



## Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.

June 21, 1937 - March 1, 2026

Louis Leroy Howeth Sr passed away peacefully on March 1 in Salisbury, MD after a short illness. He was 88 years old. Louis aka “Lou”, “King Louie”, or “Pop-Pop”, was born in Sherwood, MD on June 21, 1937. He graduated from St. Michaels High in 1955. After graduation, he briefly worked for St. Michaels bank. Louis spent 16 years with Southern States as a manager in Easton, MD and in 1966 moved to Chestertown, MD to manage the location there. It was in Chestertown where Louis started his own business, Shore Collection Services. He later switched careers and sold real estate and before he retired he went back to collections for Life Science Products in Chestertown.

Louis was a proud Mason in Chestertown Lodge for over 50 years, and a Charter member of the Chestertown Optimists Club. He was in the National Guard in Easton, MD for 8 years as a rifleman. He was also a part of the Civil Defence unit, testing for radiation. He was a past board member, and president, for Crossroads Community and Upper Shore Housing. He always loved traveling and spent many summers at a lakefront cabin he and his wife bought in Maine. He loved visiting his sons in Texas and in Salisbury, MD. He also thoroughly enjoyed the conversation and camaraderie with coffee and breakfast at what he affectionately called the “University of Ellens”.

Louis was born to Katie Olivia (Marshall) and James Millican Howarth, who predeceased him. He was also predeceased by sister Genevieve (Kelley) and

brother Harvey Howeth. He was married to Edna Lee Wright of Ridgely, MD for 52 years before her death in 2014. They had two sons Lee (Salisbury, MD) and Jamie (Austin, TX), and have four granddaughters who he adored (Abigail, Lilian, Austen, and Zailey). He also loved their wives, who he called his daughters by marriage, Kerry (Lee) and Chikage (Jamie). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly, and many “adopted” sons and daughters from Chestertown.

Services will be held on Friday, March 6 at 11:00 am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation will be held one hour prior, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Interment to follow in Denton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you spark up a conversation with a random stranger. Louis made new friends everywhere.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

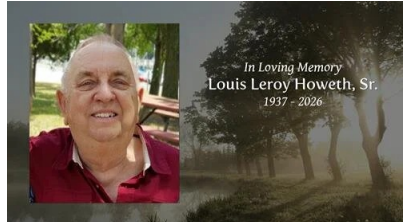
MAR 6 (ET)

Denton Cemetery  
Denton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 05 at 08:17 AM

KN

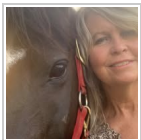
“ *To Louis' dear family, especially Lee and Jamie, we offer our condolences. Louis (Mr. Louie) was a wonderfully kind long time friend. Stories of the great car trip and camping adventure to the midwest (Louis and Edna Lee and Corie and Barney Callahan) - - always made us smile and appreciate the resilience of true friendship.*

*May cherished memories of your Dad and grandfather comfort you, always.*

*Blessings, Corie, Karen and Kathy*

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**K C Neville** - March 23 at 11:19 AM



“ *I loved Mr. Lewis he was a great man. I worked at Olde Towne Barbers and always loved when he would come in. He will be missed by many.*

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**Susie Jackman** - March 10 at 02:48 PM

LU

“ Laurie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.



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Laurie Usilton - March 09 at 07:20 PM

DH

“ Dorothy Hobbs Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.



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dorothy hobbs hollingsworth - March 07 at 09:02 AM

RK

“ Louis was a great friend. Eddue and I miss him already. He was a character of the good kind. Everyone who met him took a liking to Louis as he NEVER met a stranger. He could start up a conversation with anyone, anywhere. By the time the conversation ended the two were good friends. Jamie and Lee, you have our deepest condolences. We love you and your families too. Remember all if your good times and laugh out loud when you think of something funny he did or said. There will be many. We love you and your families. Please take care. Eddie and Rita.



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Rita Kulley - March 06 at 05:56 PM

JF

“ *Jim And Betta Fraccaroli lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



Jim and Betta Fraccaroli - March 06 at 05:46 PM

LG

“ *Lori Goad lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



Lori Goad - March 06 at 02:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*

March 05 at 09:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



March 05 at 09:59 PM

DM

“ *A good neighbor and friend...he will be missed.*

Donna Mills - March 05 at 04:09 PM

DC

“ *Dianne Fowler Cronshaw*

*Lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth, Sr.*

*Louis and my brother, Ralph B. Fowler were good friends growing up together in Sherwood. Louis was so kind, friendly, funny and enjoyed talking to people whether he knew you or not.*



**Dianne F. Cronshaw** - March 05 at 01:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



March 05 at 09:17 AM

FG

“ *From ( Michael & Allian Garson) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



**From ( Michael & Allian Garson)** - March 04 at 08:15 PM

MC

“ *Melissa, Rich, Paige, Riley, & Chris purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



**Melissa, Rich, Paige, Riley, & Chris** - March 04 at 04:11 PM

PT

“ Lee I am so sorry for the loss of your dad.  
Sending much love and hugs to you and your  
family. Xoxo



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**Pamela Teat** - March 04 at 01:00 PM

LO

“ Leslie (Short) Owens lit a candle in memory  
of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.



