



Howard Duane Funk

April 10, 1933 - November 2, 2013

Howard Duane Funk, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, passed away at age 80 on November 2, 2013, in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was born in Hebron, North Dakota on April 10, 1933 to Albert Ernest Funk and Lillian Johnson Funk. He attended Dickinson State College for two years before serving in the Army. Following his service, he enrolled at Colorado A&M majoring in wildlife management. He was employed by the New Mexico Game and Fish Department working with waterfowl. After three years he returned to Colorado State University to earn his Master's Degree, and was employed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife as a Wildlife Researcher in waterfowl management until his retirement in 1997.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Daphne Funk Abraham. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, LeeAnn Barnard Funk, and children Kristin Howard, Melissa Funk, Laurie Cook (Tim), and Darrell Funk (Teresa), brothers, George and John Funk; ten grandchildren, Stephanie Howard and Nick Howard (Dena); Gertride and Claudia Funk; Tara, Kristi and Monte Cook; and Tyler, Dustin and Courtney Funk, as well as his first great-grandchild, Zoey Olivia Howard.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 7, followed by a private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Fort Collins ChildSafe c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Events

NOV **Memorial Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First United Methodist Church

1005 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80524

Comments



“ Jann and I just found out about Howard's passing. Jann said he was one of the best bosses she ever had. Jann remembers that he had pictures of all of his kids from grade school in his office when they were all in college. The field trips to band birds are a highlight of Jann's time with the Division of Wildlife. Our hearts go out to LeeAnn, Melissa and the rest of his family. He was a wonderful person that will be missed.

Jim Black - November 22, 2013 at 12:27 AM



“ Howard was a great friend and truly a unique individual. His contributions to migratory game bird management in the Central Flyway and North America are remarkable. He was an incredibly hard worker and was forever concerned about the welfare of migratory bird resources and our hunters. We had lots of great times together - at meetings, wingbees, recreational adventures and hospitality rooms. I will never ever forget the night the Central Flyway crew was invited to Dick Hopper's house for dinner - Howie's jokes had us rolling on the floor. We will all miss Howie and his sense of humor. My heartfelt condolences to you, LeeAnn, and all of the family. Mike Johnson, North Dakota

Mike Johnson - November 08, 2013 at 11:52 AM



“ 18 files added to the album Memories of Howard in the Central Flyway



Mike Johnson - November 08, 2013 at 11:40 AM



“ Great pics! Thanks! Stuart Hopper.

Stuart Hopper - November 09, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ Howard was a very special friend to my wife, Gayle and me during all the years of my associaiton with the Central Flyway Waterfowl Technical Committee. His warmth, friendliness and sharing attitude welcomed me to the CFWTC was very much appreciated during all of those years. He always seemed to have an interest in birds from Alberta, some of it probably based on his early work with geese in Alberta

during a period that seems like eons ago. His interest in Alberta birds persisted throughout my career and it was not uncommon to receive a phone call from Howard late in the fall wanting to know when we were sending those fat mallards south. Howard was the first to teach me how people in Colorado spelled Canada, that being C-eh-n-eh-d-eh! Only Howard could come up with something like that. I also remember the first time I brought Gayle with me to a CFWTC meeting. We ran into Howard in the hotel hallway and when I introduced him to Gayle, his immediate response was "But this is not the same lady you had with you at the last meeting." And this to a lady he had never met before..... Only Howard! Oh the memories.

LeeAnn, we extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. We all share in your loss but he leaves us with a host of fond memories. We will remember and cherish those memories so long as we live. Our hope is that you, too, have many, many fond memories to cherish. All the best to you LeeAnn.

Ken and Gayle Lungle,
formerly from Alberta.

Ken Lungle - November 06, 2013 at 11:43 PM



“ Aunt LeeAnn and family - our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Our deepest sympathy.

Dan and Tami Funk

Dan Funk - November 06, 2013 at 09:29 PM