



Howard Lovejoy

October 30, 1927 - June 8, 2018

Howard Lovejoy, 90, of Huntington, W.Va., passed away peacefully on June 8, 2018 at Paramount Midland Meadows. He was born on October 30, 1927 in Lincoln County, W.Va. to Ray and Belle (Spears) Lovejoy, both of whom preceded him in death. Also predeceasing him were his wife of 67 years, Agnes Richmond Lovejoy, and his sisters, Virginia Lovejoy, Eutha Scragg and Thelma Miller.

He is survived by his sons, Stephen (Joan) Lovejoy and Gary (David) Lovejoy, two grandchildren, Chad (Sara) Lovejoy and Stephanie (Travis) Beaman, and ten great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Lovejoy, Reagan Hamilton, Luke Lovejoy, Mason Hamilton, Ethan Lovejoy, Gabe Beaman, Dylan Lovejoy, Parker Beaman, Colby Beaman and Haven Beaman. He is also survived by his sisters, Eunice Adkins, Joann Sowards Tompkins and Loretta (Silas) Adkins, along with numerous nieces and nephews and his close friend, Tom Baldwin.

He was a veteran of the United States Army in World War II, after which he graduated from Marshall University on the G.I. Bill. Having also worked in construction for his father in law, J.H. Richmond, he made a career as a West Virginia educator, retiring as the principal of Hurricane High School. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish in the West Virginia woods. He served many years as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 700.

Special thanks to the staff and to Ms. Amy at Paramount Midland Meadows for their special care and kindness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, East Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, WV. with Pastor Brady Lipscomb officiating. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery, Huntington, WV. with military honors provided by American Legion Post #139 Milton, WV. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until service time on Wednesday at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting. www.hensonandkitchen.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

E. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services
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Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Lovejoy*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - June 11, 2018 at 04:47 PM



Beautiful

Kathy Kinsey - June 11, 2018 at 10:22 PM

KP

*Gary and Stephen:
Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family during this challenging time. Your father was an incredible man who touched the lives of hundreds, not only at Hurrican High School but through his journey. His legacy will live on through the students he influenced. My memories of your father and mother, are those of kindness during my visits to your home in my MU days. It is my hope that you find comfort in knowing that Mr. Lovejoy had a life well lived. Good thoughts are being sent to you.*

Keith Petrie - June 12, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ *Howard Lovejoy*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

JH

“ *Mr Livejoy was a beacon of light and understanding in a sea of high schoolers. He treated me with great respect and made me feel Good about myself. The mock democratic convention he chose me and others to join was a highlight of my high school days. Just to be chosen was an honor but to have him there encouraging us to speak our mind, think critically, play the political Game even. He was an honorable man. He was a gift to have as my homeroom teacher and it was obvious he cared deeply about his students. His children and grandchildren should be very proud of Him.*

judy rollyson hervall - June 15, 2018 at 11:24 AM


Kenneth
Machado

“ *Wonderful man. We lovingly called him papa smurf as our principal.*

Kenneth Machado - June 14, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SL

“ *I am sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Lovejoy. He was a great principal and a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*



Stephanie Hansen Lawson - June 13, 2018 at 10:20 PM

MJ

“ *When there is sadness in a well-loved family...there is sadness in us all! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love, Mary Lynn*

Mary Lynn Jordan - June 13, 2018 at 12:12 PM

VH

“ My heart is broken. Uncle Howard was a man of his word. He was a wonderful person. Those Sunday's at mamaw's and mom's house couldn't be beat. The jokes him and Uncle Silas would tell had us laughing all the time. The many memories I have of him will never leave my mind and heart. Rest in Peace !!. May GOD comfort and give you all the strength to get thru the upcoming days. Aunt Agnes and Uncle Howard together again after 67 years of marriage. Love to all



Velva Miller Harford - June 12, 2018 at 10:22 PM

MT

“ Gary, David, friends and family :
We are sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Howard. During our visits in Phoenix over the years we have enjoyed hearing about Gary's calls to his father and mother. We know how much he will miss making those calls. It is obvious from the comments in this "Life Tribute" how much Howard was loved and respected. We send our love and condolences as you celebrate his life.
Mitch and Tom

