



Butch Howard

May 2, 1964 - November 29, 2020

James Clay “Butch” Howard, a resident of Piedmont, OK, passed from this life on November 29, 2020 at the age of 56. Butch was born on May 2, 1964 in Henryetta, OK to James Howard and Joyce (Meadors) Howard. Butch is a graduate of Henryetta High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He also achieved NDT Level III in Radiography as recognized by The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, Inc. and most recently worked as a construction manager for EnLink Midstream. His most coveted role was Grandpa, as indicated by the inordinate amount of gifts, time, and energy he invested in his grandchildren. Butch married Rhonda Russell on May 13, 2016 in Eufaula, OK and they shared many memorable times together.

Butch worked hard and played even harder. He loved to be out on the lake in his boat, spending time with those he loved most. Those who got the opportunity to experience the lake with Butch can attest to his affinity with the water. He also loved his Sooners, although his attention span rarely allowed him to watch a game in its entirety. It should also be noted that he was very skilled in water gun and water balloon conflicts, often the instigator and aggressor of the battle. He had a huge heart coupled with an infectious laugh and was unparalleled in his generosity. Butch also took pride in spoiling his four-legged friends, Boo Buddy and Little One, and often commented how the dogs had a much better life than most people.

In his career, Butch was consistently recognized as a great asset who gave

selflessly to the teams he was a part of. His team is extremely saddened by the sudden, unexpected loss of their friend and mentor. Butch's departure has initiated a focus for suicide prevention to encourage others to seek help during difficult times.

Butch is survived by his loving wife Rhonda;

His daughter Cortney and husband Jason Dick of Owasso, OK; daughter Lexxi Spraberry of Highlands Ranch, CO; daughter Paige Bradbury of Mustang, OK;

Grandchildren Peyton and Cambree;

Parents James and Joyce Howard of Owasso, OK;

His brother Jeff Howard and wife Pam of Brownsboro, TX;

His sister Jamie Howard of Scarborough, ME;

His nephews and nieces Jon Howard and wife Emily of Abilene, TX; Holland Howard of Scarborough, ME; Mollie Howard of Scarborough, ME;

His four-legged companions Boo and Little One;

Many aunts, uncles and cousins whom he loved very much.

Family will be receiving friends, Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 at the Funeral Home.

Service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Nazarene Church. Interment will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Due to COVID restrictions we will be streaming this live from Rogers Funeral Home facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

2800 West Main
Henryetta, OK 74437

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home
1302 West Main Street
Henryetta, OK 74437
(918) 650-9090
rogersfh@aol.com
<https://www.rogersfuneralhomeinc.com>

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Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Nazarene Church
718 W. Trudgeon
Henryetta, OK 74437

Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Butch Howard*



Rogers Funeral Home - December 02, 2020 at 04:45 PM

SM

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful man! He will be missed.

Susan Mohler - December 02, 2020 at 05:28 PM

RB

That is a beautiful tribute!

Ron Bradbury - December 02, 2020 at 05:50 PM

RA

How he loved being on the water

Ronnie Ambrose - December 02, 2020 at 07:58 PM

MS

A inspiration to all those he met. Will miss you bud.

Mike Spindler - December 03, 2020 at 09:14 AM

NS

A beautiful video, Rhonda! Love you, Nettie

Nettie Lou Seale - December 04, 2020 at 09:58 AM

BA

I always looked forward to my work visits with Butch. Rhonda you and Butch's family are in our prayers and thoughts.

Bill Alexander - December 04, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RW

Butch will be greatly missed. He has a broad circle of friends that have many stories to tell. I once convinced Butch that he could eat two stacks of pancakes. The last time we visited he brought that up. May god bless Butch's family.

Rusty & Denise Wilhite

Rusty Wilhite - December 04, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DS

Beautiful tribute to a fine man. He'll never be forgotten and his memory will always bring a smile. Gone too soon.

Deidre (Edgemon) Steddum - December 05, 2020 at 12:01 AM

GC

GA Gina C. Adams. Beautiful video of Butch and family. Condolence and May God bless all the entire family of Butch.

