



## Howard M. Kerr

September 21, 1921 - March 19, 2015

Howard Matthew Kerr, 93, well known Towanda business man, passed away on March 19 in his home surrounded by family. He was the husband of the late Ann Barrett Kerr who died on June 30, 2012.

Howard was born on September 24, 1921 on a farm in Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, the sixth child of the late James Coger Kerr, Jr. and Mary Seibert Kerr.

Howard married Ann Barrett, the love of his life, on September 14, 1946 in SS Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church in Towanda. They were blessed to have been able to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in September 2011.

He was a graduate of St. Basil's High School in Dushore, Sullivan County, Class of 1940. Howard grew up in Sullivan County where he developed lifelong friendships with Bill Sick and Bob Lambert. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII, serving in the Pacific Theater. Howard was wounded in action and was awarded two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars. He was a proud Marine, member of the Towanda American Legion where he was a past Commander and member of the Honor Guard. He was also a member of the WWII Last Man's Club.

Howard was actively involved in his community helping in the formation of the Towanda Ambulance Association, Towanda Civil Air Patrol and Civil Defense. He is a past member of the Towanda Borough Council, Towanda Elks, Towanda Lions, Towanda Country Club and Knights of Columbus.

Howard started his career as an insurance agent working for Nationwide and

then Aetna. He then became a real estate broker and appraiser.

Howard was devoted to his church and worked faithfully to help build the current St. Agnes School and worked diligently to ensure its success. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He was a Hospice and Salvation Army volunteer and tirelessly worked to visit and comfort those around him. He was well known for the sugar cookies that he made for family, friends, and the shut-ins he visited. He was truly an inspiration to us all.

Howard is survived by seven children: Kathleen (Edward) Wiersma, Susanne (Edwin) Robertson, H Daniel Kerr, Louise (Robert) Cleveland, Katrina Murray, Patrick Kerr (Sandy Stafferi) and Michael Kerr. Six grandchildren: Jay Mazieka, A. J Murray (Brett Stewart), Julie (Levi) Larson, Jenny Caccese, Katrina Kerr, and Matthew Kerr. Three great grandchildren: Isabella and Lila Larson and Audrey Ann Kerr. He is also survived by a sister Elizabeth Kerr Corcoran, special niece Patti Hamill and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife Ann, he was pre-deceased by three brothers James C. Kerr, George Kerr, Leo Kerr and a sister Jeanette Cote.

Family and friends will be received between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd at the Maryott Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda. A mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Church, Third St. Towanda. Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 will accord military honors at the church. Interment will be at a later date in SS Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Agnes School, 102 Third Street, Towanda, PA 18848 or to the charity of one's choice in Howard's memory. Memories

# Cemetery Details

## S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church  
106 Third Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ Howard M. Kerr

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Howard M. Kerr

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Howard M. Kerr

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Howard M. Kerr

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Howard M. Kerr

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ Suzi, Daniel and siblings- I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. He was a very nice man, kind to everyone.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Colette Griffin Romano*

Colette Griffin Romano - March 28, 2015 at 11:21 AM

FB

“ So sorry for the loss of you dad. He was a wonderful man with a big heart. Every time I saw him he always greeted me with a hug like an old friend. That always meant so much to me. He will be missed by so many. You are all in my thoughts. Fran Bennett

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**Fran Bennett** - March 25, 2015 at 06:49 AM

PK

Thank you so much Fran...glad you shared that

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**Pat Kerr** - April 10, 2015 at 07:41 PM

VH

“ Dear Family,  
Please accept our sincere condolences and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May God Bless, Vance & Joyce Hinkson

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**Vance & Joyce Hinkson** - March 23, 2015 at 10:09 AM

MY

“ I well remember Howard stopping to visit my father, Bob Lambert. They always shared a laugh over a memory. He was a fine gentleman and will be missed in the community. With Sympathy, Mary Lambert Yonkin

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**Mary L Yonkin** - March 23, 2015 at 07:53 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Howard M. Kerr.



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March 22, 2015 at 08:40 PM