



Raymond H. Howard

May 28, 1939 - November 25, 2025

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Raymond H. Howard, age 86, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 6:01 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Ray was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 28, 1939, to Edwin and Mary (Rus) Howard. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet Sue Rudolph on March 26, 1960, at Mars Hill Church of Christ in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was a 1957 graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1961 he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in Education from Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis). He later earned his Master's degree from Butler University in Indianapolis. He was a science teacher at both Decatur Central High School and Jasper High School.

Ray was the American Baseball High School Association Director for four years, the Decatur Central High School Baseball Coach in Indianapolis from 1974-1976, and the Jasper High School Baseball Coach from 1976-1987, where he provided coaching support up until his passing, including providing color commentary for WITZ coverage of Jasper Baseball. He was President of

the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association in 1981, the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame Director from 1977-2025, and the president of the Dubois County Sportsmans Club from 1988-1993.

He was a Jasper City Councilman from 2004-2016, and was awarded a key to the city. In 1966, he and his wife, Janet were charter members of Valley Mills Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana; Ray had been a Lay Minister for the First Christian Church in Troy, Indiana, from 1979-2015, and was currently a member of Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana.

He was inducted into the University of Indianapolis Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005, the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1990, and the Jasper High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2022.

2025 marked the 33rd year of the Indiana High School Baseball Association Hall of Fame Golf Classic at Sultan's Run, which Ray developed to support activities at the Hall of Fame located at Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

Ray enjoyed all sports, especially baseball and the Cincinnati Reds. He also enjoyed hunting and golf.

Surviving is his wife of 65 years, Janet Howard, Jasper, IN, five children, Kim (John) Wagner, St. Henry, IN, Kelly (Mary) Howard, Jasper, IN, Jon (Christina) Howard, Celestine, IN, Todd (Kristen) Howard, Westfield, IN, and Darren (Christine) Howard, Jasper, IN, 9 grandchildren, Jason Wagner, Eric Howard, Kyle Howard, Stephanie Tropp, Phill Smith, Miranda Crow, Jacob Howard, Ben Howard, and Mackenzie Howard, 10 great grandchildren, three sisters, Linda (Joe) Welch, Indianapolis, IN, Cindy (Scott) Shaw, Greenwood, IN, and Becky (Mike) Nangle, Ocean Springs, MS, and one brother, David (Ivy) Howard, Gilbert, AZ.

Preceding him in death are his parents, one grandson, Luke Howard, one sister, Susan Howard, and two brothers, Richard and Mark Howard.

A funeral service for Raymond H. Howard will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2025, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, and two hours before services at the church on Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in Jasper, Indiana.

Online condolences may be made to [www. becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Redemption Christian Church of Jasper
1450 Energy Drive
Jasper, IN 47546

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Redemption Christian Church of Jasper
1450 Energy Drive
Jasper, IN 47546

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Deepest sympathy & condolences to family & friends 🙏*

james Birkle - December 05, 2025 at 12:26 PM

AG

“ *He was one of my favorites. He will be truly missed. RIP Mr. Howard.*



Anita Hubbard Green - December 01, 2025 at 06:19 PM

BK

“ *We'll sure miss seeing you at the JHS Baseball games! You've left quite a legacy. Our condolences to your family and friends.*



Brian and Joan Knies - December 01, 2025 at 11:49 AM

SM

“ *I remember loving Science class with Mr Howard. His easy going personality and sense of humor made school fun. He was also good to my disabled brother who loved sports. He was someone who made time to listen. He was a dear friend to all. God bless him and all of you. 🙏*

suzi moore - November 27, 2025 at 11:48 AM

DM

I've known Ray for about forty years. Our connection was through the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. Ray loved the game of baseball and he was the heart and soul of the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. He worked endless hours on the annual golf tournament and the yearly convention in Indianapolis.

I don't think he ever met a stranger he was truly a nice, kind and, humble person.

Condolences to the family who he lovey dearly. He will be missed. Rest in peace, my friend 🙏!

Dyar Miller - December 01, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KE

“ *Darren and Christine. Prayers for your family.*
Carla and Karen Erny



Karen Erny - November 26, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CJ

“ *Chris, Kim, Maddy & Abby Jones lit a candle
in memory of Raymond H. Howard*



Chris, Kim, Maddy & Abby Jones - November 26, 2025 at 12:02 PM

TS

“ *Sad to hear of Ray' passing. He was one of our favorite Sunday
school teachers at Valley Mills Christian Church. He was definitely
an overachiever and successful in all his endeavors ...he will be
missed.!! Tom & Shirley Asher*

tom sshr - November 26, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JE

“ *My memories of Coach Howard are of a great science teacher who kept the classroom alive with his jokes! Sorry for your loss!*

Jenny - November 26, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JK

“ *Great coach, person and friend. I will miss you Coach*

John Krempp - November 26, 2025 at 08:30 AM

CH

“ *Coach Howard was an wonderful Person and a Great Coach. I was so blessed to be part of his very early years at Jasper. PRAYERS to the family and Coach enjoy those raisens in heaven.*

chris - November 26, 2025 at 08:27 AM

SB

“ *Prayers for Jan and the rest of Ray's family & friends. Brother Ray also pastored at the Bethel Christian Church in Doolittle Mills, IN for a few years, as well as holding Revival services. He was a very good singer, too, a very fine man indeed. Sheila (Lynch) Borden*

Sheila E Borden - November 25, 2025 at 05:51 PM

NH

“ *Ray was always so good to my boys. We adored him and will miss him. Jasper has list a good man. My condolences to the Howard family.*

Nola J. Hurst - November 25, 2025 at 05:40 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Pratte lit a candle in memory of Raymond H. Howard*



Michelle Pratte - November 25, 2025 at 03:10 PM

MP

“ *Mr. Howard was by far my favorite science teacher ever! Mr. Howard always had a kind word for me and was always there to listen to his students! He will be missed very much!! Sending love and prayers to your family and friends.*

*Michelle Pratte
Class of 1989*

Michelle Pratte - November 25, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BH

“ *Mr Howard was #1 classic biology teacher! He cared for his students, loved his job, and was a class act guy.*

Brad Hartwick - November 25, 2025 at 03:07 PM