



Percy Howard, Jr.

November 25, 1917 - November 28, 2012

Percy Howard Jr. 94, long time educator, rancher and civic activist passed away November 23, 2012. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville TX. Mr. Howard was born November 25, 1917 in Palestine, TX to Percy and Lottie Howard, the second youngest of eight children. He committed his life to Christ at a young age. Percy's early education began in Anderson County and continued as an undergraduate at Jarvis Christian College. He subsequently earned a Master's degree from Texas Southern University. Percy served his country in the Army Air Forces during World War II as a Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Percy moved to Huntsville after returning from overseas military service and on January 24, 1947, he was united in marriage to Alice Wiley. For 33 years, he served the Huntsville education system and hundreds of students in a number of capacities. He began at Sam Houston High School as a teacher, coach, counselor and principal. When the schools merged in the late 60's, he continued his career as vice-principal, counselor and administrator of the alternative school. After his retirement, he founded the Howard Educational Scholarship Fund for exceptional high school seniors. Percy had a strong commitment to improve the community around him. This included serving as: Huntsville City Council Member from 1983-1991, Mayor Pro Temp from 1987-1991, Board of Directors for the Trinity River Authority, Huntsville Housing Authority and Community Day Care Center. He was also a member of the

American Legion, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Martin Luther King Celebration committee and Rotary Club of Huntsville where he received the Paul Harris Award for service to the community. Mr. Howard was a faithful member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Huntsville, TX where he served in many capacities including: Member of the Trustee Board, Deacon and Head of the Finance Committee. He is survived by a host of family and friends who share stories and life lessons of him including his loving wife of 66 years, Alice, their children: Malcolm Howard (Cheryl), Rosalyn Kelly, DeAndra Mullins (Almon), Percy Howard III(Cindy) and Michelle Diggs(Anthony). Percy and Alice have 11 grandchildren: Sheryl Brice, Lance Kelly(LaTisha), Cassie Howard, Allyson Kelly, Brooke Owens (Michael), Malcolm Shan Howard, Courtney Wardlaw (Darryl Kirk), Lindsley Howard, Myles Diggs, Alex Mullins, Jared Diggs and 16 great-grandchildren: Shauncey Howard, Allynthia Lewis, Maya Lewis, Alize Howard, Clark Brice, Kelsey Kelly, Savannah Kelly, Channel Howard, Everett Brice, Donovan Howard, Malik Howard, William Kelly, Wynter Rogers, Elyjah Howard, Katelyn Kelly and Mychael Walker. Percy was blessed to also have a host of special nieces, nephews and cousins who regularly visited and worshiped with him. Family and Friends are invited to celebrate Percy's life on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 11:00 a.m. at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 426 Highway 190 East, Huntsville, TX 77320. Interment will follow the service at Harper Cemetery, in Huntsville. Mr. Howard will lie in state from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home and from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The Howard family would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers, please continue to lift us to the Lord in this challenging time. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Percy Howard, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To the Howard Family, I just now learned of your loss. I wanted to express my love and appreciation for Mr. Howard. He is one of many beautiful memories of my years at HHS. He was a very kind man that always had the sweetest smile. Huntsville has lost a remarkable man. My love and prayers go out to you all, especially Percy, Cindy and Dee. You are part of my HHS memories also!!!*

Diana Kay Haas Cox - December 13, 2012 at 10:59 AM



“ *To The HOWARD FAMILY... 'THE WILL OF GOD WILL NEVER TAKE YOU WHERE THE GRACE OF GOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU'. Our deepest sympathy to you...I know the loss you feel. GOD bless you.*

Rosalynd and Brandy Dunston

Rosalynd & Brandy Dunston - December 10, 2012 at 05:25 PM



“ *To the family: my sincere thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. The many happy memories you made with your Dad will sustain you. He was certainly one of a kind. May God bless you.*

Brenda Wilson Staten

BRENDA STATEN - November 30, 2012 at 05:01 PM

GB

“ I am fortunate in working with Dr. Percy Howard, and wish to send my condolences over the loss his father. The description of his father's life shows him to have been a truly remarkable man whose contributions to his community are inspiring in their diversity and commitment.

