



Howard Burger

April 18, 1922 - August 14, 2013

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Event.observe(window, 'load', googleTranslateElementInit);
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function googleTranslateElementInit() {  
  new google.translate.TranslateElement( {pageLanguage: 'en',  
    multilanguagePage: true}, 'google_translate_element');
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  if (navigator.userAgent && navigator.userAgent.match(/Firefox/)) {  
    // This is a terrible terrible hack, Google Translate blows away the sound on  
    Firefox.
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    // Calling reboot seems to bring it back.
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    soundManager.reboot();
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  }
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Howard J. Burger, age 91, died Wednesday, August 14, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 18, 1922 to Harry and Louise (Straw) Burger. Howard was a member of Immaculate Conception Church. He retired after serving 41 years in the construction industry. Howard received his high school diploma from Stivers High School and received a Certificate from The Ohio Institute of Technology. A US Navy Veteran, Howard served aboard the USS Ward and the USS Huston during WWII. He was a past President of the Carroll High School Boosters and was inducted into the Carroll High School Hall of Fame in 2004. Howard was a 16 year volunteer at Hospice of Dayton and was honored with the Ohio Heart of Hospice Award. Having a compassionate servant's heart, he, also, volunteered at Kettering Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Connie (Breig); son, Howard; granddaughter, Rebecca Burger; grandsons, Steven Howard and Douglas Burger; sisters, Virginia Burger, Mary Callahan and Ruth Geiger; brothers, Jack, Paul, Bill, Bob, Dick, Jim, and Tom; numerous nieces, nephews and long time friend, Peck Albers. Howard is survived by his daughter, Judi Howard (Hargus); son, Martin (Martina); 11 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren. Family will greet friends 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2013 at Reis Legacy Center Meyer-Boehmer Chapel, 6661 Clio Rd., Centerville. Prayer Service will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17th at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17th at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Howard's memory to Carroll High School

Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and at church.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Howard was a man of integrity with a servant's heart. I feel blessed to have known him. The world is a better place because of Howard and the love he showed. I am so glad I met him through his volunteer work at Hospice of Dayton. I will remember him always.

Krissy Barker - Troy, OH - Friend - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ How sad to hear of Howard's passing. He was a gift to our family. It was the closeness he became to my parents that grew into a life long list of memories; Christmas' at his home, signatures on his basement wall, strong hands, birthday wishes to all my family members, appearances at annual events; my oldest son's graduation from 8th grade, 12th grade, and even taking video footage of my wedding day. (memories in scrapbooks will be the visual reminder now) Thank you for sharing your dad with our family. We love you Howard.

Patty Spoerl Bergman - Kettering , OH - Family Friend - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My daughter Betsy worked with Howard at Hospice of Dayton, and from the beginning he felt like part of our family. He was so encouraging, positive, and filled with faith, he could not have helped but to be an inspiration to ALL of us. I actually only had the honor of meeting Howard once in person, talked with him on the phone on a few occasions, and we shared some written words. However, he will FOREVER be etched in my memory and my heart. Betsy heard the prayer of St. Francis after Howard died, and she said "Howard IS that prayer". I understood what she meant completely. Thank you so much for sharing the blessing of Howard with our family!

Prayer of St. Francis: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Jane Fox - Hamilton, OH - Friend - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Howard was a true blessing to all who knew him. I will miss hearing his voice when he would call in to Hospice and I will always have good memories of him.

Sandy D'Agostino - Dayton, OH - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *The world and especially Hospice of Dayton is a better place because of Howard. It was a privilege to work with him. There were times that I was sure that he worked more hours as a volunteer than I did as a paid employee. He always said hi to me by my name and made me feel good that he took the time to remember my name out of the hundreds of people he saw every day.*

Judy Colby - Englewood, OH - co-worker - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Every time I look at our American Flag I think of you Howard. Thank you for serving our country. It was an honor to know you.*

Miriam Teresa Wolf - Tremont City, OH - Friend - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *To Howard's Beautiful Family:*

Howard sure was something special. Howard was the first person I met at Hospice of Dayton. I was late to my interview and he was working the reception desk. He put me at ease and made me know that I was in the right place.

Whenever Howard smiled, I knew everything would be ok. We always had a good laugh together, shared many jokes, talked about our faith, and he always bragged about his wonderful family. You always came first.

Howard was truly an inspiration. I always thought: when I grow up, I want to be like Howard Burger. He was an angel on earth and is now looking down on us from Heaven, healthy and strong.

I knew Howard for three and a half wonderful years but I felt like I knew him a lifetime. I will miss him dearly, his phone calls, his laugh and his ringing the little bell every time he came in our office at Hospice of Dayton letting us know he was here.

