

Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory of

R. Howard Harvey

April 13, 1927 - January 26, 2022



First United Methodist Church
Madisonville, Tennessee
Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m.
(Receiving of Friends from 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.)

Worship Order for the Celebration of Life of Howard Harvey

Presiding: Rev. Chris Black
Music: 1st UMC Chancel Choir
Soloist: Reba Dopkins

WORDS OF GATHERING

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear, than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 23

MUSIC

“Holy Ground”

1st UMC Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING: (John 14: 1-4, 18-19, 25-27)

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; Because I live, you also will live. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

INVITATION TO SHARE

HOMILY

MUSIC

“One Day at a Time”

Reba Dopkins (Soloist)
Mary Alice Huff (Accompanist)

CLOSING PRAYER: (with the Lord’s Prayer.)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

1st UMC Chancel Choir

BLESSING



R. Howard Harvey

R. Howard Harvey, age 94, peacefully passed away January 26, 2022 to be reunited in heaven with his daughter Melissa Ann Harvey, Ann Simmons Harvey (his wife of 36 yrs until her passing and mother of his daughters), his siblings (Willie Irene Harvey, Leon Harvey & Frances Harvey Woolridge) and his parents (Willie & Leila Tipton Harvey). Howard was a retired mechanical engineer (graduate of Tennessee Technical University) and spent over 30 years working as an engineer at Ft Loudon Electric Co. Howard used his engineering skills at his parent's local car dealerships for over 25 years (Harvey Motors Co and Harvey & Veal Motor Co) prior to his tenure at Ft Loudon Electric. In addition, he farmed the family's Simmons/Harvey Farm as his second job from 1961 to 1987. Howard passed his work ethic, joy for life and treating others the same way he wanted to be treated onto his daughters along with anyone he spoke.

Howard leaves behind his wife, Patricia Harvey; two daughters Dr. Miranda Harvey Johnson and Mara Lucretia Harvey along with sons-in law; Dr. Steven Johnson and James C. Harris. Family was a big part of his life and he always enjoyed getting together with his siblings or attending big family reunions. Siblings that he leaves behind are Florine Harvey Stamey, Dan N. Harvey and Gladys (Ann) Harvey Thomas along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The United States needed Howard to serve in 1945. Howard took his GED when he was seventeen and got his parents to sign off on his enlistment. He joined the Navy and served his duty until the end of World War II with honorable discharge.

Howard was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Madisonville since he was young. He loved his church and spoke of his friends there until the day he passed. He was a founding member of United Methodist Men's group and chaperoned the Methodist Youth Group, both in Madisonville. All three of his daughters were members of Madisonville School Bands and he chaperoned a lot of times at the request of band members who loved him. Howard had many interests, but music, dancing, swimming and golf were his top choices. Dancing anywhere to any music was his motto! He and Pat spent many Saturday nights dancing at Baker's Place. He won many gold and silver medals in the Monroe County Senior Olympics in golf and swimming. He golfed any chance he got and had several golfing buddies to prove it. Anyone who met Howard Harvey loved him. He will be missed by many, but his life was well-lived.

In lieu of flowers, please send your donations to First United Methodist Church, Building Fund, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354; or the American Heart Association.