Gina C.Adams - December 05, 2020 at 04:59 PM

FH

“ Miss all your family. Sorry for your loss. You all mean a lot to me. Love you. Frank

Frank Howard - January 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM

SK

“ James, Joyce, Cortney, Jeff, and Jamie, I am so very sorry for your great loss. As I watched the video tribute, my main thought was how much he loved his family. His big smile was infectious! From the comments, it seems he had a gift of being able to make others laugh. I remember Butch as a very nice young man. It seems that he remained a nice, loving, caring man.
To Rhonda and to Butch’s younger daughters, while I don’t know you, I know that your loss is tremendous as well.
Please know that you are all in my prayers!

Susi Kelch - December 06, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 04, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ Albert Maylen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Butch Howard.



Albert Maylen - December 04, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MB

“ *Mary Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Butch Howard*



Mary Buchanan - December 04, 2020 at 04:28 PM

MB

Joyce and Jim, George, and I send our condolences to you as well as all of Butch's family..Prayers for comfort and healing

Mary Buchanan - December 04, 2020 at 04:30 PM

VS

“ *In 2009 Butch bought the house across the street from us in Haslet and added some wonderful life to our neighborhood. One Texas OU weekend he arrived home from work to find many Texas Longhorn flags in his yard (courtesy of his neighbors). We all waited patiently for him to react but he stepped over them and entered his home, to our disappointment. Butch waited several hours til dark, went outside with a BIG blow torch and burned them (and patches of his yard) to the ground. He sent us the video of his reaction with very colorful commentary. We always looked forward to spending time with Butch.*

Our prayers are with your family.

Phil & Vicky Sommerville

Vicky Sommerville - December 04, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 04, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *Rhonda, My love and deepest sorrow goes out to you and Butch's family.
He was full of fun, compassionate and a delight to know and work with.
Know that Butch loved you deeply and will always be with you.*

Lesley McCoy

Lesley McCoy - December 04, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 04, 2020 at 11:52 AM

ZG

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Butch's family and close friends in what must be a truly difficult time. I worked with Butch off and on since around 2007 and am a much better person for knowing him. Although there were times he would say something that would even make ME blush, he was always a pleasure to work with and I always enjoyed our conversations.*

He was compassionate, talented and intelligent man that would go out of his way to help others, even if just to give them a laugh. He will definitely be missed but will live on in the memories of all of those that ever had the pleasure of knowing him.

Zachry Goff - December 04, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 04, 2020 at 07:41 AM

CW

“ *My friend of 13+ years.
My favorite OU rival (GO Frogs!)
A big man with even a bigger heart who loved others way more than himself.
A proud husband of my beautiful friend Rhonda.
A father who was overwhelmingly proud of his daughters and grandchildren.
A son, grandson, brother and Grandpa who loved his family dearly.
A man who would truly give you the shirt off his back because you needed it more than him!
The one and only Butch Howard. God knew the world couldn't handle two of you!
You are loved and missed more than you know.
When we meet again my friend!💕💕*

Carol Warren

Carol Warren - December 04, 2020 at 06:38 AM

BP

“ *Brian Parker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Butch Howard.*



Brian Parker - December 03, 2020 at 09:55 PM

FT

“ *From the Enlink Engineering & Construction Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Butch Howard.*



From the Enlink Engineering & Construction Team -
December 03, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 03, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 03, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 03, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 03, 2020 at 03:38 PM

WH

“ My deepest condolences to the Howard family. Every time I interacted with Butch at work, he was always one of two things - a teacher or a comedian. I remember one time he emailed the Safety Dept at Devon about a deer that hit his company vehicle. I'll never forget the comment he made about the deer, that it could not be drug tested, because it left the scene of the accident! He will be dearly missed!

Warren Hinkley - December 03, 2020 at 03:27 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about “Butch”. I have memories of him in my Methodist 4th grade Sunday school class and again in a high school class...the boys were ornery and I loved them all. Condolences and prayers to the family.
Sharon Shoulders

Sharon Shoulders - December 03, 2020 at 12:54 PM

SL

“ Sincerely, Cyclone Services, LLC purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Butch Howard.