Praying for all of you, for healing and peace.

Much love,

Betsy

Betsy Bown - Dayton, OH - Friend - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Howard was such an incredibly special individual, and I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know him during my employment at HOD. He brought life and light to the halls of the HOD campus and into the lives of so many patients and families. He was always a bright spot in my day and was a true Ambassador of HOD.

I am deeply saddened by his death, and my heartfelt sympathies are with his family.

Stacey - Friend - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ We will forever remember the Howard's kindness, helpfulness, and time spent with our daughter Sarah and her two children when they lived just down the street and even after they moved father away. Sometimes he was just a listening ear; other times he provided care, diversion and much love to the children. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend.

Elaine Lowry - Roseville, IL - friend - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Dear the Burger Family,

Uncle Howard was always so very kind to my whole family, especially my brothers and I. He always sent a birthday card and a Christmas card, even after we were "all grown up." I always admired his passion for life and more importantly his friendship with my grandfather.

Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Warmest regards.

Adam and Abbey Hewitt

Adam and Abbey Hewitt - Piqua, OH - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Judi, Marty, and family,
My family, including my husband Richard, and my dtr Jena, have been so privileged to work with your wonderful father at Hospice of Dayton. He shared so much of himself with so many people, and we will never forget him. We honor all that he has done, all that he have given to his fellow man, and all that he has been in our lives. He has blessed all those that he encountered with his joyful and human spirit.

A few days before he died he told me that one thing he liked about my dtr (who also works at Hospice of Dayton), was that no matter how she advanced, she never got full of herself, that she was always, "just people". Those words will stay with me forever, as Howard, was always himself always "just people", and always showed us how to advance as fellow human beings. How to give to each other.

He was the perfect example of what a faithful person strives to be. He never forgot to express appreciation for anything that was done for him or those he cared about. And he cared about many. Hospice of Dayton, and my family, were so blessed to have known your Dad, to have had the opportunity to learn from his example, to be smiled upon by this humble man.

He has taught me, and mine, so much.

Always in our hearts, with appreciation for a life well lived and given to other,

Susan and Richard Boesch

Susan and Richard Boesch - kettering, OH - friend, hospice partner - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our sympathy to the Burger family on the loss of a father, grandfather, and uncle. Thank you for sharing him with his Hospice of Dayton Family. Howard touched hundreds of lives of patients, families, and staff members in the 17 years he served as a volunteer at Hospice of Dayton. You could always count on Howard to help for a last minute request, and he did it with a smile, because he cared. Our memories of him will be a comfort for our tomorrows without him. He blessed both my husband and myself for the seven years we've had to honor to be a part of his life. Miriam and Jay Morrison

Miriam Morrison, Director of Volunteer Services, Hospice of Dayt - Dayton, OH - Supervisor and Frie - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ When I think of Hospice of Dayton, I think of Howard Burger. Howard volunteered where ever he was needed most, whether it was going to a patient home, sitting at the reception desk or lending a hand to a family that needed additional strength to go on that day.

This world is a better place because of Howard. Thank you for your friendship and caring. You will be missed.

Lori

Lori Poelking-Igel - Dayton, OH - Friend - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Howard Burger was a beloved individual who donated thousands of hours of his time to Hospice of Dayton. He was as much a part of our campus as the flowers and trees. He was also an artist. One of his paintings hangs in our Volunteer Department. Each time we see it, we will be reminded of Howard and many good stories will come to mind. My thoughts and prayers remain with Howard's family. Howard was a fine man.

Brenda Humfleet - Dayton, OH - friend - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Judy, Marty and all of Howard's family,
We can't tell you how sad we were to hear about Howard yesterday. He made a big impact on our family. He was the kindest, most generous person we have ever met. I always felt like he was part of our family (as did many others, I know!) When I worked at Moraine Meadows, I was involved in the Veteran's Day Program. We invited Howard to come and talk to the students - that continued for several years, and when I moved to Greenmont, he came to talk to my students there on Veteran's Day. They loved him (everyone loved Howard!). We will miss him at the Fortener gatherings, his birthday cards, his smile. We loved Howard and will miss him dearly.
With deepest sympathy,
Pam, Donny, Nick, Meredith, Andrew, Max Fortener
(Melissa loved him too...I'm sure she was waiting in line for a hug!)

Pam & Donny Fortener - Kettering, OH - friend - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *howard was a very dear friend to me and my family years ago. he continued his friendship and caring thru the years even after we had moved. his care and compassion, his jokes, helpfulness, the birthday cards, his powdered donuts and listening ears all and so much more are some of the memories i will carry with me. he was a great guy to share time with and will be truly missed.*

Sarah Lowry (fka Woolum) - Beaver creek, OH - friend - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM