



David Howell

November 20, 1932 - March 2, 2021

Tebbutt & Frederick Memorial Home

David Wright Howell, 88, of Niskayuna, NY, came to eternal rest on March 2, 2021, surrounded by family. Born on Long Island in Glen Cove, NY, on November 20, 1932, he was the son of Bert Vincent Howell and Esther Lou Cramer Howell, and brother of Anne Howell Clarke and John Howell. He attended Huntington High School, the State University of New York Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1959. He was a Professional Engineer and held a number of positions of increasing responsibility in Capital District engineering and design companies before establishing his own engineering company, Integrated Building Systems (IBS), in 1992. IBS was an electrical and mechanical engineering design firm that employed 20 people at its peak during his tenure. They completed countless engineering and design projects throughout New York State, becoming a preeminent authority for lighting, heating and cooling systems at primary, secondary, and university education facilities and campuses. His expertise also included the design of solutions for special purpose buildings such as hockey arenas, indoor pools, and field houses. He retired from IBS in 2005. He was an active member of the Town Planning Board of Niskayuna, NY.

While attending RPI, he married Diane Wentworth Boyne with whom he was married for 62 years before her passing on December 25, 2017. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Niskayuna to raise their family. Their home was well known in the community for its holiday decorations, inside and out, and was featured in the Daily Gazette's Fall Home section. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady where he was a Deacon and where his four children and a number of his grandchildren were married.

David was an Eagle Scout, and he was active in basketball and baseball growing up on Long Island, participating on a number of championship high school teams. After graduating from SUNY, he joined the Navy where he served as a Seabee during the Korean War. He was a devoted husband and father, coaching a number of Little League, Youth Hockey, and Youth Soccer teams. When his children, grandchildren, or great

grandchildren were competing or performing, and he wasn't coaching, he was always their number one fan. You always knew who he was rooting for. He dedicated all of his non-working hours to his family, by the pool or on the beach, fishing or skiing, making beautiful antique replica furniture for his home and those of his children and grandchildren, and hosting family gatherings. He will always be remembered for his endless drive and his tireless commitment to help his children and their families at any time, day or night.

He is survived by his four children, ten grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren:

Cynthia Anne Howell Battiste and her husband David Battiste, their sons Matthew with wife Lindsey (née Scheer) and their children Louis and Fiona, Michael with fiancée Joelle Turek, and Scott with wife Kayla (née Brown) and son Archer. Pamela Jean Howell Tentor and her husband R. Martin Tentor, their daughters Katrina Tentor Lallier with husband Matthew and their children Madeline, Elizabeth, and Emma, and Kimberly Tentor Peck with husband Ian and their children Cameron, Cayden, and Colton. Timothy Scott Howell and his wife Andrea Browne Howell, their daughters Rebecca Howell with husband William Butcher, Victoria, and Alexandra. Megan Elizabeth Howell Swenson and her husband Scott Swenson, their daughter Emily and their son Sean.

The family would like to express its deep appreciation for all those who expressed their love and prayers for David and the family.

A Memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, NY, after the restrictions on gatherings has been lifted and we achieve some measure of normalcy. A private burial service will be performed at Albany Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Schenectady City Mission or the First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady.

Arrangements are entrusted to Tebbutt & Frederick Memorial Home, 633 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

Cemetery

Albany Rural Cemetery

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Howell.



March 10, 2021 at 06:59 AM



“ Dear Howell family, Your dad as well as your mom we're such a wonderful part of my life. We became friends when I had the privilege of teaching their children at Hillside School. They included me in many of your family activities. I still brag about the fabulous holiday decorations. They will be so missed. Love to you all. Liz Orzel Kasper

Liz Orzel Kasper - March 09, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Dear Howell family,

I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Reading about his life brought back such fond memories of growing up in Niskayuna. It's wonderful that he left such a large family in the world as part of his legacy.

Cynthia Rexford Haller

Cynthia Haller - March 09, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ Dear Howell Family, your Dad was one of the most special people I have known. He was so talented along with your Mom. They were so proud of their home and all of you, including "Harold". I can't "Thank You" enough for sharing them with us.

peace and love,
Toni and David Boughton

Toni Boughton - March 08, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Dave was a special person, he was all about family, hard work and accuracy. He was a friend for 43 years and will be missed.
Our deepest sympathy to Megan, Scott and the entire family.
Phil & Sue Caprood

Phil Caprood - March 05, 2021 at 10:57 AM