



## Howard Lee "Howie" Claussen

March 24, 1960 - February 9, 2023

Howard Lee "Howie" Claussen, 62, of Springfield, IL passed away at Memorial Medical Center on

Thursday, February 9, 2023. He was born in Springfield, IL to Powell David "Pete" and Beverly "Jo"

(Severns) Claussen on March 24, 1960.

Howie is survived by his Father, Pete; children, Kelsi (Jonathan) Beatty of Andrew, IL, Adam (Cari)

Claussen of Sherman; grandchildren, Damian, Donovan, Connor, Clara; girlfriend, Sandy O'Brien of

Springfield, IL; siblings, Bret (Barbara) Claussen of Morganton, NC David Claussen (Angela Kats) of

Petersburg, IL, and Lisa (Mike Watson) Cowin of Kilbourne, IL. He was preceded in death by his Mother,

Jo; and two brothers, Russell Martin "Marty" Claussen and Bryon Claussen.

Howie worked with his father and brothers in the family business until he moved on to work for

companies like Mel-O-Cream and a few others before starting his own business, Claussen Welding. He

loved spending time in his shop, working on big big big jobs, or mostly just hanging out having a

Budweiser while listening to classic rock with family and friends. Howie enjoyed spending time outdoors

riding his motorcycle, camping, and especially mushroom hunting with his son and grandsons.

If you ever met Howie, you never forgot him. He was one of a kind. He had an immense amount of knowledge and could fix just about anything. He took pride in his work and it showed. He made an impact on a lot of peoples lives, which you could tell just by the amazing turn out for his benefit.

Howie loved building (and wrecking) trucks. His pride and joy was when he restored a 1972 red Chevy pickup truck. He showed this truck at the Convention Center in Springfield, IL and won 2nd place in the 80's. In his memory, his son and grandchildren are going to finish building his recent 1972 truck that he was unable to finish.

There will be a private family memorial service held for Howie at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held on March 25th, 2023 at

1:00pm at the Sherman Athletic Club in Sherman, IL. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left for the family at [ww.hurleyfh.com](http://ww.hurleyfh.com)

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sherman Athletic Club  
300 S First Street  
Sherman, IL

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I was sad to hear the news of Howie's passing. He was a great guy, a good friend, and someone who always made me laugh. He will no doubt be sincerely missed by all those who knew him. RIP Howie.



Mary Ann (Stahl) Beard - February 15, 2023 at 10:44 AM

KB

“ Kim Baker lit a candle in memory of Howard Claussen



Kim Baker - February 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ R.I.P. and GOD SPEED HOWIE~ prayers for comfort to your family. Gary Claybourn & Marcia Sheppard

Marcia C Sheppard - February 12, 2023 at 08:39 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear this. Sending prayers and hugs to Howie's family. I went to school with him. Never a dull moment. He was dearly loved by many. He will be sadly missed by everyone. 🙏😭



Becky and Ronnie Snyder - February 11, 2023 at 08:55 AM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Claussen*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - February 11, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Lee "Howie" Claussen.*



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February 10, 2023 at 08:16 PM

KM

“ *Can't believe your gone my friend. I will miss you dearly!!! Always enjoyed going out to lunch together and having a few beers, talking about our old adventures and things we did to each other and playing pranks on one another. You never knew what he was going to come up with next, it was always some kinda ridiculous crap that he liked to tease me about. He was one of a kind. Rest in peace 🙏 my thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Kevin Masten** - February 10, 2023 at 03:29 PM

JB

*He was a stinker. But he was also a good and loyal friend. He was funny. He loved his family. And I'm sure that he will create some big big big big big projects in heaven. Rest in peace, Howie. You deserve it and you will be missed by many.*

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**Julie Benson** - February 10, 2023 at 04:19 PM

SP

*So sorry to hear of Howie passing god has got a good prankster for sure Dale and him had some good times together he always hugged me and gave me a kisses when he seen me he will be missed.*

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**Sandra Ames Porter** - February 10, 2023 at 05:02 PM

HC

*PORTA class of 1978 had some fun and lovely folks. Howie was one of those, always a ready hello, hug and happy to see you. With a smile that made the room happy. Howie you will be missed at our 45th. Who will be there to tell those tall tales of 7/22?*

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**HOLLY CROWL** - February 13, 2023 at 05:40 PM