



Howard L. Acla

January 3, 1929 - December 21, 2018

Howard L. Acla, 89, of Towanda, PA passed away Friday evening, December 21, 2018 at the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center in Scranton, PA. Howard was born at home in Wysox Township, PA on January 3, 1929, the son of Howard Wesley Acla and Florence Smith Acla. He was a veteran of the Korean War having served with the U.S. Army. Following completion of his military service, Howard returned home to his prior employment with GTE Sylvania where he worked from 1948 until retiring on December 31, 1985.

On November 11, 1966, Howard married the former Theresa Cotter in North Towanda, PA.

During his time with Sylvania as an accomplished laboratory engineer, Howard was credited with the development of 11 patents for the company. Howard held membership with Towanda Elks Lodge No. 2191 for the most years and was a member of the Towanda Country Club for 63 years. He was a member of Towanda American Legion Post No. 42, Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda, AM Vets Post No. 187, Asylum Township, Monroeton Rod and Gun Club and the Towanda Gun Club. Howard's passion in life was playing golf. He loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Howard especially enjoyed spending time with friends, playing cards and socializing. Howard's family includes his daughter, Tonya Lynn Acla of Towanda, Howard Joseph "Joe" Acla Sr. and wife, Rebecca Theresa Acla of Clarks Summit, PA, grandchildren, Theresa Emily Acla and Howard Joseph Acla Jr., sister, Elinora Brazil of Vestal, NY, sisters-in-law, Elbertine Cotter of Sayre, Mary Lou Cotter

of Lincoln, NE, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. In addition to his parents, Howard was predeceased by his wife of 30 years, Theresa Cotter Acla on March 2, 1997, brother, Raymond H. Acla on November 10, 1995, and sister-in-law, Alice E. Acla on March 18, 1995 as well as several additional and special brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship to follow at Towanda Elks Lodge, 929 South Main St., Towanda, PA. Military honors will be accorded by members of American Legion Post No. 42, Towanda. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, 401 Penn Ave. Scranton, PA 18503 in memory of Howard L. Acla. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Howard L. Acla

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Howard L. Acla

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Howard L. Acla

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Howard L. Acla

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Howard L. Acla

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ Joe, Tonya, & Family,
My sympathy to all of you with the passing of your father. I have so many great memories of your Dad as he was a true friend to my family as long as I can remember. He had a passion for whatever he was doing and was a true sportsman. I will remember him always.
Most Sincerely,
Brian Quiggle & Family

Brian Wilson Quiggle - April 15, 2019 at 08:14 AM

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“ Howard you were a great friend. You will sadly be missed. May God bless and keep you.

Anita Moore - April 12, 2019 at 05:45 PM

JF

“ Sincere condolence to Howie's family. He had a great sense of humor and truly enjoyed life .Enjoyed working with him as well as playing cards and sports.

John Fedorchak - April 11, 2019 at 09:16 AM