



John Howard Faison

February 4, 1948 - February 19, 2021

John Howard Faison, IV (Howard), 73, passed away February 19, 2021 at home surrounded by the love and comfort of the people he cared about most -- his family.

Howard made a profound impact on those who had the good fortune to meet him. He will be remembered for his ability to make people smile, an unparalleled work ethic, and his unwavering love for his family, friends, and God.

A distinguished military veteran, Howard served in the United States Navy for 22 years. He held multiple advanced academic degrees, led IT operations for a state university, and served as a college professor. He knew his way around a hammer and a wrench, loved to mow his own lawn, and knew how to lay a little rubber on the pavement.

He treasured the earth, the ocean, and especially the mountains. His trips to Blue Ridge Parkway nourished his soul and were some of his fondest memories with his wife, Joan.

Howard leaves behind his greatest joys -- a loving and devoted wife of more than 50 years, three children and their spouses, five surviving grandchildren, and many dear friends. Howard joins his grandson (Will), his siblings (Jennie and Wright), parents (John and Janet), his in-laws (Larna and Lena), and his dog (Benny).

Howard's life was full of strength, love, and compassion. He will be greatly missed, and never forgotten. His spirit will continue to guide us from above where he will wait patiently to see us again. We love you Howard, Daddy, and PopPop.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (lls.org).

Online condolences may be made at <http://www.heritagecares.com>. Arrangements for the Faison family have been entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services - February 24 at 10:30 AM



“ That was the most beautiful tribute/memorial I have ever heard. What a legacy Howard has left!

Jane Galbreath - February 24 at 12:05 PM



“ Oh how we will miss him he was definitely an awesome neighbor when we lived in Lexington Park Marilyn and memories and his beautiful wife and I became best friends and we'll always be best friends till the day we pass. Just let the family know that my heart is broken right along with them but we know he's in a better place we know he's an angel now and we all will have that special angel watching over us all the time God bless each and everyone of you I'll be keeping you all in prayer

Brenda Carlee - February 25 at 01:53 PM



“ Very nice tributes from family, military, and nursing staff. Howard will be missed. So glad I was able to visit one last time in 2007. He's a true southern gentleman and did fight hard to live. He stayed positive along with Joan to the end. Great examples to us all.

Vivian Buxton - February 25 at 02:33 PM



“ This was a beautiful service. I will remember Howard's family and friends in prayer in the weeks to come. I went to school, starting in Elementary school, with Howard. I am so sorry for your loss.

Linda Smith Nichols - February 25 at 03:11 PM



“ Sending comforting thoughts to the family - Howard seemed to live everyday at the best and was always there to lend a helping hand or a thought that brightened someone's day. We definitely feel fortunate to know him!

Ray Sheedy - March 05 at 12:55 PM



“ Howard was always quick with a smile and a joke to put people at ease. I enjoyed getting to speak with him whenever I could. He is and will remain greatly missed. My heart aches for Joan and the entire family.

Kelly J Gregerson - March 02 at 01:28 PM



“ Condolences and prayers for you Joan and your family, Howard is a genuine man. Beautiful tribute in Howard's honor. I have known the Faison's since I was 13 years old, as my 2nd family. Jennie was my best friend through to her passing, love to Wright through to his passing. R.I.P. Howard, fly high. Blessings to you Joan, with love,
Melanie House Whitley Mullen
Little River, SC

Melanie Whitley Mullen - February 25 at 09:50 AM



“ To the Faison Family- On behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and blood cancer patients everywhere, we extend our deepest condolences to you on Howard's passing. We are humbled by your designation of our organization as beneficiary for those individuals who want to support the LLS mission in memory of Howard. My name is Cathy Bloomberg and I work for the NC chapter of LLS in Charlotte. My number is 203-605-5147 and if you would like to talk, I am open always. At any time, you can also reach out to LLS as we have many resources for family members, by calling the Information Resource Center (IRC) at 800-955-4572. The IRC is staffed by Masters level social workers and oncology nurses who are incredible to converse with. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cathy Bloomberg on behalf of LLS

CATHY BLOOMBERG - February 24 at 04:30 PM



“ This entire family was the best part of our time living in North Carolina. Really lovely to be around for sure. Especially Howard!

I remember camping out back with our kids in tents at the Faison Homestead watching outdoor movies and swinging on the bike swing!!

Hanging on the porch in Huntersville. John would always offer up some summer beverages. Consumate southern gentlemen. Howard was the coolest for sure. I'm so sorry for your family's loss. RIP Howard.

Martino Family - February 24 at 11:02 AM



“ I will always have fond memories of "Uncle Howard": his kindness, generosity, humor, steadfastness, and laughter made a big impact on on me as a child. His positivity and brightness was insatiable and will live on in all those that he met and loved. Sending lots of love.

-Rachel Palumbo

Rachel Palumbo - February 24 at 11:02 AM



“ I think it is hard to find another man that worked as hard and cared about family as much as Howard did. In the 20+ years I knew him he was always there for his family and he continuously had a positive outlook on life. He and Joan were always there for us. RIP Howard.

Bryan Lightfoot - February 24 at 10:33 AM



“He made all my dreams come true” Joan Robbins Faison

“An extremely hard-working man who put his family and neighbors before himself. He loved God and made everyone he came in contact with feel better about themselves than they did before.” Richard Allen Latty, Jr.

“He had one of the brightest personalities, and was as solid as a rock when it came to life and advice throughout the years.” John Faison Lightfoot

“He always told me I was the real Princess” Aspen Leigh Bogan

“He led, He initiated, He was a man of action. He took responsibility for his actions and his moment. He hated apathy and fiercely rejected passivity.” John Robbins Faison

“He could say “it ain’t nothing but a thang little girl,” and with that could center and calm me when my world was out of control.” Michele Faison Bogan

“Happy!” Jessica Marie Faison

“I loved hearing PopPop’s stories of all the cool things he did. And when there were moments of quiet, he would make his funny duck sound quack. Even though he was sick he was still the PopPop I knew and loved, if I was certain of something it was his consistency and unwavering love for all of us.” Adeline Bennett Faison

“I can’t say there was a problem that was too big for him, there was nothing that could break his resolve, courage, devotion, or love. He approached everything he did with intention and optimism. He never gave up on anyone, or anything. He took it upon himself to fix what was broken, and you always knew if you stumbled or fell that somehow his hand would be there to pick you up and dust you off.” Gregory Raymond Bogan, Jr.

“Fair winds and following seas, farewell shipmate.” Raymond Edward Bogan, Jr.

"Hey ShoePop....nevermind." -Buckey AKA Zachary Bryan Lightfoot

"He was a very loving father for his children and grandchildren and always wanted the best for them." Todd William Hacker

Jessica Faison - February 24 at 10:28 AM



“ I grew up with Howard. They lived across the street and down 4 houses. Had a lot of good times back in the day. I knew Wright and Jennie and mother and Dad also. We would overnight and sneak out of the house and just walk around the neighborhood. Built a treehouse and had some good times then also. I tried to get in touch with Howard about 2 months ago but he might have been too sick to talk. He will be truly missed. We will be praying for his family at this time. We serve a mighty GOD that is able. If I can do anything please let me know.

Raymond Hait

Ray Hait - February 24 at 09:45 AM



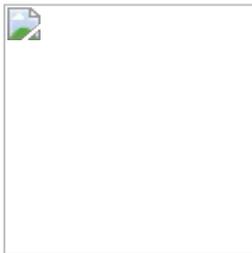
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Jessica Faison - February 24 at 09:43 AM



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Jessica Faison - February 24 at 08:14 AM