



Howard Drees

April 25, 1930 - May 12, 2022

Howard G. Drees, 92 of Carroll, died Thursday, May 12, 2022 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Kathy Halbur and Kathleen Macke. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Megan Schreck and Mallory Bowdish. Gift Bearers will be: Lisa Bowdish, Lynne Meyers, Larie Brokaw, Madison Drees, and Courtney Miller. Casket Bearers will be: Nick Satterlee, Jon Schreck, Brian Schreck, Cole Hoffman, Patrick McCarty, Matthew McCarty, Alex Drees, Derek Drees, and Joshua Miller. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. There will be a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

Additional visitation will be from 10-10:45 a.m. on Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Houlihan Access Sauk Rail Trail.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Howard's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Howard, the son of Louis and Theresa (Eischeid) Drees, was born on April 25, 1930, in Carroll, Iowa. He grew up in Carroll and attended school at Carroll

High School. Howard proudly served his country as an Airman First Class Regular in the Air Force at RAF Bentwaters Air Force Base in Suffolk, England, from 1952 to 1954 when he was honorably discharged.

On October 18, 1958, Howard was united in marriage to Patricia A. Houlihan at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll. The couple lived and raised their family in the Carroll area.

Howard was a 2nd generation owner of Drees Heating & Plumbing, Inc. purchasing the business in 1968 with his brother, Doug Drees and brother-in-law, Kenneth Kammin. They continued the growth of the company, making Drees Co. a successful mechanical contractor in Central Iowa until his retirement in 2002.

Howard was a member of the Carroll Country Club, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and the St. John Paul II Parish. In his spare time, Howard enjoyed golfing. He liked planting trees, gardening, and growing grapes. He loved to watch things grow and gave all of the flora on his land special attention because he wanted to see what it would become, kind of like his kids. In later years, he enjoyed his time on his acreage by tinkering in his shop and recreating or designing whatever he thought needed improvement.

Howard was an entrepreneur in work and in life. Lastly, a special memory his children have is when Howard sang his favorite part of the 12 Days of Christmas. Can you hear him barreling out, "5 Golden Rings?" (You just sang it didn't you?)

Left to celebrate his life are his children: Michelle & Brett Satterlee, Omaha, NE, Judy & Greg Schreck, Carroll, Connie & Russ Hoffman, Scranton, IA, Karen & Denny Kasperbauer, Carroll, Howie & Sara Drees, Carroll, and Holley Drees, Des Moines. Grandchildren: Nick (Patty) Satterlee, Lisa (Nick) Bowdish, Jon (Abby) & Brian (Megan) Schreck, Lynne (Jeremy) Meyers, Larie (Charlie) Brokaw, Cole (Nicole) Hoffman, Patrick (Kayla) & Matthew McCarty, Madison, Alex (Aisha) & Derek Drees, Josh (Heather) & Courtney (Jordan Waller) Miller and several great grandchildren, his brother, Don (Jane) Drees of Carroll. His sister-in-laws, Jane (Dick) Wiederhold of Goodyear, AZ, Elaine

(Steve) Schleisman Colorado Springs, CO and brother-in-law, Michael (Beth) Houlihan of Minneapolis, MN as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Howard was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Drees; his son, Jerry in infancy; his parents, Louis & Theresa Drees; his sisters: Maxine Collison, LaVonne Daeges and Dorothy Drees, his brothers: Louis & Doug Drees and brother-in-law, Lee Houlihan.

Tribute Wall

WN

“ Drees family: Our sympathy in the death of your dear Howard. He was always fun to be around, and he was a terrific Carroll supporter. Howard made his mark with his successful business and his family who follow his example of contributing to community. Job well done, Howard. You will be missed. Wes & CJ Niles

Wes & CJ Niles - May 17, 2022 at 07:03 PM

KW

“ Extending sympathy to all of Howie's children and families. Reading the tributes to Howie and Pat not surprised as we see it reflected in their adult children that we have met over the years. Condolences to all.

Kev & Sandy Wittrock - May 17, 2022 at 12:24 PM

RW

“ Howard and Pat were so warm and welcoming, inviting us into their home for a glass of wine whenever we stayed with Denny & Karen. It was fun getting to know them, and to see how much love they had for their family! I'm sure he is happy to be reunited with Pat in heaven. Hugs and prayers to the family! Rhonda Wehling



Rhonda Wehling - May 16, 2022 at 10:29 AM

AD

“ *Andi Stanley and Jamie Drees purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Howard Drees.*



Andi Stanley and Jamie Drees - May 15, 2022 at 07:14 PM

LB

“ *Uncle Howard was one of my Dad's best friends, as well as brother. He supported Dad even when Dad chose to leave Drees Plumbing and Heating to strike out on his own. Until my father died, he appreciated and loved a wonderful brother who included all of Louis's kids into the big Drees clan, no matter how far away we lived. We are grateful for his and Aunt Pat's legacy of love . With much admiration and love, Linda Drees Bertolet*

linda drees bertolet - May 14, 2022 at 09:11 AM

JW

“ *Howie was a great brother-in-law. He was always so good to our family. He loved to play golf and have fun ...many ,many times we did just that!*
Pat and Howie had an open door for hosting family and friends gatherings.
Howie was a giver to his community, church and most of all his wonderful family and grandkids. Rest In Peace Howie and give Pat a hug for me. Jane Wiederhold 🕊️❤️

Jane Wiederhold - May 13, 2022 at 06:00 PM

BD

“ *Beth Danner lit a candle in memory of Howard Drees*



Beth Danner - May 13, 2022 at 05:18 PM

JL

“ *Howard was a wonderful man. He was always so friendly. Pat must be so happy to have him join her in heaven. I would like to extend my sympathy to the wonderful children of Howard and Pat. June Langenfeld*

June Langenfeld - May 13, 2022 at 05:07 PM

MD

“ *When my Uncle Howard showed up in Florida for my fathers (Louis) 80th it really meant so much to my father knowing they may not have that time again. A wonderful gesture and one great memory for our family. May he Rest In Peace*

Michael Drees - May 13, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Howard Drees.*



May 13, 2022 at 12:07 PM