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**Leslie (Short) Owens** - March 04 at 12:17 PM

CK

“ Lou and I first met as board members of  
Upper Shore Aging Housing. Lou was  
dedicated to the mission of Upper Shore  
Aging Housing. We had a common link  
through his wife...she was from Ridgely, MD  
and my family was from Greensboro, MD. We shared many  
memories and stories about the "neighborhood. Lou was a genuine  
Eastern Shore gentleman.



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**Charles Kinnamon** - March 04 at 09:54 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville** - March 04 at 08:07 AM

GP

*I first met Mr. Lou when my dad was manager at Southern States in Centreville. One day we saw him at Parkside Restaurant in Sudlersville. We had a nice chat and would see him quite often. Our prayers and blessings are with the you at this time. He will be missed by many. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

**Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville** - March 04 at 08:09 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



**Marie Usilton** - March 03 at 04:18 PM

SB

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Lou.*



**Stefanie&David Blyman** - March 03 at 02:59 PM

TS

“ *Todd & Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



**Todd & Diane Smith** - March 03 at 01:57 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



March 03 at 01:37 PM

DG

“ *Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



**Donna Gibbons-Neff** - March 03 at 09:59 AM

MC

“ *Mary Lou Christian lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



**Mary Lou Christian** - March 03 at 09:28 AM

MC

*I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad, sending my prayer. Love, Mary Lou Christian*

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**Mary Lou Christian** - March 03 at 09:29 AM

FR

“*Frank Reavis purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



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**Frank Reavis** - March 03 at 09:26 AM

KB

“ Lee, Jamie and family,

*This is truly a great loss to your family as well as ours! Uncle Louis was always a big part of my life from childhood and now in my adult years. He was definitely one of a kind. He never met a stranger and could find someone he knew everywhere he went. He, as well as Aunt Edna Lee, had a great big heart and was always willing to lend a hand anywhere he could. When his big brother (my Daddy) was sick, he and Aunt Edna Lee shortened their time in Maine that summer to be there for him and us. That was who he was, and who was there when Daddy passed but Uncle Louis and Aunt Edna Lee.*

*I have many memories of fun times with him. We spent some wonderful weeks in Maine on Swan Pond where my son and grandchildren really got to know and love them! He introduced us to so many beautiful spots in Maine, many evenings going for ice cream and spending moon lit evenings at the beach. And of course our trips to Mike's Clam Shack and lobster rolls! I am so glad I got to share an afternoon with him recently, looking at my photo albums of our Maine trips, he seemed to really enjoy it.*

*I know you will miss him a lot as we will too, but we know there was a wonderful reunion when he got to heaven.*

*With much love,*

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Baker** - March 03 at 09:18 AM

RK

“ *Louis, Louis, Louis, I will surely miss you. You were special to us and will always be one of our best friends. You and Edna Lee were one of a kind and your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. To Lee, Jamie and your families we send our sincere condolences. I know how much your father loved all of you and you loved him. He was always happy to go to Texas to see Jamie and his family and it was special to him to be in Salisbury close to Lee and his family too. I will miss our phone calls, Louis. Eddie and Rita.*



Rita Kulley - March 03 at 09:00 AM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



Suzanne Jackson - March 03 at 08:32 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*

March 03 at 06:31 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr..*



March 03 at 06:31 AM

LA

“ Linda & Terry Adams lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.



Linda & Terry Adams - March 03 at 12:33 AM

BP

“ Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.



Bill and Norma Patton - March 02 at 06:07 PM



“ Brenda Biddle sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.



Brenda Biddle - March 02 at 05:48 PM



Lewis was a g.myood person I enjoyed his company RIP my friend

Brenda Biddle - March 02 at 05:52 PM

ST

“ Lee and Jamie, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. He was a really fun man to be around and I know he is glad to be back your precious Mom's side.

Sharon Truitt - March 02 at 05:45 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



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**Jeanette Stubbs** - March 02 at 04:48 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Baker lit a candle in memory of Louis Leroy Howeth Sr.*



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**Kathy Baker** - March 02 at 04:03 PM

SK

*Sue Lynne Knight lit a candle in memory of Uncle Louis Leroy Howeth Sr. Lee and Kerry, Jamie and Chikage and girls, your dad was a wonderful and loving man and I will miss him dearly.*

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**Sue Knight** - March 02 at 06:32 PM

ND

*Lou was a great supporter of local causes and a real champion of the K/QA Hospital and Upper Shore Aging Housing. As President of the board of USAHC he oversaw the rehabilitation of over one-hundred and seventy apartments for low-income elderly in the upper five counties of the shore, providing a much-needed service to the community. He was much appreciated along with being a great fellow.*

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**N. Davidson** - March 02 at 08:09 PM

JL

*Lee and Jamie, sorry to hear of your father's passing. I know you all will miss him. I enjoyed my time that I had with him and my wife and my vacation at the cabin in Maine. Best wishes. Jim.Lupis*

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**James Lupis** - March 02 at 10:11 PM