



## SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds

November 6, 1930 - March 14, 2016

Howard William Reynolds, son of the late Lester Earl and Tempie Perola (Davis) Reynolds, was born November 6, 1930 in Ellsinore, Missouri. He attended Elementary School in Anderson, Missouri for 5 years and later earned his GED while serving in the military.

Howard began working at an early age as a sewing machine operator and stitched burlap bags which held feed. He worked in a feed mill and after sewing the feed sacks, he loaded them into trucks.

Howard entered the United States Army in 1949 at the age of 17 and served 20 years, retiring in 1968. He had attained the rank of Sergeant and served as a Drill Sergeant. For his faithful service, he earned several awards and commendations; some of which included: Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge (2nd Award) and the Purple Heart.

On August 10, 1956, Howard was united in marriage to Ayrus Elizabeth Hollingshead in Manhattan, Kansas. They shared over 59 years of marriage together and four children: Howard Jr., Bruce Wayne, Michael Eugene, and Pearl Mae.

After retiring from the military, Howard began working as the Chief of Police for the City of Richland for several years and then went to work at the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1971. He retired there as a recreation officer in 1987.

In his spare time, Howard loved to play golf and bingo. He also enjoyed traveling and working around the house. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 240 of Richland, the VFW 3168 of Laquey, the DAV of Waynesville Chapter 49, and the Purple Heart Association.

Howard passed away Monday evening, March 14, 2016 in his home having attained the age of 85. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Howard leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Ayrus E. Reynolds of the home; three sons: Howard W. Reynolds, Jr. (Virginia) of Beloit, WI, Bruce Wayne Reynolds (Tammy) of Richland, MO and Michael Eugene Reynolds (Anita) of Springfield, MO; one daughter: Pearl Mae Basham (Danny) of Waynesville, MO; eight grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one sister: Carol Lee Roark of Columbia, MO; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Howard was preceded in death by one sister: Laura Mae Reynolds; one brother: James Everett Reynolds; and one grandson: Howard W. Reynolds III.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 17, 2016, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland, Missouri with a United States Army Chaplain, (CPT) Mwevi Mwilima officiating. Recorded music selections included, "Amazing Grace," "Islands in the Stream" and "Believe." Serving as escorts were the United States Army. Honorary escorts included Howard W. Reynolds II, Bruce

W. Reynolds, Michael E. Reynolds, Douglas E. Black and Zachary D. Black.  
Interment with Military Honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of  
Waynesville, Missouri.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Howard Reynolds and  
may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood**

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Tribute Wall



“ *SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND LOVED ONES,*

*MARLIN STEVENS*



**MARLIN STEVENS** - March 21, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time Steve Sheila Baranowski and Family*

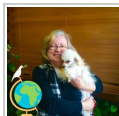
**Sheila Baranowski** - March 18, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Janis Thompson lit a candle in memory of SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds*



**Janis Thompson** - March 17, 2016 at 01:19 AM



*So sorry for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. Prayers your loving memories will carry you through this difficult time.*

**Janis Thompson** - March 17, 2016 at 01:25 AM

CG

“ Sending my sympathy and love to you and your family. ❤️

cindy grizzell - March 16, 2016 at 04:49 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your family's loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.



Charley and Joyce Fritts - March 16, 2016 at 03:33 PM

NW

“ Nancy Witt lit a candle in memory of SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds



nancy witt - March 16, 2016 at 01:10 PM

NW

when Howard was a policeman, many years ago, my husband, Don highly respected him..he was so fair and reasonable with the boys back then...you have our deepest condolences..

Nancy and Don Witt - March 16, 2016 at 01:13 PM

FT

“ Frank Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds



Frank Tucker - March 16, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to you & your family Liz & Pearl!!  
Julie Golinghorst*

Julie Golinghorst - March 16, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ *I remember Howard as a big help for me. One time I was on my way to work and had a flat tire. My husband was deployed at the time and I had never changed a tire and couldn't get the flat tire off the car. It was about 6:00 am so I walked to their house and he took me back to the car and changed the flat. I know that seems like something small, but it meant a lot to me, and showed Howard to me as a Samaritan. I haven't seen him since I left Richland in 1986 but he will be missed.*



Billie Clark(Munden) - March 16, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ *Ayrus and family,  
From our family to yours we send our deepest condolences to each and every one of you. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time. Howard will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May God be with you all.  
Kenneth & Dalene McDaniel  
Kim, Kasondra, Kristie, Amanda, Tiffannie and families  
Sue Pentecost & families*

Tiffannie - March 16, 2016 at 09:21 AM

PG

“ We pray that family members and friends will be comforted and able to share feelings with one another during this season of bereavement, being reassured that no matter the trials, God Cares for each one of us.



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - March 16, 2016 at 08:53 AM

TH

“ Ted Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds



Ted Helms - March 16, 2016 at 05:57 AM

Liz Black

“ My beautiful grandparents



Liz Black - March 15, 2016 at 11:03 PM

MB

“ MARY BLACK sent a virtual gift in memory of SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds



MARY BLACK - March 15, 2016 at 10:55 PM

MB

“ *MARY BLACK lit a candle in memory of SGT  
(Ret) Howard William Reynolds*



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**MARY BLACK** - March 15, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *Julia Hendrix lit a candle in memory of SGT  
(Ret) Howard William Reynolds*



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**Julia Hendrix** - March 15, 2016 at 10:38 PM

MQ

“ *Marlene Quick lit a candle in memory of SGT  
(Ret) Howard William Reynolds*



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**Marlene Quick** - March 15, 2016 at 06:23 PM

LH

“ *Howard was a good friend to American Legion  
Post 240 in Richland. He will be missed. Leah,  
Dennis & Tyler Helms*



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**leah helms** - March 15, 2016 at 04:40 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of SGT (Ret) Howard William Reynolds*



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**linda cole-schonbok** - March 15, 2016 at 02:15 PM