Gordon A. Bush - November 29, 2012 at 02:10 PM

ER

“ I work with Dr. Howard, and though I did not know Mr. Howard, I have heard about Huntsville and his father's land, and the pride in Dr. Howard's voice everytime he mentioned his Dad. Some fishing stories too. I'm sure you all have many wonderful memories to keep him alive in your hearts. My deepest sympathy. Elaine

Elaine Raesner - November 28, 2012 at 10:21 PM

SS

“ To the Howard Family: I'm saddened to hear of your loss. Mr Howard was a favorite during my years at HHS. I can think of many, many times when he brightened my day and he will always have a place in my heart. On a visit to Huntsville not too many years ago, I ran into Mr Howard. He greeted me by name and when I put my hand out for a shake, he took my arm and gave me a hug. You are all in my thoughts and in my prayers, and I know you're all extremely proud of your husband, father and grandfather. Steve Sumter, Sydney Australia

Steve Sumter - November 28, 2012 at 08:01 PM

CW

“ To Dee and the Howard family, Your Dad was a very kind person. He always had a smile and something nice to say as you passed him in the halls at HHS. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Cheryl, Platt and Joyce McLaughlin

Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - November 28, 2012 at 06:58 PM

AH

“ We were saddened to learn of Percy's death. He was always such a gentleman in every sense of the word. It was always a pleasure to see him and have a nice visit. Huntsville has lost one of the great ones. He will be missed.

Ann & Bill Hodges - November 28, 2012 at 05:06 PM

VE

“ To the Howard Family, Mr.Howard was a soft-spoken, firm but fair man that I met during my years at HHS(class of 1984). I will never forget him nor that smile he had when he spoke to you. May God comfort you at this time.

Vicki Philio Easy - November 28, 2012 at 04:25 PM

BT

“ Dear Howard Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you in the homegoing of your husband and father. Your father left you some big shoes to fill. It seemed to me he always did his best. I appreciate the many times I was fortunate to work or visit with him. Mrs. Howard, You always were by his side and I know you will miss him but the Holy Spirit holds our hands and helps us through this time without our mate. I was not well today or I would have been at Mr. Howard's service. I would have loved to see all of the family. All of your children were beautiful!
Love and prayers,
Bonnie Thorne

Bonnie Thorne - November 28, 2012 at 03:40 PM

TC

“ I work with Dr. Percy Howard, III and would like to send my deepest condolences to the Howard family.

Terence Chang - November 28, 2012 at 03:14 PM

LA

“ To the Howard family. I didn't know Mr. Howard but know his son Dr. Percy Howard III. Also a hard working man with great family values. My condolences to the entire family. May God lift you in your time of need. His legacy will continue you through all of you.

Letty Almendariz - November 28, 2012 at 03:07 PM

KF

“ I give sincere condolences to the entire Howard family. What a dear, special man has left us. Mr Howard was there when the Sam Houston kids had to make the move to being Hornets. Not an easy time with the "world" telling us to resent each other. He showed us that we were all one people and always had a smile and a nod for each one he passed. I have always admired him sooo much and will miss seeing his sweet face around town. You all are truly blessed to be his family. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us.

Kay Nabors Fountain - November 28, 2012 at 01:24 PM

PL

“ My heart goes out to you Mrs.Howard and the family, Mr.Howard was a great man of God.

Pamela Lewis-Ivory - November 28, 2012 at 12:54 PM

LD

“ To the Howard family I am so sorry for your loss and the family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know that it is a comfort to you that Mr. Howard is with his Lord and Saviour. I had only one opporutnity to meet him and he treated me as if he had known me my whole life. He gave me a hug and spoke to me. I know he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Loretta Dyches - November 28, 2012 at 12:18 PM

JC

“ Mr. Howard was a fantastic gentleman who was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew him. He led an interesting life which was filled with many wonderful stories. I don't think he met a stranger that he didn't eventually call a friend. My thoughts are with all of you.

Jennie Sigler Curran - November 28, 2012 at 12:03 PM

BF

“ We have lost an awesome man. Our prayers are with each of you. May God continue to bless and keep all.....Pa, we will miss you!!!!

Beverly Richard Thibodeaux & Family - November 28, 2012 at 10:43 AM

JJ

“ The Huntsville community has lost a much loved leader and friend. Mr. Howard made a mark that will not soon be forgotten. May God bless his family.

jeannine jacoby - November 28, 2012 at 08:41 AM

SS

“ Mrs. Howard, Malcolm, Lynn, Dee, Buddy and Michelle, Mr. Howard was a great historian, a wonderful teacher, and a very kind person who had a perpetual smile. He will be greatly missed. Make the Lord carry you in the palm of His hands and comfort you during your great loss. Take care and may God bless and keep you. You are in my prayers.

