

Michael E. Howard



Michael E. Howard, 58, of Frackville, passed away the evening of Sept. 13 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, surrounded by his family and close friends.

Born in Shenandoah, he was a son of the late Michael and Ruth Goodridge Howard.

He was a 1976 graduate of Shenandoah Valley High School and attended Penn State University.

Mike was employed by Omnova Solutions, Auburn, for the past 37 years.

He was a member of the B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge 1533, Frackville, Second Mountain Rod and Gun Club; he coached T-Ball, instructional and Little League baseball, and coached midget football in Frackville.

He was a sports enthusiast and loved the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Mike is survived by his wife of 32 years, Judith A. "Judy" Howard, two sons, Michael M. and Joshua A. Howard, and a daughter, Amanda M. Howard, all of Frackville; a sister, Sharon L. Niel and husband, George, Lakewood Ranch, Fla.; a brother; Gary M.

Howard and wife, Patricia "Cookie," Shenandoah; four aunts, Dorothy Kulesa, Stroudsburg, Reda Howard, Ringtown, Alberta "Bitsy" Howard, Palmyra, and Rita Howard, Exton; nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Annunciation BVM Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert Finlan as celebrant. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and again from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville.

Interment will be in Annunciation Cemetery, Englewood/Frackville. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donation to be made in Michael's name to the American Heart Association, 1411 E. Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701; the Clyde F. Barker Penn Transplant House, 3940 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104; or the charity of your choice. Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.