



James "Howard" Hughes

November 9, 1942 - October 14, 2021

James Howard Hughes, 78, passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2021. He was born November 9, 1942 in Seneca, South Carolina. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Norcross.

Howard graduated from Seneca High School in 1961. In his time at Seneca High School, he earned 5 varsity letters in football, 4 in basketball, and 3 in track as well as playing on the American Legion Baseball team for four years. He was voted All Skyline Conference for two years, was named to the North-South All Star team, and in his senior year was named State Player of the year and was named an All American in football. He was named to the All-Skyline Conference track team as well. He earned a scholarship to play football at Clemson University and lead the freshman football team in rushing as a running back. He continued to play football at Wofford College and also competed on their track team and baseball team. He graduated from Wofford College in 1965.

He started the swim teams at Edgemoor North in Norcross and Nantucket subdivision in Lilburn and coached his daughters and all of their friends. He loved coaching the kids and relished in their accomplishments. He loved to fish, watch Clemson football, and he especially loved to watch anything his grandchildren participated in.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Sandra McClellan Hughes, his daughters Leanne (Todd) Bonsack and Lori (John) Blanchard, grandchildren Mac Bonsack, Mia Bonsack, Mitchell Blanchard, and Kate Blanchard; two

brothers, Wallace (MaryAnn) Hughes and Dennis (Beth) Hughes, sister in law Gerry Hughes, and lifelong friend Byron Reames, along with several nieces and nephews that he held dear to his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Dessie Barker Hughes and two brothers, Kasler Hughes and Leland Hughes.

A visitation to celebrate his life will be held on Friday, October 22nd, 2021 from 4 – 7 pm at 520 White Ridge Trace, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

A graveside memorial will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Oconee Memorial Park, 1923 Blue Ridge Blvd, Seneca, South Carolina, 29678

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oconee Memorial Park
1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Seneca, SC 29678

Tribute Wall



“ James "Howard" Hughes

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Howard's passing, he was one o the mill hill "good ole boys". Howard was a great athlete and a good friend. RIP

Larry Gibson - October 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ Howard and the rest of his brothers were a good memory from my Seneca High School days. So sorry about your loss and sending prayers for the family.



Judy Barnett Potter - October 16, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Howard we were cousins 24 yrs apart and I was brought up by my Daddy to love you because you was his brother Woodrow's son. You couldn't help but love him always a sweetheart.



Jill Patterson - October 16, 2021 at 12:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Sending love and hugs to all of you. With love, Cissy Redwine

Cissy Redwine - October 15, 2021 at 06:45 PM

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Sandra and family,

Please accept our condolences for your loss and we have you in our thoughts and prayers.

May Howard Rest In peace and forever be a lasting part of your lives.

Chris and Dawn Mosher

Chris Mosher - October 16, 2021 at 08:53 AM