



JB Howard Jr.

September 14, 1960 - May 17, 2015

JB Howard, Jr., age 54, of Rensselaer passed away unexpectedly at his home Sunday, May 17, 2015. JB was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on September 14, 1960, the son of Millicent (Ritchie) Howard and the late JB Howard, Sr. He was a 1979 graduate of Kankakee Valley High School.

JB retired in 2001 from Local #1005 where he had been a carpenter for twenty years. He previously worked at Monon Trailer in Monon, Indiana.

He enjoyed golfing, reading westerns, working on old cars, riding his Harley motorcycle and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. One of his greatest joys was time spent with his grandchildren.

Surviving is his mother Millicent Howard, Rensselaer; two daughter's, Valerie Howard, Wheatfield, Ind., and Robin Chizmar, Fort Smith, Ark., one son, Shane Howard, Rensselaer, seven grandchildren, Kylie and Roni Bello, Marissa and Brock Howard, Kayden Howard, Stevie Chizmar, and Alaina Howard, two sisters, Wanda (Robert) Gifford and Karan Howard both of Rensselaer and a niece, Elizabeth Gifford of Rensselaer.

Friends will be received at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 10:30 A.M. at the Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Thurman Ritchie officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Primitive Cemetery

395 E 550 North
Rensselaer, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

MAY 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church
395 E 550 North
Rensselaer, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 20, 2015 at 01:46 PM



Melissa
Bailey

Love it!!! Miss him so much..His dad JB Sr. too!!!! I'm ordering one.

Melissa Bailey - March 30, 2016 at 08:41 AM



Melissa
Bailey

May 17th will be a year since you were called home...It seems like so much longer!!! I miss you laugh & your friendship & all the great times we had & wish we were still having!!! I miss your daily texts or calls & I miss you stopping over just to poke fun & laugh...I miss everything about you!!! Until we meet again my oldest & dearest friend. You are in my heart & not a day goes by that I think of you & smile or cry!!! Love you JB Howard!!!!

Melissa Bailey - May 09, 2016 at 10:35 PM



Suzanne
Lewis

Miss you my friend I know you'll watch over my mommy I love you

Suzanne Lewis - May 20, 2016 at 12:36 PM

GR

“ *I still think about you; I still miss you every day. You were more like a brother to me than a cousin.*

Gordon Ritchie - November 30, 2023 at 09:21 AM

CM

“ *Crystal Miller lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Crystal Miller - May 20, 2015 at 08:35 PM

RO

“ *JB always had a smile on his face and could always make you smile and laugh right along with him. He had such an uplifting and free spirit. Thank you for all the times you picked me up when I was down. You will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Robin, Val, and Shane I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a great man!*

Rachel (Reed) Oliver - May 20, 2015 at 03:52 PM

RO

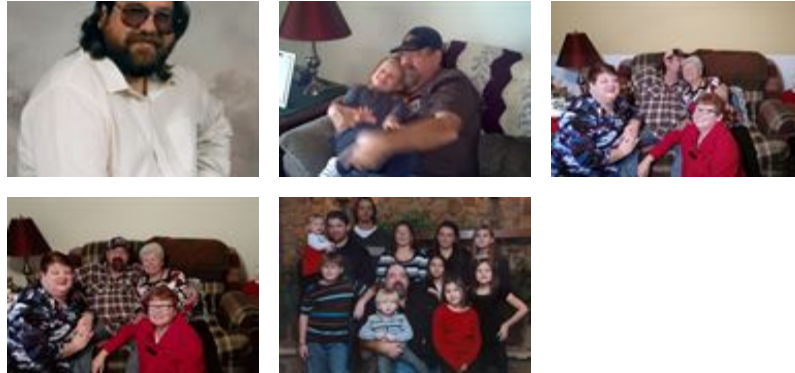
“ *Rachel (Reed) Oliver lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Rachel (Reed) Oliver - May 20, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 20, 2015 at 01:34 PM

RS

“ We are sorry to hear about JB, we know he will be greatly missed. Praying for his family.
Larry & Robin Sanders



Robin S. - May 20, 2015 at 08:56 AM

YF

“ Not only were you my brother in law for many years, you were a great friend and I'm thankful to have known you! A great Dad, Grandpa, friend and such a loving brother and son! You taught me how to drive a stick shift in your Dodge Charger when I was 15! I will always think of you as one of my big brothers! I miss you so much already and I hope I see you again someday! Love You JB - Yvonne

Yvonne Kearney and Family - May 20, 2015 at 08:51 AM

OA

“ Otis & Zofia Anselm lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Otis & Zofia Anselm - May 20, 2015 at 03:52 AM

LB

“ LOIS BOWMAN lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



LOIS BOWMAN - May 19, 2015 at 07:48 PM

TF

“ My sisters and I used to babysit his kids when they were young. We have all grown up and lost touch through the years, but will never forget what a good guy he was. Val, robin, and Shane also became my friends when we were younger than too. It was always fun hanging around them. Our heart goes out to you all.



The Neely Family - May 19, 2015 at 07:20 PM

TF

“ I babysit for his kids. I always enjoyed seeing him, and talking to him. The kids were so easy to babysit for. We all lost touch along the way as we all got older, but I would still see him from time to time. I see Valerie here and there, and it is always good to share old memories. My heart goes out to you all.



The Neely Family - May 19, 2015 at 07:05 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of JB Howard Jr..



