



Lt. Col. Harold Howell

January 31, 1922 - April 25, 2023

HOWELL, Lt. Col. Harold, 101, resident of Prattville, AL, passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at Glynwood Baptist Church at 2:00 pm with Pastor Bryan Howell and Pastor Scott Watson officiating. Burial will follow at Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing. The family will receive friends at the church on Monday from 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm to the service. He was a Navy World War II veteran, Kamikaze survivor, Purple Heart Recipient and career Air Force JAG officer with 28 years of service. He was an active member of Gideon's International; Rotary Club; charter member of Glynwood Baptist Church and practiced law at Howell, Sarto, Howell and McKay. He was preceded in death by his wife, Junetta Howell; son, George Howell; son-in-law, John Sopkanich; parents, Claude and Faye Howell; grandson, Matthew Sopkanich and great-grandchild, Georgia Mae Anderson. Mr. Howell is survived by four daughters, Linda Sopkanich, Naomi Williamson (Walter), Rebecca Ford (Rick) and Patricia "Tish" Watson (Scott); daughter-in-law, Dottie Howell; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; extended family and friends. Pallbearers will be Tim Watson, Andy Watson, Chris Williamson, Reed Hortberg, Jeremy Kline and David Kline. Honorary Pallbearers will be Autauga Gideon's Chapter members. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to Gideon's International, Rotary Club or Teen Challenge, 3888 County Road 261, Jones, AL, 36749. Pallbearers will be Ryan Ford, Caleb Howell, Micah Howell, Lawrence Hudson, Chad Anderson and Michael Thompson.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glynwood Baptist Church
376 McQueen Smith Rd
Prattville, AL 36066

Service

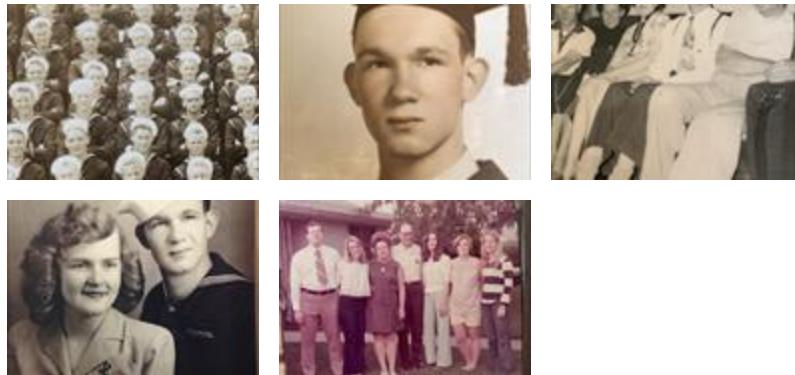
MAY 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Glynwood Baptist Church
376 McQueen Smith Rd
Prattville, AL 36066

Tribute Wall

RF

“ 12 files added to the album harold Howell's family



Rebecca Howell Ford - November 11, 2024 at 02:34 PM

RL

Sorry to hear he passed. He was life long friend of my father, Bill Lewis of Talladega. They grew up in Fountain Heights area of Birmingham in the 1930's. Mr Howell would always stop to see him once a year while coming to Shocco Spings. Dad has short war grams Harold had written him during the war. Very interesting and loved to see them reminisce. Richard Lewis Huntsville.

Richard Lewis - October 29, 2025 at 05:56 PM

KA

“ *Lt.Colonel Howell was a great man and attorney for us. He handle our in-state/u.s. side of an international adoption of our son, Eric. He always enjoyed seeing Eric has he has grown up. I know that we were blessed to have Col. Howell here, now heaven is richly blessed to have him there. Condolences to all his family and friends. May he rest in peace.*



Kathyrn - May 23, 2023 at 02:48 PM

NW

“ Mr. Howell was a great man to know. I loved his sense of humor and his seriousness of his prayers. Once I was able share in his praying out loud at Naomi’s home and he individually prayed for all his children their spouses, all his grands, great grands, nieces and nephews. He knew them and he wanted God to have His mighty hand and protection on their lives. He also could tell you a joke or catch you in a twist of the English language to get you giggling. He also was a great conversationalist and asked questions and shared stories telling them like they just happened. Being a LT Col he had a heart for this country and knew what sacrifice meant. He loved Jesus with all his heart and his family too. A great man and ambassador for Christ. So very glad to have known him and look forward to our days praising God together again.

Naomi Wade - May 14, 2023 at 04:44 PM

PA

“ The world has lost one of the Godliest men I have known, and Heaven’s gain is our loss! I am so much richer for having known this wonderful man! Rest in Peace Pop!
Pauline Anderson (Yank)
Friend

Pauline Anderson - April 30, 2023 at 02:43 PM

DF

“ God bless the family in their time of loss. A great faithful Christian soldier has finished the battle and gone home. in His love. Denny & Sharon Ford

Dennis Ford - April 29, 2023 at 08:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Harold Howell.



April 28, 2023 at 07:09 PM

ME

“ Col. Howell leaves a tremendous legacy. His military career speaks for itself. He was a man who loved his country and served fearlessly. He was a man who cared about his community and state and served them well. His practice of law included advocating for those less fortunate and lending legal advice when needed. He wasn't just a man of faith but one who practiced his faith and led by example. Those who knew him, watched him care for Mrs. Howell during difficult times. He once told me she worked hard to take care of a family of seven. Taking care of her was the least he could do. He loved his family dearly. My son, Keith, and his grandson Andy were in college together. When they would leave home to return to college, Colonel always made them stop until he could pray for them. He made sure his other grandson, Bryan, had an opportunity to gain needed experience while he was pursuing his education. Bryan became Glynwood Baptist Church's first youth minister. While preparing for a sermon, Bryan sought advice from his grandfather. Colonel Howell's response was preach about sin and be opposed to it. He was always the comedian. He served his church faithfully. He taught Sunday School well into his 80's, served as church moderator, deacon, and just about every position asked of him. He had a heart for youth and supported their programs. He knew his Bible and wasn't ashamed to proclaim God's word. I stand in awe at the impact he made on all who knew him. Yet I have no doubt he would be the first to give God the glory. When I think of Colonel Howell, I always think of Proverbs 31:23. I love the translation that states "Her husband is respected at the city gates, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land."

Martha Ellis - April 26, 2023 at 10:37 PM

TM

“ Rarely do we get to experience great men like Colonel Howell. I was blessed to be mentored by not only Colonel, but his son, George, and his law partner, Joe Sarto. I would not be an attorney today without those three taking me in and giving so much of their time, resources and energy. They blessed so many lives, in so many ways. I strive to do as well.

Ted Meadows - April 26, 2023 at 09:03 PM

DN

“ Harold, my mother’s cousin was more like a brother to her. He taught her how to tie her shoes, then tied them together. Another loved one who made his generation great, he has left a legacy that I can’t possibly live up to. I’m grateful for what you meant to my mother and to our family.

Deda Nelson - April 26, 2023 at 08:07 PM

CM

“ Colonel Howell was a nice man, and a good attorney. Rest in Peace Sir.



Cathy Miller - April 26, 2023 at 05:04 PM