



Mr. Howard C. Radford

June 19, 1928 - September 14, 2014

Howard C. Radford, age 86, of Jeddo, passed away on September 14, 2014. He was born on June 19, 1928 on the family centennial farm in Jeddo, to the late Charles and Belle (Ferguson) Radford. He married Jean L. Stebens in 1961, in Port Huron.

Howard graduated from Port Huron High School and attended Port Huron Junior College. He served in the U.S. Army in the 8th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division. Howard owned and operated the family centennial farm for his entire life. He enjoyed searching for and collecting railroad lanterns. He belonged to the Farm Bureau and St. Clair County Conservation District. He received Conservation Farmer of the Year Award in 1979. He was a member of Central Lakeport United Methodist Church, where he served on many committees, including chairman of the board. He was a 4-H leader of the Jeddo Beef Club, for 10 years. He was also Trustee for the township of Grant, for 26 years. Howard was a member of the Marysville Masonic Lodge #498, F & AM and Huron Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Jeddo, daughters; Ruth (Dale) Thrushman of North Street, Gwen (Tim) Callahan of Chesterfield, son, Clay (Christine) Radford of Jeddo, 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, brother, John Radford of Port Huron, along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014 at 11:00 am in the Central Lakeport United Methodist Church, 3597 Milwaukee Road,

Lakeport. Reverend Ralph Barteld will officiate. Inurnment will be in Harmony Cemetery, at a later date. Visiting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Avenue at 17th St., Port Huron, and again on Friday, from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am, in the church. A luncheon to follow at the church. Memorial tributes can be made to: Central Lakeport United Methodist Church. Veterans Honor Guard Alliance will conduct Military Honors. View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Harmony Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
1634 Lapeer Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 985-5123
jowettfamily@comcast.net
<https://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com>

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ Not sure how I missed this Tribute Wall. As a serious amateur genealogist (as well as Howard Radford's niece); the older I get the more I realize what a rich pedigree we derive from. I was blessed to grow up on Radford Farms w/ U. Howard being the farmer, while his brother John D. Radford was the cattle buyer. Our paternal Radford's arrived from Devonshire, England about 1850. While our Scottish maternal Ferguson family is rooted deeply in American History (Mayflower Passengers, John Winthrop's Fleet, veterans from King Philip's War and the Pequot War, etc.). From my Ferguson-Radford upbringing I received a solid Christian foundation, a traditional conservative demeanor and a healthy work ethic. Rest in Peace, Uncle Howard.

Dianne S. Radford - May 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM

DR

My mistake - Our Radford British Colonial ancestry (Mayflower passengers, etc.) derives from my 2x great-grandmother Elizabeth Burr's English family, not our Scottish Ferguson family.

Dianne Sue Radford - January 24, 2021 at 08:28 AM

ML

“ I was so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Growing up I remember Howard as a serious, hardworking, kind gentleman. My condolences to the family.

RIP Howard!!!

Mary LaPier

Mary LaPier - September 17, 2014 at 06:37 AM



SC

“ Oh where do I begin..I guess from my youngest memories. Howard was the one that was home working on the farm ..while our dad was on the road to different stock sales in the evenings. If any "disaster" cropped up we always relied on Howard..from retrieving dogs that had been hit on Wildcat Rd./ to taking in a half dead rabbit. Howard was pretty much always a stern appearing uncle..but a loving one in his own way. I shall never forget his finding a family of baby mice in the planter and calling me over...laying them in my hands and telling me to take them into my mother with instructions to tell her to close her eyes and hold out her hands. ..I had a surprise for her....Which I proudly did..only to have, sweet dear mama..open her eyes after laying my prize delicately in her out stretched hands .and with a look of terror..scream, and literally throw my prizes all over the room. I was so saddened by this turn of events..But looking back on it..I am sure U. Howard had a good chuckle about it all. Or the time I was home visiting Howard and Jean,with my family..and Howard leaned down and told my little boy to give him a smack right here..pointing to his cheek..repeating. the command to give him a smack right here...as you could see John-David's mind working over time , he being the quiet little shy fellow that he was...with Howard expecting a kiss...In stead John David not realizing Howard's intent, hauled off and smacked him with his hand on Howard's face. Everyone present didn't know what to say..All were in disbelief at this turn of events...as Howard's reaction was one of shock. We waited for the hammer to fall so to speak..but.we were all relieved when he broke out laughing..relieved ,we all had a good hearty laugh as well.

It will be a void going home..a void with him not there..A void that won't be filled ..as I will miss him...I am so thankful that he could pass and be free from pain. He , in his own way..has been a second father to me in my younger years..He was..a man of integrity , a man with a solid work ethic, a man of conviction, a man who was stern/yet caring. Good bye to part of me.

Sharlene Curry - September 16, 2014 at 11:07 PM

SB

Beautifully said mom.

Sarah Bingle - September 17, 2014 at 09:06 AM

DB

I loved the story about mama with mice...I am sure Uncle Howard got a good chuckle out of that..

debbie belling - September 18, 2014 at 12:16 PM

MC

“ Howard and my mother, Marion Cowan, were first cousins. I grew up enjoying any time when Howard was nearby--he was always kind to me as a child and I grew up to appreciate his wonderful sense of humor. Over the years as my mother began to fail, he kept in touch with me to ask about her. Jean and Howard often stopped to see mother in the nursing home when they were on their way home from doctors' appointments in Ann Arbor. Mother loved those visits!

Howard will be missed.

Margaret Cowan

Margaret Cowan - September 16, 2014 at 07:48 PM

CC

“ Carol C. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Howard C. Radford.



Carol C. - September 16, 2014 at 07:36 PM

SD

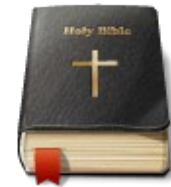
“ It's hard to believe that someone that's been such a presence in our lives is gone. Uncle Howard has always been there for Dad and our family. Family was so important to him. My memories of Uncle Howard are of him working night and day on the farm. He and Jean were devoted to one another and worked side by side in all the demands of a family and maintaining a successful farming endeavor. I didn't always see the softer side of Uncle Howard but I recall one time him calling us kids over to see a family of baby mice in some farm machinery and recall him enjoying his discovery with us. He kept in touch with all of us close family members and I so appreciated that; he took an interest in us. I'll remember most his off-handed humor. I really don't want to believe that you're gone; I always expected you to be around... Love, Your Niece, Sandra Draper

sandra draper - September 16, 2014 at 05:25 PM

MS

“ We will meet again, dear friend, of this I am certain.

Myra



Myra Stutler - September 16, 2014 at 01:35 PM

DB

“ Uncle Howard was a large part of my childhood. I spent many days with my Grandmother as a child and Uncle Howard was there on the family farm. Growing up Uncle Howard was always there for us. He was hard working, and a man of great integrity. He will be sadly missed....

Debbie Belling - September 16, 2014 at 12:42 PM