Sue Collins Simons - November 28, 2012 at 12:20 AM

TH

“ Mr. Howard was a very special person who always greeted us with a smile. He has always been such a respected man in our community. Our prayers are with you Dee and the rest of the Howard family.
God Bless

Tarryl & Darryl Hyder - November 27, 2012 at 07:46 PM

VS

“ To the Howard Family our thought and prayers are with you during these times. Vann G. Hawkins Sr. Family, Ms. Lorrissa R. Lincoln Family and the (CLASS OF 1967). Love Vann Sr.

Vann G. Hawkins Sr - November 27, 2012 at 04:47 PM

SM

“ My prayers are with you HOward family. Michelle , hang in there. It will get better in time. Everyone loved him .I will always remember his smile and the dedication he had for his students. He will be missed.

shelia ross mallet - November 27, 2012 at 02:58 PM

TF

“ To the Howard Family, especially Percy III, Cindy, Lindsley, and our sweet Courtney: Our thoughts and prayers of comfort and healing are with you at this time of loss. May the loving memories be forever held in your hearts.

The Wardlaw and Fournerat families - November 27, 2012 at 02:32 PM

DR

“ Our prayers go out to my extended family. Mr. Howard was a good man and will always be remembered as a great person. With a warm smile and a friendly hello; words can't express how he made those around him feel. He will be missed. Derf

Derf Reese - November 27, 2012 at 02:06 PM

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Derf Reese - November 27, 2012 at 02:06 PM

RD

“ To the entire Howard family:
Just know that our family extends our deepest sympathy to each of you during this very difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rev. & Mrs. Obie Rolling, Jr., Craig Rolling, & Shirlette Rolling Deveraux -
November 27, 2012 at 01:12 PM

BC

“ Michelle,
You have related so many great Percy stories to me over the years. How wonderful to read his life story and his tremendous contribution to his community and his outstanding career as an educator. We wish you and your family the best during these times with the knowledge of a life well lived!

Bob Custer - November 27, 2012 at 12:13 PM



“ *Michelle Diggs*

I am so sorry to hear about your father. He lived an incredible life. I'm positive his teachings and inspiration have played an important role in your life. His influence is what makes you so special in my eyes. I know you are saddened by his passing.

If I can be of any help, I'm there for you.

Take care, love you.

Rhonda

November 26, 2012 at 05:57 PM



“ *Loving, dedicated, are only a few words to describe what Brother Howard meant to the Powell's family. he will truly be missed but we know the foundation he started is strong and will past the test. A man of God called by God that carried out his mandate as a faithful servant. Well Done Bro Howard... Well Done...Love In Christ...Maurice, William (Romeo). Darrell and family. Be Blessed*

Maurice Powell, Jr - November 26, 2012 at 12:49 PM



“ *What a great man! Mr. Howard has been one of favorite Huntsville personalities since I 1st met him in high school in the early 1970s. A gracious, sincere gentleman who was a "giant" in our community. A great smile, a great attitude and a wonderful countenance. To the family, and to all whose lives he touched - including mine - he will always be missed.*

Kooter Roberson

Kooter Roberson - November 26, 2012 at 10:06 AM

VI

“ To the Percy Howard family, Just to let you know that Mr. Howard was a powerful source in my life. He was my teacher back in the day. May God bless you.

With oving memory,

Victoria Mills-Glaze.

Victoria - November 25, 2012 at 07:43 PM

MH

“ My prayers go out to the Howard family. I have known Percy for many years knowing how much this community will miss him. You will miss him more but Percy is with our Lord wearing that wonderful crown that was only for him. I will miss a friend.

M Hyvl - November 25, 2012 at 07:17 PM

JB

“ TO the entire Howard Family,
We are so very sorry for the loss of your father. He was a simple but soft spoken man who treated everyone with the same respect. He was such a good friend of my father's and a wonderful mentor to me when I was growing up in the Huntsville public school system. He never met a stranger and he will never be forgotten. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All...
Jamie Ellisor Brinegar

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - November 23, 2012 at 03:50 PM

NJ

“ *To the Howard Family: What a gentleman Mr. Percy was. Years ago he was one of my Committee Chairman when I was District President of TSTA. He was so smart and always knew the correct thing to say. I have valued his friendship for many years. He will be missed by all who knew him. Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady, Texas*

Norma Dell Jones - November 23, 2012 at 09:35 AM