Sincerely, Cyclone Services, LLC - December 03, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 03, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 03, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 03, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 03, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 03, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *James and Joyce I'm so sorry to hear about my old friend. But I take comfort in my belief that we'll all see him again God Bless and keep you both.*

James Parker - December 02, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ *Butch was always so nice to me in school, i'm so sorry for your loss Joyce, he was deeply loved and will be missed by all.*

Sincerely, Janet Green Bogle

Janet Bogle - December 02, 2020 at 06:47 PM

SS

“ *Susan Mohler and Heidi Schaffer purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Butch Howard.*



Susan Mohler and Heidi Schaffer - December 02, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 06:08 PM

TF

“ Trent Forrest & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Butch Howard.



Trent Forrest & Family - December 02, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 02, 2020 at 05:24 PM



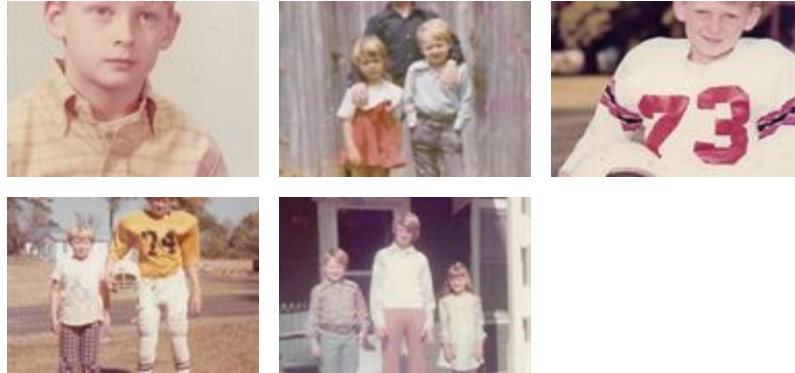
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 02, 2020 at 04:53 PM



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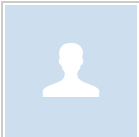
Rogers Funeral Home - December 02, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ The Church Today, Tulsa Ok Pastor Barron purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Butch Howard.



The Church Today, Tulsa Ok Pastor Barron - December 02, 2020 at 04:35 PM



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



December 02, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*

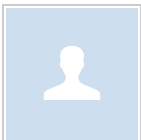


December 02, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Rhonda, I'm so sorry for your loss, which is a huge one. My prayers are with you and all of his family. I had the pleasure of meeting Butch in person only one time, but we were phone buddies. He was the most considerate person I know. He would follow up a request with a phone call just to make sure he wasn't making things difficult for us, but the best part was the funniest comments that would follow afterwards. I will certainly miss hearing him on the other end, but he definitely left me with some great and hilarious conversations. He will be missed by all of us, his Enlink family.*

Ericka Medrano - December 02, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 01:56 PM

LW

“ Love, Tracy, Rob & Whitney Williams purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Butch Howard.



Love, Tracy, Rob & Whitney Williams - December 02, 2020 at 01:00 PM

AF

“ Atwood family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Butch Howard.



Atwood family - December 02, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 02, 2020 at 11:36 AM

BL

“ I had the honor of working with Butch early in my career, prior to and during his early days with Devon, as an X-Ray Tech in north Texas. I can say without hesitation that I would not be who or where I am today without his guidance and tutelage in both business and life. Butch was one of the most intelligent, driven, funny, and loveable individuals I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. His presence will be greatly missed and the world is a lesser place without him in it.

Safe travels my friend, until we meet again.....

Brian Lee - December 02, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 11:14 AM

TG

“ *Tammy Groves purchased the Magnificent Life S pray for the family of Butch Howard.*



Tammy Groves - December 02, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Your friends at Elder Dodge ATHENS purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Butch Howard.*



Your friends at Elder Dodge ATHENS - December 02, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 02, 2020 at 10:38 AM

PD

“ I am so sorry for your loss! My heart and prayers for you and your family.

