



## Howard Robert Donovan

December 28, 1939 - October 8, 2020

Howard Robert Donovan went to his heavenly home on October 8, 2020.

He was born on December 28, 1939, to Nellie White Donovan and Howard. C. Donovan, in the Bronx, New York City. After his father died in 1948, he moved to Wartburg Farm School in Pelham, NY. At the death of his mother in 1950, her sister Elida White Lynch was appointed his guardian. He moved to Havre de Grace, MD, and gained three sisters, two brothers and a wonderful aunt and uncle. He completed high school in Havre de Grace, MD.

Howard developed lifetime friendships while in the USMC, 1958 to 1962. He received an honorable discharge in 1962. On January 12, 1963, he married Doris Ann Grimsey, of Havre de Grace, MD. In July 1963, he entered the Maryland State Police Academy and proudly served the people of the Eastern Shore of Maryland for 24 years. He followed that with 25 years with Powercon with Patrick Lynch. Howard retired from Powercon and moved to Laurinburg, NC. When asked why, his answer was "no snow."

His joy was his grandchildren, Edward D. Francis and Anna M. Francis. He was known as "Mr. Fix-it" to everyone. Howard was a charter member of the Queen Anne County Jaycees, an active member of Immanuel United Methodist Church, and The Bay Country Moose Lodge. Howard and Doris Ann traveled in their camper from coast to coast and made many friends.

Over the years, they encouraged family and friends to join them. One found love and marriage, and several others bought campers and joined them.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris Ann Grimsey Donovan; two daughters, Kimberlea Bartholomew (Robert) and Lea-Ann Donovan Horney (Chad), two grandchildren, Edward Donovan Francis and Anna Morgan Francis; sisters, Phyllis Donovan Fielder; nephews, Allan Baptist (Kelley), Howard Baptist (Angie) and Thomas (Michelle) and Cathel Donovan Tanner (Charles); niece, Denise Harper (Ken); nephews, Scott Tanner (Valerie) and Brent Tanner (Kelly); sister-in-law, Patty Mayo; nephews Mitchel Mayo (Elizabeth) and Joey Mayo (Jen); niece, Michelle Slocum (Edward); and many great nieces and nephews.

In addition, he is survived by Patrick Lynch, Katherine Walters (Larry), Teresa Lynch Becker (John), Ruth Lynch Orf (Ray), David Lynch (Rocky); great nieces and nephews; and Aunt Wanda Williams (David).

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard; mother, Nellie; brother, Kenneth Stephen Mayo; son Howard Robert Donovan, Jr.; and guardians, Elida and David Lynch.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to Scotland Regional Hospice, PO Box 1033, 610 Lauchwood Drive, Laurinburg, NC 28353 <https://scotlandregionalhospice.dudaone.com/donation>.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020, from 11 am – 1 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where a service will begin at 1 pm. Burial will follow in Chesterfield Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

## Service

OCT 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Howard Robert Donovan* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 16, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Robert Donovan* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Howard Robert Donovan* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Howard Robert Donovan* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Howard Robert Donovan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Wheeler & Holly Baker lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



**Wheeler & Holly Baker** - October 18, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Patty Mayo lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



**Patty Mayo** - October 15, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Howard Robert Donovan.*



October 14, 2020 at 05:01 PM

FF

“ From Kimberlea's Hanover/AJ Family purchased the With Distinction for the family of Howard Robert Donovan.



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**From Kimberlea's Hanover/AJ Family** - October 14, 2020 at 12:24 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan



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**Doug Pierson** - October 14, 2020 at 07:43 AM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Robert Donovan



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**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - October 13, 2020 at 10:56 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Robert Donovan



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**Tracy Schulz** - October 13, 2020 at 04:17 PM

BR

“ *Maryland's Finest - then, now and always.* ”



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**Bonnie Stewart, Sgt. Ret.** - October 13, 2020 at 04:06 PM

EB

“ *Howard, a great shift partner from my Maryland State Police days. A Trooper that always had your back and was respected by those he served. A good man, father and husband.* ”

*“Maryland’s Finest”*

*Earl Beville.*

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**Earl Beville** - October 13, 2020 at 03:45 PM

SD

“ *Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan* ”



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**Sara Jane Davidson** - October 13, 2020 at 03:04 PM

DG

“ *Although I had only known Howard for a brief period of time I found him to be a good man and was impressed with his hospitality and generosity. I am so very sorry he has left us but glad I got to meet and know him if only for a short while. My heartfelt condolences to all his family and friends.* ”

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**David Grove** - October 13, 2020 at 02:11 PM

SN

“ Shannon Newton lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan



Shannon Newton - October 13, 2020 at 01:36 PM

TK

“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan



Tom Knox - October 13, 2020 at 12:35 PM

BB

“ Being my neighbor for quite a few years definitely had a positive affect on my life. I respected him so much that I even joined the MSP because of him, and was fortunate enough to eventually work along side of him. He was great man that will be missed. My condolences go out to Doris Ann and the family.



Bob Bambarly - October 13, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JB

“ The members of the MD State Police Alumni Assn. send their consolations to the family of Mr. Donavon.

John Biggs - October 13, 2020 at 12:02 PM

PL

“ In 1946 , Howard (Bud) and I decided to be brothers since we didn't have any at the time.

*Cousins just didn't seem to be enough. Strange how our lives turned out when my parents became his legal guardians after his parents passed away and he came to live with us. We truly are brothers. We followed the same path through life in many ways. The military, State Police. He was always there when I was in need and after retiring from the MSP, I had a job ready for him where I worked. He was a better man than I in many ways..*

*Pat*

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**Patrick Lynch** - October 13, 2020 at 10:50 AM

F.

“ From Your other brothers and sisters . purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Howard Robert Donovan.



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**From Your other brothers and sisters .** - October 13, 2020 at 10:33 AM

YA

“ Your friends on Azeroth purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Howard Robert Donovan.



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**Your friends on Azeroth** - October 13, 2020 at 12:07 AM

DG

“ *David & Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**David & Annie Gardner** - October 12, 2020 at 10:10 PM

DP

“ *Dave And Kathy Poet lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**Dave and Kathy Poet** - October 12, 2020 at 09:09 PM

WW

“ *Couldn't have picked a better man to be the father of my nephew!....and he gave my 2 Beautiful Nieces too!*



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**Wanda Williams** - October 12, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Robert Donovan.*



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October 12, 2020 at 08:27 PM

DW

“ *David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**David & kathy Wenck** - October 12, 2020 at 08:18 PM

CF

“ *Chris Francis lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**chris francis** - October 12, 2020 at 07:53 PM

CB

“ *Curtis And Linda Benton lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**Curtis and Linda Benton** - October 12, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DT

“ *Diana Patchett Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**Diana Patchett Tarrant** - October 12, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DT

*He was a good influence during my early years, advice given was followed, (if it wasn't my parents knew it before I got home) Miss Doris Ann and girls, thank you for sharing Howard with us. Diana and Stu Tarrant and family.*

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**Diana Patchett Tarrant** - October 12, 2020 at 07:35 PM

AG

“ *Amy, Bo And Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Howard Robert Donovan*



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**Amy, Bo and Benton Greenwood** - October 12, 2020 at 07:27 PM

LE

“ *Best Daddy Ever.*

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**Lea-Ann** - October 12, 2020 at 07:09 PM