



Howard L. Belles

May 30, 1938 - February 13, 2024

Howard L. Belles, 85, a former resident of Willowdale Road in Groton and Berwick, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, February 13, 2024, at The Highlands in Fitchburg, MA.

Howard was born on May 30, 1938, in Berwick, Pennsylvania, the beloved son of Howard and Mabel (Fetterman) Belles. He dedicated many years of his life as a skilled sheet metal worker at Rado Industries in Pennsylvania. Howard was a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and found great joy in his hobby of building model trains.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Dorothy L. (Hart) Belles, and leaves behind a legacy of love and family. He will be deeply missed by his daughters: Kim M. McAfee of Lunenburg, MA, Tammy Benfer of Auburn, PA, and Shelley Piland of Bloomsburg, PA. Howard also leaves behind seven cherished grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Howard was preceded in death by his brother Donald Belles of DuBoistown PA in 2014 and his sister, Eleanor Seltzer of Bloomsburg, PA, in 2023.

Howard will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his craftsmanship, and his unwavering faith. He leaves behind a legacy of love that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in eternal peace.

A private viewing will be held with Howard's family in Ayer, Massachusetts on Friday, February 16, 2024. Funeral services will take place at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Berwick, PA.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ We would love to know who anonymously sent our family a country basket flower today there was no card with it and we want to say thank you so much!
~Shelley P

shelley A Piland - February 17, 2024 at 07:14 PM

SC

“ When I was 16-17 years old, I worked for Mr Belles. He was equally as kind as he was demanding of a good work ethic. He has always had very special place in my memory. RIP, dear man.

steve connor - February 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KM

Thank you, Steve.

Kim McAfee - February 17, 2024 at 03:18 PM

SP

Thankyou Steve!

shelley A Piland - February 17, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard L. Belles.



February 17, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MA

“ Mark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard L. Belles.

Mark - February 17, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Aunt Dorothy, Kim, Tammy, and Shelley: There are no words at a time like this that can reach the deep pain of loss. May many wonderful memories, and a family who love Uncle Howard and you, be a comfort.



Sending much love,

Mark Hart

Mark Hart - February 17, 2024 at 10:06 AM

KM

Thank you so much, Mark

Kim McAfee - February 17, 2024 at 12:31 PM

SP

Thankyou mark!

shelley A Piland - February 17, 2024 at 07:12 PM

RG

“ Dorothy, Kim, and family, I want to express my deepest sympathies for Howard's passing. He was always filled with stories of his and Dorothy's life in Pennsylvania, he was an amazing man that well deserves his rest and Glory in God's Kingdom.



*Rich Gendron
Groton Commons*

Rich Gendron - February 16, 2024 at 01:12 PM

SP

Thankyou for your kind words & sympathizes & your friendship with our dad! I'm happy you enjoyed dad's stories. We love him so much & miss him a lot!

~Shelley (youngest daughter of his)

shelley A Piland - February 16, 2024 at 05:47 PM

KM

Thank you, Rich! He enjoyed his time at Groton Commons sitting on his swing and chatting with all the residents. He really wanted to come back and visit but was not possible to get him in the car to do that. Thank you for being a friend to him. Kim

Kim McAfee - February 17, 2024 at 08:59 AM