



## Howard Grais

December 7, 1928 - October 26, 2024

Howard Grais, 95, of Yates Farm Road, Ringgold, VA. went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, October 26, 2024, after a decline in health for several months.

Howard was born on December 7, 1928, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to the late David Coddon and Jessica Ann Olstein. He spent most of his life in the Vista California area, where he was the caretaker of Tri-City Christian School and Tri-City Bible Church (formerly Tri-City Baptist Church) before moving to Ringgold, VA. in 2003. As a child during the great depression his mother sent him to a Military School at a young age to ensure that his needs were met. Howard was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Korean and Vietnam War. Howard had a deep love for his country and was of the Christian faith..

Howard was a passionate bowling enthusiast, and you could always find him at the bowling center doing what he loved. In 2017 Howard was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award from the United State Bowling Congress and then in 2019 He was inducted into the Danville Bowling Hall of Fame.

Howard is survived by his daughters, Lisa Ann Grais of Ringgold, VA and Kaye Hailey Chilton of Ringgold, VA; his sons Bryan Keith Goforth (Marianne) of Montrose CO. and Stewart Clark Goforth (Jorene) of Montrose CO.;

grandchildren, Crystal Benner (Austin), Jessica Davenport (Nathan), Matthew Goforth (Katrina), Kelli Marshall (Matthew), Laura Hailey (Gus) and Elizabeth Hailey He also leaves behind great grandchildren; Sophie and Jackson Benner, Jacob Clifton, Mason Marshall, Micah and Caleb Davenport, Azaylia and Rhemy Goforth. Other special people in Howard's life include his dear friend Michelle Lewis, his stepfathers Joe Grais and Commander George Partis who predeceased him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00PM at Lively Stones Baptist Church, 2347 Chandler's Mill Rd Pelham, NC 27311. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service starting at 2:00PM until 3:00PM and all other times at the residence.

If anyone wishes, memorial donations can be made to the Awana organization at [awana.org/donate](http://awana.org/donate) or send donation to Awana US, PO Box 809 St Charles, IL 60174

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Lively Stones Baptist Church  
2347 Chandler Mill Rd  
Pelham, NC 27311

## Celebration Of Life

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ howard and i had a great time at riverside bowling ally. he always smiled and was a great team mate and friend. we even bowled the state tournament in va. what a great day. will always have great thoughts of that smile and caring heart he shared . jeanne warm up the ally for us my friend.

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**jeanne doney** - October 29, 2024 at 08:30 AM

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*I know he treasured your friendships and loved his time spent at the bowling alley.*

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**Lisa Grais** - November 11, 2024 at 03:53 PM