



Howard Beau Ridenour

December 29, 1929 - February 3, 2024

Howard Beau Ridenour, 94, of Waynesfield, died 11:43 a.m., Sat. February 3, 2024, at Lost Creek Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Lima, with his family at his side. He was born December 29, 1929, in Delphos, OH, the son of the late Howard and Angeline (Koehl) Ridenour. On June 23, 1949, he married Doris Gay, and she preceded him in death on March 1, 2010.

Survivors include,

8 children, Diana (William) Dulebohn, Wapakoneta, OH,

Becky Lotz, Jackson Center, OH,

Michael (Beverly) Ridenour, Waynesfield, OH,

Lindsey (Erin) Ridenour, Waynesfield, OH,

Peggy (Timothy) Walti, Waynesfield, OH,

Roxanne (Paul Bailey) Ridenour, Columbus, OH,

Patrick (Tava) Ridenour, Alger, OH,

Gretchen Ridenour, Delphos, OH;

numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren;

siblings, Bonnie Thomas, Columbus, OH,

James Ridenour, NV,

Nancy Driscoll, NC.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Carol "Bud" Ridenour.

Howard was an inventor and an entrepreneur. Howard enjoyed wheeling and dealing, woodworking and attending flea markets. Howard had the mind of an engineer and there was nothing he could not build or do. He was the founder of Howard Starting Gates, building starting gates for harness horse racing.

He was so proud that these gates were used worldwide. Most of all, Howard will be remembered for his practical jokes and ornery sense of humor.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday February 7, 2024, at the Waynesfield Chapel of the Eley Funeral & Home & Crematory, Waynesfield, OH. Burial will follow in the Willow Branch Cemetery, Waynesfield, OH. The family will receive friends 9-11 a.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Willow Branch Cemetery

Moyer Road (Twp Hwy 271) & OH 67
Waynesfield
Waynesfield, OH 45896

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
200 E Wapakoneta St
Waynesfield, OH 45896
(419) 780-5050

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ever since I was little I've loved trips to Ohio. Corn fields as far as the eye can see, trips to Amish stores to buy goodies, and lots of family. Many memories around mom's old farm, Aunt Betty's, and of course, Uncle Howard's. I caught my first fish as a little girl, on his pond, at a house that is etched into my memories. A beautiful porch, Aunt Doris always welcoming, family in and out, visiting us. I remember going to Uncle Howard's store for little toys and a cup of ice cream. He was always making jokes, some appropriate and some mom would give him a look of disapproval. Uncle Howard and Uncle Bud were definitely fun uncles. I want to send my love and prayers to all since I couldn't be there in person. I've shared some pictures of pages in an old scrapbook I made when I was younger, as well as recent pictures. Uncle Howard was a huge part of why I love Ohio, he will be greatly missed. On a more recent trip, now as an adult with my own kids, Mike gave the boys harmonicas, (I do love toys that makes noise...) and it felt nostalgic. Remembering Uncle Howard and looking forward to seeing bits of him in new memories. Sending prayers and love.

Laura Driscoll



Laura Driscoll - February 07, 2024 at 11:51 AM

YF

“ Your Merit Dental work family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

Your Merit Dental work family - February 07, 2024 at 03:18 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



February 07, 2024 at 03:18 AM



“ Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



February 06, 2024 at 08:58 AM

YC

“ Your family at S&S/Superior Coach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

Your family at S&S/Superior Coach - February 06, 2024 at 08:58 AM

JG

“ Joe & Myrle Gay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

Joe & Myrle Gay - February 06, 2024 at 07:14 AM

JG

“ Joe & Myrle Gay purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



Joe & Myrle Gay - February 06, 2024 at 07:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



February 06, 2024 at 05:24 AM

MB

“ Mike & Phyllis Blass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

Mike & Phyllis Blass - February 06, 2024 at 05:24 AM

AC

“ AWM Risk - JPMorgan Chase planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

AWM Risk - JPMorgan Chase - February 05, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



February 05, 2024 at 03:08 PM

MP

“ Mike & Kathy Pyles lit a candle in memory of Howard Beau Ridenour



Mike & Kathy Pyles - February 05, 2024 at 01:31 PM

RD

“ Rachel D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

Rachel D. - February 05, 2024 at 11:19 AM

RD

“ I’ll always remember uncle Howard as being a warm and welcoming presence whenever we would get to go up and visit. He always welcomed us into his home with open arms and a laugh. He loved the show everybody loves Raymond and whenever I see the show or characters I’m filled with memories of uncle Howard on his recliner in the beautiful home he built. Rest in peace now with aunt Dorris and don’t ever stop making your jokes.

Rachel Driscoll - February 05, 2024 at 11:13 AM

WP

“ With Love, Raleigh Psychology planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Beau Ridenour.

With Love, Raleigh Psychology - February 05, 2024 at 07:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



February 05, 2024 at 07:12 AM

NS

“ As a child, every trip home to Ohio always included a visit to see Uncle Howard and Aunt Doris. I remember the home being full of family and fun and laughter. It was so different to me being an introverted only child. But I always looked forward to it. Uncle Howard in particular always had a cheeky sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye. Sending love and prayers for comfort to everyone.

Nikoli Babcock Scharin - February 04, 2024 at 01:56 PM

ND

“ We all knew him differently but to me my brother Howard was always a character - singing or joking - who would welcome me and my family when we came home for visits. My kids and grandkids have fond memories of "Uncle Howard" and our visits with he and Doris. I especially remember standing in the rain at my dad's funeral and feeling Howard's hand on my shoulder for support. I have a picture of a doll cradle he made me for Christmas when I was little. It was lovingly played with by all my girls and is again being played with by my granddaughter. Rest in peace.

Nancy Driscoll - February 04, 2024 at 01:41 PM

NF

“ Nancy and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Howard Beau Ridenour.



Nancy and family - February 04, 2024 at 08:12 AM