



Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr.

March 19, 1937 - April 2, 2024

Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr. – husband to Gracie Marie for almost 67 years, passed away at his home peacefully on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Russell was born to Russell & Wilhelmina Howard in Leonardtown, MD on March 19, 1937. He graduated from Charlotte Hall Military Academy in 1955 before attending college at Georgetown University for 2 years and then joined the Marines in 1956. Russell met his wife, Gracie in 1953. He was self-employed most of his life, starting out as a real estate agent (Delta Realty), business owner (Holiday Liquors and Wash N Dry) and then did what he loved to do, Farming (growing pumpkins, tobacco and sweet corn).

Russell and Gracie married on December 14, 1957, He is survived by his wife and 9 children, Russell (Dorothy), Hope (Gregory), Michael (Sandy), Lynn (Pat), Leigh (Chris), Duke, Harold, Harrison and Heather; 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; his sisters, Kay Myers, and Barbara Bridgett. Russell was predeceased by his parents, son-in-law, Kevin Bruffy and brother-in-law Neil Myers, Billy Bridgett and Brother-in-law, Wayne Adkins.

Through the years, Russell enjoyed baseball, duck pin bowling (Curly's), playing cards (Pitch and Tonk at Friendly Tavern), his garden and crossword puzzles. He especially loved growing pumpkins for the Charles County Fair which he won for the largest pumpkin for a number of years and he was also a long-time supporter of the 4H Livestock Auction where he purchased cows for 30+ years. He was also long-time member of American Legion, VFW and

Moose Lodge.

Russell and Gracie called Waldorf home for their whole life raising their children on their farm. His favorite place to vacation was Ocean City, MD where he had spent summers going as a child himself, he then continued the summer tradition with his own family and always said it was the best times of his life.

His family wishes to extend a special thanks to the dedicated staff at Care w/Grace for the last year caring for our Father.

In his memory, donations can be made to 4-H Extension Service or Diabetes Foundation

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KF

“ *Kim Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Russell Howard*



Kim Ferguson - March 12, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DH

“ *Duke Howard lit a candle in memory of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr.*



Duke Howard - April 11, 2024 at 09:14 PM

DH

Love you Dad and always will. Appreciate all the memories. Semper Fi Marine. Love Duke, Brandon, Allison, Racheal, Kaleb, and Camilla

Duke Howard - April 11, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*



April 11, 2024 at 04:05 PM

MP

“ *Marrick Properties planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*

Marrick Properties - April 11, 2024 at 04:05 PM

TR

“ *Tracie and Rose purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*



Tracie and Rose - April 11, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TF

“ *The Ferrante Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*



The Ferrante Family - April 11, 2024 at 07:49 AM

FF

“ *From The Keyes, Turner and Fiolka family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*



From The Keyes, Turner and Fiolka family - April 10, 2024 at 12:34 PM

FF

“ From The Keyes, Turner and Fiolka family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..

From The Keyes, Turner and Fiolka family - April 10, 2024 at 12:34 PM

KC

“ Kevin Curtis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..



Kevin Curtis - April 10, 2024 at 11:44 AM

HR

“ Hilda "Sweetsie" Ross purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..



Hilda "Sweetsie" Ross - April 09, 2024 at 03:37 PM

GW

“ Ginger and Bill Woycik purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..



Ginger and Bill Woycik - April 09, 2024 at 02:07 PM

GW

“Ginger and Bill Woycik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..

Ginger and Bill Woycik - April 09, 2024 at 02:07 PM

TA

“The Allens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..



The Allens - April 09, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JE

“Our heartfelt condolences, love, thoughts and prayers 🙏💙✝️
Keech & Joyce Edelen



Joyce Edelen - April 08, 2024 at 12:26 PM

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“Branch 106 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..



Branch 106 - April 08, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*



April 08, 2024 at 09:31 AM



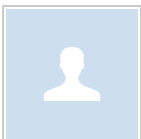
“ *he raised a great son in Mike and I am sure the rest of the family. God bless you all.*

MARSHALL - April 07, 2024 at 07:26 AM



“ *Mrs Howard and family, So sorry to hear of Mr. Howard passing. As some people journey through life they leave footprints wherever they go. Even when they are gone we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind, a trail bright with HOPE that invites us to follow. With our deepest sympathy, Betty and George Morgan, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.*

Betty, George Morgan - April 06, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..*



April 06, 2024 at 01:54 PM

LC

“ Love RT, Scherry & Cade purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell Thaddeus Howard Jr..



Love RT, Scherry & Cade - April 06, 2024 at 11:57 AM