Mitchel Terkildsen - June 12, 2018 at 09:20 PM

JG

“ Jackie (Kilgore) Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Howard Lovejoy



Jackie (Kilgore) Gibbs - June 12, 2018 at 07:53 PM

JM

“ To Howard's family: We are so very sad to learn of your loss. Howard was a friend that helped me in so many ways; especially when he was vice principal at Hurricane High School. I will be anxious to see him in heaven as we explore eternity Jim McGehee, Mount Airy, North Carolina

Jim and Joy McGehee - June 12, 2018 at 04:36 PM

BP

“ Mr Lovejoy was a great man who treated me the best when I was in high at a time in my life that I needed someone to look up to! He will truly be missed the blessed ones always are! Sine Pari

brian pauley - June 12, 2018 at 10:25 AM

EF

“ So Sorry about your Dad Gary, It's sad when they leave us, but there is a bright side to this, he is with your mom now and I know he is loving it, just by seeing all the pictures you could tell she and the family was his greatest joy. Love Evelean Farley

Evelean Farley - June 12, 2018 at 05:24 AM

EF

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Evelean Farley - June 12, 2018 at 05:20 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Lovejoy passing . He was a great man, principal and a good friend to all. He will be greatly missed by those who had the honor to know him and love him I'm glad I did. Thank you for your service and Fly high with the Angels. R.I.P. My prayers are with the family



Denise Ashworth Taylor - June 12, 2018 at 04:25 AM



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



June 12, 2018 at 02:37 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Lovejoy.



June 12, 2018 at 12:44 AM

BB

“ Dear Family of Mr. Lovejoy,
I was a graduate of Hurricane High School in 1973. I had Mr. Lovejoy for a teacher in both JR. High and High School. He was truly one of my favorite teachers of all time. Not only did he teach well but he was always, kind, fair, and respectable. He was a great role model and really seemed to care about his students. My name is Becky (Hogsett) Burke and he always made a point of telling me when he would go duck hunting in Hogsett, WV. He was fascinated that that area was named after my dad's family, so when I would come to class on a Monday, he would make sure to tell me he had hunted there the weekend before! Aww...fond memories!
Love & prayers for your family at this time of loss,
Becky (Hogsett) Burke, in Carlsbad, CA



Becky (Hogsett) Burke - June 11, 2018 at 10:47 PM



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



June 11, 2018 at 10:28 PM



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



June 11, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ *Mr. Lovejoy was one of my favorite teachers at Hurricane High School. He was very patient and kind yet he did not tolerate nonsense in the classroom! I know so many others felt the same. I am sure he will be missed. My prayers and condolences to the family! Glad to hear he had a long life! Thank you Mr. Lovejoy for your service to our country! God Bless You all!*

Rebecca Robertson - June 11, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *I worked at Hurricane High with Mr Lovejoy for 13 years. He was a very kind, loving person and a very good principal. His main concern was the education and future of the students. No one could work for anyone as kind as he was. I will miss his presence very much. Rest in peace. I love you.*

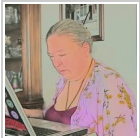
Gay Bell - June 11, 2018 at 08:25 PM

RH

“ We always looked forward to Howard's and Agnes's visits to Phoenix. They were two of the brightest and most genuine folks ever encountered. Howard's grasp of history and interest in seemingly everything else made for truly delightful conversations. The green beans from Howard's garden will not be forgotten. There was always a plan to gather one day in West Virginia to have Howard's grand tour. Sadly, that will now have to be imagined. We are sending our love and condolences to our dear friends Gary and David along with the entire Lovejoy family.

Bob & Pam

Robert Perry, Pamela Havens - June 11, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Lovejoy was an important person; one of the men I found a mentor in when I was a teenager. Rest in peace. Mary Bodel (nee Thompson)

Mary Bodel - June 11, 2018 at 06:53 PM

VN

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Mr. Lovejoy was a wonderful man, he was my vice principal at Hurricane High. I graduated in 82. It seemed like every time i did something i shouldn't he was right on my heels and i was always in his office getting Detention. He would shake his head and say, " What are we going to do with you Miss Alford?" I will always remember him and his sweet disposition. He will be greatly missed...

vickie j norris - June 11, 2018 at 06:46 PM

CF

“ He was one of my favorite teachers in Jr high school.

