



## Howard E. Gaus

June 15, 1933 - March 27, 2023

Howard E. Gaus, formally of Burlington Township, NJ and after a long-term illness, passed away on Monday, March 27th at Samaritan Hospice. He was 89 years old. Because of his 9+ cat lives, Howard lived a fulfilling and interesting life.

He was born 1 of 14 children in Scranton, Pa to Railroad Engineer Carl and Helen (nee Birtell) Gaus. He enlisted in the Army in 1952 joining L-Company, 502 Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Camp Breckinridge, KY. He is a Korean War Veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart and other honorary metals. While stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, he met Shirley (Pat) Messer on a blind date March 4, 1954. They were married April 3rd, 1954 in Greenville, SC. They relocated to Burlington City, NJ. There they raised their three daughters. Retired from Willingboro Township Board of Education in 1998.

He also retired as Staff Sargent with the Army National Guard Co C, 1st BN, 114th Infantry. He was a Member of the American Legion Post #489, Burlington, NJ, National Disabled Veterans Foundation and member of Holy Trinity Evangelist Lutheran Church, Burlington, NJ.

Howard is predeceased by his wife Shirley (Pat) Patricia nee Messer, Gaus; youngest daughter, Sandra Gaus of Burlington Twp., son-in-law Glenn Kramer of Southampton, NJ, his mother and father, Helen nee Birtell and Carl Gaus of Scranton, PA.

Also predeceased by Brothers, Carl, Frederick, and Harold Gaus; Sisters Ruth Bosack, Evelyne Ritz and companion Elizabeth (Betty) Ridgeway.

Survived by daughters Susanne Kramer, Shirley (Paul) Schaefer, all of Southampton, NJ; grandchildren, Carrie (Arild) Schaarschmidt, Roseto, Pa; Jenny Kramer, Southampton, NJ; Taryn (Scott) Schriver, Monroeville, NJ; Amber (Charles) Johnson Burlington Township, NJ; Sean (Crystal) Schaefer, Levittown, PA; Scott (Ashley) Schaefer, Westampton, NJ; Jason (Alexis) Schaefer, Schwenksville, PA; great grandchildren, Sydnie Schriver, Hunter Schaarschmidt, Scarlett & Violet Johnson, Tyler, Seana, Tucker & Ruby Schaefer; siblings, Paul, Trinity, FL; Earl, Gouldsboro, PA; Frank (& Charlotte) Tunkhannock, PA; Edwin (Annastasia) Clarksummet, PA; Ethel Parry, Lehigh Acres, FL; Helen Gaus, Elmhurst, PA; Carol (Fitz) Parry, Scranton, PA; Sharon (Fred) Bittenbender, Pittston, PA; many cousins, nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing Monday, April 3 from 10-12 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. Funeral services will be held at 12 PM at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Burlington.

# Cemetery Details

## Odd Fellows Cemetery

Route 130  
Burlington, NJ

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Funeral Service

APR 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Pop, you were a lovely man and we feel blessed that you looked after us when we visited you in your home on our visits from over the pond in the UK. We will miss your warm smile and your warmth. What a life you had. God Bless. Sandie and Ken.*

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**Sandie Buckingham** - April 01, 2023 at 08:07 AM

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“ *Thank you Pop for being the pillar of strength for your family. You are loved. So blessed to have been able to share so many memories with you and your family.*

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**Lauren Quinn** - March 29, 2023 at 11:02 PM