



Howard D. Blair

August 15, 1937 - June 21, 2016

Age 78, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was born August 15, 1937 in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, the son of Donald and Helen (Timar) Blair. On May 19, 1962 in Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Lincoln Park, MI, he married Sandra (Simko) Blair and she survives. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren, vegetable gardening, golf, scientific publications and endeavors and conducted experiments and was honored for his inventions at Ford Motor Research Laboratory. Survivors in addition to his wife Sandra include their daughter Susan D. (John F. III) Williams, and Grandchildren Isabella, Katherine, and Thomas Williams. Other survivors include his siblings Donald Blair, Gloria Helfrich, and Arthur (Petra) Blair. Howard was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law June Blair, and brother-in-law Neil Helfrich. A Mass of the Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, MI, with Rev. Fr. Francis Mossholder as Celebrant. A luncheon will follow the service at the Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in his name may be made to The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS.org). Envelopes will be available at the Church where friends may begin calling on Monday, June 27, 2016 between the hours of 3:00 P.M and 8:00 P.M. and again on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. To sign Howard's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **27**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Visitation

JUN **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Mass of the Christian Burial

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard D. Blair*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Sandy:*

I hope you are still kicking around.

Perhaps you remember me. Howard and I were colleagues at the Ford Scientific Labs 1970-73. I happened to be surfing the internet looking for the whereabouts of my friends from days gone by when I ran into this obituary of Howard's passing. Although 3 years late now but I want you to know that I would miss Howard. Please accept my most sincere condolences to you and your family for this loss. Howard was a good friend, a fun-loving, jovial, and ready to help anybody type. I recall both of you being very good to me. For that I thank you very much. My wife Darshana does not remember Howard since I hadn't married then.

I am going to have to look through my photo collection of the Ford era to see if I still carry the memories of Howard. If I find one, I will post it.

Best wishes,

*Arun Varshneya, Alfred NY
(varshneya@alfred.edu)*

ARUN VARSHNEYA - October 13, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ Just wanted to give our condolences to Thomas and his family! We will fondly remember Grandpa Howard's smiling face whenever he took Thomas to baseball practice and when he picked him up. It was clear to see how much he loved his grandson and cherished this time with him. May God provide comfort to the family and may Grandpa Howard's memory be a blessing to you all. Love Joshua Kuehn (and family)

Christine Kuehn - June 28, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard D. Blair.



June 28, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ Shaikh, It was my pleasure to know you and your family. great memories of my golf trips

Zafar - June 28, 2016 at 06:33 AM



“ Dear Sandra and family, Bob and I have a heavy heart after hearing the news on Howard. Our love, sympathies and prayers go out to you and your family. Sorry we were unable to attend the funeral but our thoughts are with you. Bob has told me many Howard stories which I have thoroughly enjoyed; my memories are of a warm, caring man who enjoyed life. God Bless you. Your friends, Bob & Elsie Gault.

Bob & Elsie Gault - June 27, 2016 at 03:26 PM

ES

“ So sad to hear of Howard's passing. We spent several years closely working together at the Ford Research Lab. During that time Howard taught me much about science, and life in general. I thought of him many times since our retirement, but unfortunately lost contact.

Ernie Stiles

Ernie Stiles - June 27, 2016 at 09:12 AM

FF

“ *FAI, WINNIE YEUNG AND FAMILY purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Howard D. Blair.*



FAI, WINNIE YEUNG AND FAMILY - June 26, 2016 at 11:21 PM

DE

“ Did you ever meet someone and wish you would have met them a long time ago? That is how we feel about Howard. Howard was our "new" neighbor and we knew right away we liked this kind and spirited guy.

Howard always welcomed us with a great smile. His love of science was only out shined by his love for his family - his equally spirited wife Sandy, his daughter and grandchildren.

I will never forget driving home on an icy morning this past winter. It was frigid, windy, dark and snowy. Who did I see outside? Howard - determined to chop through all the ice on the driveway. It didn't matter that the ice was thick. It didn't matter that it was freezing and windy outside. He would not let me take over the job but, we ended up chopping away together. We had so much fun! Talking about how cars had to work at such extreme conditions, the physics of ice, creating a better snow shovel. It was a real fun time.

The last time I saw Howard, it was another morning - an early summer morning. He had his great hat on and gave a large one arm wave as he was leaving in his car on some great morning adventure.

We miss Howard. We miss his spirt. We miss his knowledge. We miss his smile.

deb & sam brow

Deb - June 26, 2016 at 06:19 PM

LF

“ *Larry, Kathy Rafalski and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Howard D. Blair.*



Larry, Kathy Rafalski and Family - June 25, 2016 at 07:35 PM

DK

“ *Condolences to each of you at this time and in the days to come. What a wonderful man Howard was, a supporter of all the events we had at Huron High School when Susan was in school, as well as the many years he and Sandra attended Huron Civic Theatre performances.*

David H. Kuykendall - June 25, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ *My family lost one of the finest men I've known in my lifetime today - my father-in-law Howard Blair. It's impossible to confine the magnitude of his kindness, brilliance, humor, uniqueness and generosity within this small box, but he was beloved by many and my children simply and beautifully adored him. They call him Papa and their lives will forever be better through his influence. I am so grateful and thankful for all that he has done for our family and will miss him terribly. Thank you Howard for teaching all the right things through example and being the rock upon which our family has thrived. Rest in peace and love and know that we shall always cherish your time with us.*



John Williams - June 24, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard D. Blair.*



June 24, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Howard D. Blair.*



June 24, 2016 at 10:34 AM