



Howard E. Thurston

February 6, 1934 - September 28, 2020

STRATHAM - Howard Ellsworth Thurston, 86, of Stratham died Monday, September 28, 2020 from natural causes following heart failure. Born February 6, 1934 in Brighton, Massachusetts, to Florence Mayola Wall and Howard Elmer Thurston.

Howie graduated from Westwood High School and Stockbridge College. He served in the Army stationed in Germany 1955-1957. Careers included tree surgeon, contractor and entrepreneur, patented the Solution Truck Cover. Interests included fishing, fly-tying, photography, tennis, hockey.

Survived by daughter Stephanie Holladay of Portland, Oregon; son Dana and wife Eileen of Stratham; brother John of Westwood, Mass.; sister-in-law Robin of Manchester; grandchildren James and Amanda Holladay of Oregon; niece and nephews. Preceded in death by wife Jean, brother William and grandson Jordan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rockingham County VNA (<https://www.exeterhospital.com/Rockingham-VNA-Hospice/RVNA-Hospice-Events>)

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard E. Thurston*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *To the Thurston Family:*

On behalf of a grateful nation, and the Department of NH, VFW/Auxiliary District #7, we wish to acknowledge your loved one's service to our country, and send our deepest condolences on your loss.

*District #7 Chaplain,
Cathy Burns*



Cathy Burns - October 12, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Howie for several years, from the Let's Go Fishing Program (a particular pleasure each time) to the Kittery Trading Post, to chance meetings around. He was always good company, interesting, and I never failed to learn something. He was a good soul.*

Donna Beyer - October 07, 2020 at 06:19 PM

KW

“ I have fond memories of working with Howie while I was the the Let's Go Fishing Program Coordinator. Howie was such an interesting person and a wonderful instructor. He will be missed.

Karina Walsh - October 07, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Howard E. Thurston.



October 05, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SB

“ Howie was a super person. I was lucky to work a few years with him at Camp Barry for NHFG. We had a conversation one day and he spoke about growing up in Westwood, MA. My wife is from that town and at the time we were living there. He went on to say he played football at WW high when they only had 11 helmets and if you came out of the game you had to give your helmet to the guy replacing you. Said he played against Dick Surrent who if I remember correctly played for Dedham HS. Howie said he was the toughest guy he ever played against. He also told me about his twin brother who was a Navy fighter pilot and was killed when his jet exploded on the runway. Said his brother was buried in a cemetery in WW but he did not know where. I had an idea it was down the street from me so for a few weeks I walked all the rows until I found it and sent him a photo. He always had a wiskbroom in his truck, use to say "never underestimate the value of a good whiskbroom", I now have one in my truck. Thats my Howie story.

Scott Biron - October 05, 2020 at 11:33 AM

CC

“ Sorry for your loss. Howie was awesome. We knew him initially through church and his wife, he was always helpful, funny and a guy to look up to. He will be missed.

Chris Cavarretta - October 03, 2020 at 12:04 PM

CA

Howie was a great guy!
He will be missed! Very sorry for your loss.
- His neighbor.

Cassandra - October 06, 2020 at 06:51 PM

SL

“ I didn't know him, but I drove by his house over the last 19 years and have always been amazed at what he was doing. The last few years when he would be out mowing his lawn, I really wanted to stop and offer to help him, but I could just tell he was the type of guy that wanted to do it and took pride in the fact that he still was doing it! I saw him drive by my house daily, saw him walking at Stratham Hill park in the winter and just always admired him. To me he seemed like a special guy.....a true hardy New Englander with lots of grit. So sorry for your loss.

Shay Lavery - October 02, 2020 at 05:03 PM

JD

“ To the Thurston family we send our heartfelt condolences. Mr. Thurston has been a favorite customer of ours for many years. He was always kind and had a great sense of humor. Every once in awhile he would stop by the office and just say Hi. We will truly miss him. You are all in our prayers.
Chuck, Steve, Jen, Rob, Bob, John and Trever of
Hydro Air Inc. in North Hampton

Jennifer Dunphy - October 01, 2020 at 02:34 PM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss Stephanie & Dana, your Dad was truly a great guy! Union Rd. will not be the same without him! He will be missed but more importantly he will be remembered.

Chris Doyle - September 29, 2020 at 08:31 PM