Cathy Qualls Fraley - June 11, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ He was the vice principal when i went to Hurricane High School. He was always fair and would listen to what you had to say. We all loved him and are better people just having the privilege of knowing him. Rest in peace Mr. Lovejoy.

Carol Wright - June 11, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ Mr. Lovejoy was one of my very favorite high school teachers. He was demanding of us and also supportive. I'm smiling as I remember him and am thankful for his influence in my life.

June Peters - June 11, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ A wonderful man, leader and mentor. Always ready to help others. Rest In Peace 🌹🌹🌹🌹

Belinda Keeling Stevenson - June 11, 2018 at 05:15 PM



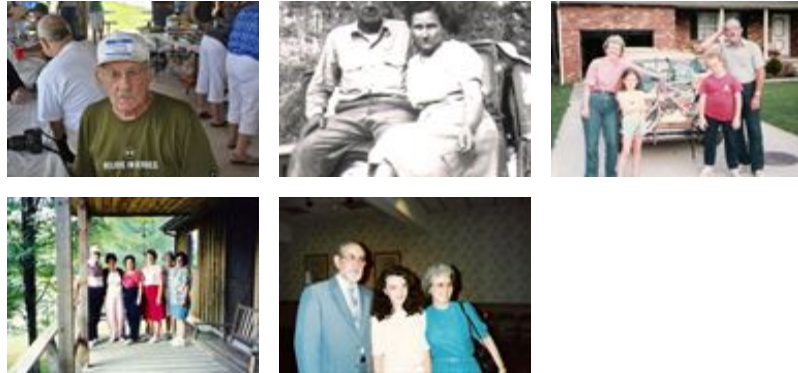
“ Dave & Janie Sowards purchased the Beautiful D reams for the family of Howard Lovejoy.



Dave & Janie Sowards - June 11, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ 138 files added to the album LifeTributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - June 11, 2018 at 03:36 PM

VB

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Howard. I grew up across the street from the Lovejoy family. After I got married and left Huntington, they remained such good neighbors to my Mom and Dad. Randy and I send our deepest sympathy to Agnes, Steve and Gary as well as to their families. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Randy and Vanessa Rutherford Bryan.

Vanessa Bryan - June 11, 2018 at 01:35 PM

TL

“ Howard was a good friend and I am saddened by his passing. I held him in the highest regard and he was a pleasure to be around. My deepest sympathies are extended to his family on their loss. Rest easy my friend you were a good man.

Tom Lovins - June 10, 2018 at 09:53 PM

BL

“ *What an influence in mine and many other young men in Boy Scouts. But more than that he was one of my elementary Sunday School teachers, I worked for him as a laborer building houses. He was a mentor and a blessing always! He meant what he said and said what he meant. Remember the hike up to Patty's knob one summer camp. I am so blessed to have him, wife Agnes, the Dodd's and family in my life*

Butch Lipscomb - June 09, 2018 at 08:30 PM

BH

“ *How Blessed we are to have people in our lives who make us hurt so much when they leave us. Howard was such a person who touched and enriched the lives of so many. My husband, Don, now deceased, enjoyed bird hunting with Howard each fall for many years as he came to our farm in North Dakota. They are probably laughing right now as they recall the many great times they shared. I too would like to share one more caramel roll and cup of coffee with Howard. May God hold his family and friends close and give them comfort as they grieve his loss.*

Bev Helm - June 09, 2018 at 08:13 AM



*May you RIP Mr. Lovejoy.
He was a great principle. It didn't help he knew my parents personally.
Lol
I had to be on my best behaviour.
May the family have the comfort of these stories that they may put a smile on your face.
Kimberly Meadows (McCallister) Winters*

Kim Allen Winters - June 11, 2018 at 08:05 PM