



# Howard E. Sherman Jr.

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Howard E. Sherman Jr. passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, May 17, 2019, surrounded by loved ones. He passed away from a 7 year battle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; (terminal illness that involves scarring of the lung tissue). Howard was born in Penfield, NY on September 23, 1930. After graduating HS in Penfield he went on to SUNY Oswego where he met and married his first love Laura. Howard joined the Armed Services just out of College and worked for the Army Intelligence Unit. After leaving the Army, Howard returned to school for his Masters from Montclair State University. Howard was an educator for over 30 years in several of the NY and NJ school systems starting as a Graphics/Woodworking/Automotive teacher in Hamilton NY, Dean of Students in Columbia HS in Maplewood NJ, and retiring as Vice Principal of Mainland Regional HS in Linwood, NJ. In 1985 at age 55, Howard retired with his loving wife Anita. This afforded him the opportunity to join the Power Squadron in Fort Myers and pursue his dream of cruising the open waters in his 1972 42 ft. Grand Banks Trawler (all wood). Howard and Anita cruised the waterways from Florida to the Bahamas and up the Intercoastal to New York, and the Canada Loop, meeting many new friends that he would maintain for life, and sharing many fun adventures. The Grand Banks named "Pearl" after his mother, was a labor of love that took endless hours to sand, varnish, fix leaks and maintain; all of which Howard and Anita performed rain or shine. Subsequent to Anita's passing in 2001, Howard was fortunate enough to meet Barbara who shared his background in teaching and brought a spirit of adventure as much as he did. They also traveled the NY to Canada loop; Barbara was Howard's love and companion until his death. In addition to his love of cruising, Howard was a Master craftsman and skilfully made furniture including a 20 ft. gazebo, 6 ft. wishing well, 10 ft. china hutch, mirrors, numerous frames, candle holders, etc. In addition, Howard built the solid wood Courtroom in the Town of Caroga, NY where



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it is still being used today. Howard was also a summer resident of Caroga, NY for over 70 years, first as a young adult with his parents, then with his family for decades. Howard graciously volunteered his services to not only building the courtroom, but also to teach New York State Boating Safety courses at no charge to the town or students. In addition, Howard was one of the first to volunteer to work on the weed management program which included diving and retrieving invasive weeds that would choke out the viability of the lake as a recreational destination if unattended. Howard helped fix or rebuild any old boat that came his way. Howards love for old boats had him purchasing and maintaining an original 1930 Chris Craft and numerous antique sailboats and canoes; painstakingly restoring each to its original function and luster. The Chris Craft continues to charm the local waterways of Caroga Lake, NY today. Howard last days were spent visiting with his children as they came to take care of him when he was no longer strong enough to endure lifes daily grind. He was able to reminisce with family, friends, and neighbors; all of the adventures and mishaps along the way of his life. Howard leaves behind 7 loving children; Elizabeth Kenney, John Husted-Sherman, Kathryn Somers, Howard Kempton, Sharon MacCoy-Egert, Barry MacCoy, and Randy MacCoy. In addition, He leaves behind 11 Grandchildren John, Jason, Alex, Emma, Joel, Sarah, Rachel, Paul, Marissa, Jonathan and Cristy; and 4 great Grandchildren; Shane, Christian, Skylar and Ettiene. Lastly, Howard leaves his loving companion of 18 years Barbara Davis; and his shadow, Brandy, as well as numerous dear friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in loving memory of Howard Sherman to: The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500 Chicago IL 60611. 888-733-6741A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 9:30 at The Grace Church, 14036 Mantanzas Drive, Ft Myers, FL 33905. Inurnment including Military Honors will follow at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Ft. Myers, FL. 33907 (239) 936-0555. To share a story, photo, tribute or offer a condolence, please visit [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign the guestbook.



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EI

**Edward And Regina Ingebretsen** posted:

I am so glad that my sister met you and therefore we did too. Barbara and I had no family down here and you quickly became a big part of our family as did Ed. What wonderful times we had together. You had the courage to take us landlubbers out to sea and teach us what to do and that took real courage and stength. We will cherish the wonderful items you carved for us, the fancy dinners you cooked for us, but most of all the love and goodness you shared with us. We miss you Howard and we will always miss you.

June 14 at 11:20 AM

CR

**Claudia And Russ** posted:

Howard will be so missed by us and all his family and friends in Caroga Lake, NY. I remember that he loved to cook and would invite friends to eat. He sent oranges every winter up to the snow bound....I think we'll still be looking for him walking his little dog with his wonderful smile and those beautiful blue eyes. My husband, Russ and I along with our son Dane will remember him as a friend and chef...And to his family, we are sorry for your loss.

May 29 at 2:22 PM

MB

**Mary Beth** posted:

Howard, you were so much fun to have as a next door neighbor. You always had a project-working on Pearl, tinkering with stuff, or the wonderful woodworking projects you made for your family. I am sure they will treasure those projects always. Brandy would escape and come into my garage looking for attention and to eat the cat food. She would chase a ball for hours and was such a hunter. You took me kayaking once and it was great fun. You and Chuck were always up to something and kept the place hopping. I had such great neighbors on Aruba and you were one of them. You are loved and missed.

May 26 at 2:04 PM

DG

**Debi Green** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Hermans passing my heart is very heavy He was like a grandfather to me as Anita was like a grandmother many years if cutting both Thier hair plus they were always there for me RIP Herman u we're one of the best of the best

May 26 at 6:16 AM



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BD

**Barbara Davis** posted:

Dear Howard, I feel so blessed that you were such a special part of my life for the last 18 years. Thank you for all the good times we had together. And thank you for being with me and helping me through all the sad and fearful times. So many people feel alone and unloved in their old age. We never felt that, because we had each other. You were always such a good, kind, loving gentleman, to me and also to my son, who you treated as your own. I know there is a special place in Heaven for you. You will always be in my heart. I love you. Barbara

May 22 at 7:35 AM

PD

**Peter Davis** posted:

Howard, you told me that you think of me as one of your children. You asked me if that was all right. It was more than all right. I hope you knew how much it meant to me. You have helped me in so many ways over the years. That's just the way you were. Thank you for being such a special part of my life. I will never forget you. Love always. Peter

May 22 at 6:56 AM



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