Prahlad Dureddy - December 02, 2020 at 09:59 AM

BL

“ Rhonda, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Butch's family.
Butch was so well liked and respected within our company.

Brian & Nan Lovelace

Brian & Nan Lovelace - December 02, 2020 at 09:46 AM

KE

“ Oh no , so sad , butch was the funnest and smartest classmate in school , always took an initiative to help too ... infectious and contagious smile ... good offensive lineman in football ... great guy ... the class of 1982 would agree. Thanks butch , Kevin j.

kevin - December 02, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.



December 02, 2020 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss! My heart and prayers for you and your family.

Jan McDonald - December 02, 2020 at 09:16 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry to read this. Your family was always so good to us all especially our grandparents. Butch was always like a second older brother for me. He looked out for others and was an awesome person. My heart breaks for you all. God Bless

Steven Marshall - December 02, 2020 at 08:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Sweet Joyce, James and all the family---I can only imagine your heartbreak. Butch will forever be remembered by me as the sweet, cute kind, smart little boy in my Cindy's class---who grew up to be such a handsome, caring and super intelligent man. He was a blessing to everyone to whom he came into contact with. You did such a good job as parents--raising a man of his character. Sending hugs and comfort to all of you.

Betty Minyard Allen and Everett

Betty and Everett Allen - December 02, 2020 at 07:28 AM

CR

“ Butch and I have known each other since he came to work at Devon. He is a friend and coworker that will be missed by all. I could always count on Butch to stop by with some kind of "off the wall" good to see you comment which always brought a smile or laugh out both of us. We've used each other as "sounding boards" to share our work and personal concerns, this interaction will be sorely missed. Butch was one of those rare folks who could motivate you to do better through well chosen words or a verbal "kick in the backside". To Butch's Family and Wife (Rhonda) my heart goes out to you.

*May God Bless All,
Charlie Reed*

Charlie Reed - December 02, 2020 at 07:20 AM

MO

“ *Melissa Osborne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Butch Howard.*



Melissa Osborne - December 01, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MO

“ *I worked with Butch at Devon. Before I retired there were days I didn't have the strength to stand up and would tell him I was going home. Butch wouldn't let me drive, he'd get one of his guys to drive my car and take me home A wonderful kind gentle man with a heart of gold that I'll never forget. Sorry never seems like enough when you loose someone you love.. Melissa Osborne*

Melissa Osborne - December 01, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 01, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *So many memories that will stay with me forever. The man had a way to make you feel important. One of the smartest people I’ve known. So sorry for your loss, and you’re all in my prayers. Rest easy my friend.*



Albert Maylen - December 01, 2020 at 09:26 PM

MJ

“ *My thoughts go out to you, Love Jerry purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Butch Howard.*



My thoughts go out to you, Love Jerry - December 01, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 01, 2020 at 09:14 PM

CS

“ *Butch had more technical knowledge than anyone I've ever been around, and his willingness to teach and share that knowledge can be seen in the men and women that were fortunate enough to learn from him. He could sit and talk with the smartest person in the room, or the kid in the parking lot parking cars, he was comfortable with either. Some debts can never be repaid, and I will always be indebted to this great man. Rest easy my friend*

c shipley - December 01, 2020 at 09:01 PM

BB

“ *James and Joyce, Our hearts are hurting for both of you and your sweet family during this difficult time. I'm so sorry we can't be there but just know your in our thoughts and prayers. Take care my sweet cousin, we love you all!*

Bill and Marilyn Butler - December 01, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Butch Howard.*



December 01, 2020 at 08:27 PM

GS

“ *James, Linda and all my sweet cousins I am so sad at the lose of Butch. We grew up together and he made everyone smile. Please know that even though I am not physically with you my heart, prayers and love is with you all. Joyce I am sending a special big hug to you and all my love. My heart aches for you all.*

Gail Smith - December 01, 2020 at 03:15 PM