May 19, 2015 at 01:25 PM

JK

“ So sorry for your loss! Our hearts break for you! Hugs

Joe and Brenda Krulik - May 19, 2015 at 12:00 PM

AW

“ Arthur & Rita Wendt lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Arthur & Rita Wendt - May 19, 2015 at 10:26 AM

RE

“ *Retha lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



retha - May 19, 2015 at 10:15 AM

KM

“ *Kimberly Neeley Morse lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



kimberly neeley morse - May 19, 2015 at 10:01 AM

TK

“ *JB actually taught me how to play golf for the first time. Many years ago I was in the Holley's Golf Outing with him. Since that day we were friends. He was always funny and joking when I would run into him. He will be missed. Tara Kingma*

Tara Kingma - May 19, 2015 at 09:49 AM

TN

“ *What a great guy!!! Still can't believe it, I can't even imagine never seeing u again or talking to u... or u teasing me like crazy... it seems so unreal... I don't know what life will b like... miss u... luv u buddy!!*

tonya nuss - May 19, 2015 at 08:47 AM

MM

“ Michele McDaniel lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Michele McDaniel - May 19, 2015 at 06:54 AM

SC

“ A memory of mine is when we used to go outside to his pond and feed his catfish some food and it was so amazing to watch

Stevie Chizmar - May 19, 2015 at 06:46 AM

MD

“ My husband and I so loved JB, he was a one of a kind guy. Always happy and cheerful we will truly miss him. Mike and Marilyn Dobson

Marilyn Dobson - May 19, 2015 at 05:57 AM

DL

“ Deanna Palmer Lazzeri lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Deanna Palmer Lazzeri - May 19, 2015 at 05:52 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



darlene johnson - May 19, 2015 at 04:52 AM

 Tonya Schultz

“ *Tonya Schultz purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of JB Howard Jr..*



Tonya Schultz - May 18, 2015 at 10:39 PM

DN

“ *Debbie Norberg lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Debbie Norberg - May 18, 2015 at 10:23 PM



“ *Kimberly Kerkes lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Kimberly Kerkes - May 18, 2015 at 10:13 PM

CK

“ Cheryl Klemp lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Cheryl Klemp - May 18, 2015 at 10:03 PM

Kenny Beverly

“ I remember my cousin shooting pool with me for cases of soda when I owned the arcade in Wheatfield. He always won more than he lost.

One night we played foosball and he almost cleaned our my inventory. I never got even with him on that one.

He was a lot of fun and I loved him like a brother m

Kenny Beverly - May 18, 2015 at 09:48 PM

Tonya Schultz

“ You were a great person and friend! You will be missed. You were always there to help and be supportive. You will not be forgotten.

Tonya Schultz - May 18, 2015 at 09:31 PM

MH

“ The best grandpa I could ever ask for, I'm so happy you were apart of my life❤️ It's so hard to take this in but I know I will have the best guardian angel I could ever ask for, I love you with all my heart rest easy.😔💕 see you soon.



Marissa Howard - May 18, 2015 at 09:28 PM

CB

“ *Cheri Born lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



cheri born - May 18, 2015 at 09:25 PM

KC

“ *Kevin Cavinder and family*



Kevin Cavinder - May 18, 2015 at 09:23 PM

DJ

“ *Darlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



darlene johnson - May 18, 2015 at 09:05 PM

JM

“ *Prayers for all of the family.
Brian and Jackie Molter*



Jackie Molter - May 18, 2015 at 09:02 PM

MW

“ *Marsha & Cory Walker lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Marsha & Cory Walker - May 18, 2015 at 08:59 PM

MA

JB was always there for me, no matter what I needed, he never hesitated. I have a lot of good, fun memories.. RIP JB you will be greatly missed 😭

Marsha - May 18, 2015 at 09:03 PM

MA

JB would do anything for you, he was always there when I needed him, just a phone call away and never hesitated. I have a lot of good, fun memories. He will be greatly missed!

Marsha - May 18, 2015 at 09:54 PM

KS

“ *Kevin, Mary & Kacey Scheurich lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Kevin, Mary & Kacey Scheurich - May 18, 2015 at 08:50 PM

KM

So sorry for your loss, Mary

Kevin, Mary - May 18, 2015 at 08:53 PM

SD

“ *Sandy Dionne lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



sandy dionne - May 18, 2015 at 08:40 PM

DA

“ *I remember after my daughter died. we had a get together for all her friends and family and JB came up to me. He seen I was having a hard time. His goal was to make me laugh and he did just that. That's one he-- of a daughter you had. He went on to tell me about the time he came to Florida. He had me laughing so hard I was in tears. Loved his personality. Full of life and loved his family. God got a angel for sure. Fly high buddy. Love Debbie and Family.*

Debbie & Kenneth Adams - May 18, 2015 at 08:37 PM

DA

“ *Debbie And Kenneth Adams lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



Debbie and Kenneth Adams - May 18, 2015 at 08:28 PM

DA

R.I.P JB. You will be missed but never forgottin. Fly high buddy!!!!

Debbie and Kenneth Adams - May 18, 2015 at 08:30 PM

PM

“ Greg & Paula McKnight



Paula McKnight - May 18, 2015 at 08:26 PM

KW

“ Kerby&Phyllis Wireman lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Kerby&Phyllis Wireman - May 18, 2015 at 08:18 PM

KP

We are so sorry to hear of JB passing we send our love and condolences to all of the family ..

Kerby & Phyllis - May 18, 2015 at 08:23 PM

SL

“ Suzanne Lewis lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.



Suzanne Lewis - May 18, 2015 at 08:01 PM

TM

“ *Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of JB Howard Jr.*



tammy miller - May 18, 2015 at 07:53 PM

AR

“ *Ash, Judy, Steph and family, Matt and family - Roberts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JB Howard Jr..*



Ash, Judy, Steph and family, Matt and family - Roberts - May 18, 2015 at 06:47 PM

JR

“ *My prayers go out to Karan and family. May God give you the strength you need to make it through this time.*
Love, Judy

Judy Roberts - May 18, 2015 at 05:42 PM