



Robert Howard

January 22, 1927 - March 29, 2012

Robert Howard, son of the late Melvin and Annie May (Howard) Howard, was born January 22, 1927 in Lyons, Georgia where he grew up and attended school.

In March 1945, Robert entered into the United States Army at Camp Blanding, Florida. When he completed his training, he began serving with the 969th Field Artillery Battalion as an Artillery Crewman in the latter stages of World War II in Germany. Upon returning to the States in November 1946, he attended Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He began serving with the 24th Infantry Regiment and was deployed to Korea on July 4, 1950. Robert was wounded in the battle of Bloody Mountain near Mason, Korea. After several different assignments, Robert retired from the Army on July 1, 1966. He had attained the rank of Sergeant and had earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: European Campaign, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Airborne Jump Wings (24 jumps and 1 combat jump), Korean Campaign, President's Unit Citations (Europe/Korea), Air Medal, and other awards.

In November 1967, Robert began working in civil service on Fort Leonard Wood. He began working for Military Personnel and in 1979, he was assigned as Supervisor, Personal Affairs Branch, U.S. Army Reception Station. In 1983, his position became Chief, Personal Affairs Branch. On April 30, 1993, Robert

retired from civil service. One of his highest achievements was being selected to the Army Chief of Staff of the Army DA Retiree Council in Washington, DC, where he served as an Administrative Personnel Advisor from February 1976 to April 1983.

On November 26, 1965, Robert was united in marriage to the love of his life, Paulette Milcendeau. They shared over 46 years of marriage together and six children.

In his spare time, Robert enjoyed being outdoors; whether it was playing golf, fishing or hunting. Most importantly, he treasured the times spent with this family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Robert passed away Thursday, March 29, 2012 in his home having attained the age of 85 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Robert will be sadly missed by fondly remembered by his wife, Paulette Howard of the home; five children: William Milcendeau (Rena) of St. Robert, MO, David Milcendeau (Tammy Brown) of St. Robert, MO, Caroline Smith of Dallas, TX, Nathalie Wright of Springfield, MO, Carla M. Pearson of Topeka, KS; one brother: Roy Mobley of Miami, FL; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by one daughter: Debra Jean Howard.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2012 in the Main Post Chapel of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri with Chaplain (COL) Jim Watson officiating. Organist Kathy Miller accompanied Ann Watson and Ivey Palmer as they sang "Abide With Me" and "Amazing Grace".

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Main Post Chapel
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Service

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Main Post Chapel
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Howard*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *hello tina, just wanted to say i have been foolwing you on bgt and youtube, how wonderful you are with Chandi. i have an old scruffy dog i found in a refuge in australia 14 years ago, he is now approx 15 and this is the love of my life. not as lovely as yours as he is very afraid of people, but for me wonderful. i am terrified of losing him but he is getting older anyway just wanted to say hi and will keep foolwing you and chandi, such a gorgeous dog!Saskia x###imported-begin##Ramil###imported-end##*

April 27, 2012 at 07:25 PM



“ *We salute our departed brother in arms, a Purple Heart recipient. Chapter 621, Military Order of the Purple Heart.##imported-begin##Ted Scott##imported-end##*

April 24, 2012 at 02:09 AM



“ I LOVE YOU DAD, YOU AS THE BEST DAD I EVER HAD REST IN PEACE. THANK CAROL SMITH##imported-begin##caroline smith##imported-end##

April 05, 2012 at 03:44 PM



“ Paulette, Dave and family, my heartfelt sympathy to you during this difficult time. May the Good Lord hold you close and guide you through this time of grief.##imported-begin##Sheila Debo##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 07:33 PM



“ My husband, Bill Catts, and I had such respect and admiration for Bob. We knew him through our Gideon Camp. Years ago Bob took Bill for a tour of FLW, and Bill was amazed at his sharp memories of the history of every aspect of the fort. He came home saying he wished he had taken a tape recorder with him! He called Bob "a walking history book". I remember him as a gracious man of God, who loved the Bible, his fellow countrymen, and our military. He served our camp as liaison to coordinate our Gideon Bible distributions on post, but he also inspired all of us to remember our troops in prayer. My prayers are for Paulette and his family now as we all have lost a great man, but our loss is Heaven's gain. If the Gideons can be of any service to the family please let us know.##imported-begin##Annette Catts##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 02:39 PM



“ What a special mentor, and did he love to cook lunch! Blessings during your grief.##imported-begin##joan Houser##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 11:54 PM



“ so sorry for your loss Paulette.##imported-begin##Linda Schonbok##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 02:55 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Mr. Howard was an amazing, kind, and caring person. He brought great joy to those around him. He will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Tracy McCord##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 12:26 PM



“ I will miss Mr. Howard. He was one of my favorites that would come in to the commissary and shop. He would chit-chat with us all and made sure that he said "hello" or if we spotted him shopping we would do the same, has a very special place in our/my heart (s) and he will me missed.
My thoughts and prayers are for him and are with his family. He touched many lives as well as mine.##imported-begin##Alison Wright##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 06:52 PM



“ Paulette, I am so sorry for your loss. May God send you and your family comfort and peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Mike James, IMC, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital##imported-begin##Michael James##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 02:00 PM



“ Natalie and David-so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He was always such a sweet man. You, and the whole family, are in my prayers. Love you guys and miss ya'll bunches.##imported-begin##Barbara Wall(brock)##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 09:24 PM



“ MY GRANDPA WAS AND STILL IS THE "BEST MAN" I KNOW!!.....HE WAS A LOVING AND CARING MAN AND HE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO KEEP EVERYONE TOGETHER....HE CARRIED THE WEIGHT OF EVERYONE WITH NOT ONE SINGLE COMPLAINT!!!##imported-begin##CHRISTINE MILCENDEAU##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 04:29 PM



“ It breaks my heart to hear this I met Mr Howard at the commissary and he was a very dear friend he was in the Army with my father I looked forward to him coming through produce every week if he didn't come in I got worried about him when he told me he was sick I cried it broke my heart but another angel just got wings I will truly miss him but know he is in a better place and no pain.
Stephanie Fenton##imported-begin##Stephanie Fenton
##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 11:11 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you! May god give you peace and comfort at this difficult time!##imported-begin##Ashley and steve##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 10:40 PM



“ I remember meeting him when I visited with Nathalie. He was such a nice person. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Just know he will always be with you in your hearts. Cherish the memories everyday. God be with you ALL.##imported-begin##Kathleen Beltran##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 08:25 PM



“ Mr. Howard was such a great man, he always had kind words to say and made me feel like part of the family,Nathalie you are in my prayers as is your whole family. Much love coming your way. Dolores##imported-begin##Dolores (Bush) Ogden##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 05:45 PM



“ I have very fond memories of all of your family. my thoughts and prayers are with you all . how lucky we were all you have known such a wonderful man. god bless you all sarah##imported-begin##Sarah Southwick Campo##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 05:22 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked for Mr. Howard during my college years and he would come and visit me when I worked at the hospital several years ago. He used to carry a picture of my baby son in his wallet (from 25 yrs ago). He was a good man aand he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Inez Borjon Neeley##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 03:12 PM



“ *What a great loss to his family, friends and society. He was a dear, kind loving man to all he came in contact with. I've only known him for 20 years, but was deeply touched by his love of family, God and his country. He will be sadly missed.*

Mr. Howard always had a smile on his face and in his heart. What an example he set for life.##imported-begin##Sharon Eisele##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 03:05 PM