prayers go out to his family God bless



Lawrence David Miller - October 09, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Arthur Howland.



October 08, 2016 at 09:15 PM