



Johnny Melvin Howard Sr.

March 2, 1945 - September 2, 2019

Howard, Johnny Melvin, age 74, of Columbiana, went to be with the Lord on September 2, 2019. The visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at Bolton Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the funeral home with Rev. Don Vanderslice and Rev. Wayne Horton officiating. Burial will follow at Pinelawn Gardens. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

Johnny was a devoted member of Kingdom Baptist Church. For many years, he served as deacon, song director, and Sunday School teacher.

Johnny is preceded in death by his parents: Melvin and Minnie Mae Howard; two brothers: Billy Joe and Louis; and one sister Joyce Howard. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years: Sara Higgins Howard; two devoted sons: Johnny Howard, Jr. (Pamela) and Ricky Howard (Tracie), seven grandchildren: Aaron, Wesley, Trey, Haley and Jacob Howard, and Blair and Colby Pierce; 7 great grandchildren; and sister: Shirley Vanderslice.

He was a hardworking man and devoted to his family. He worked at OK Tire for 18 years before opening Howard Tire Service on May 1, 1980, being in business 40 years.

Johnny was a devoted servant to his community, being an active member of

the Columbiana Fire Department for 40 years from 1967-2007. He loved his family, and built a beautiful life through hard work, dedication, and focus. He was an exceptional friend and wanted people to know they mattered to him. He was our leader, our heart, and we will never know another like him.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Gardens

207 Hwy 47 South
Columbiana, AL 35051

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home
207 Hwy 47 South
PO Box 4
Columbiana, AL 35051
(205) 669-3179

Funeral Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *French Ell Lansford lit a candle in memory of Johnny Melvin Howard Sr.*



French Ell Lansford - September 06, 2019 at 08:05 AM



“ *Johnny helped me out many times over the years and of course I love his family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of his family.*
Frances Sloan Pearson ❤️🙏

Sarah Frances Sloan - September 05, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Melvin Howard Sr..*



September 04, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Mr. Howard was always nice to me when I was young. Several times he helped me out when I couldn't afford what was needed. Very kind and gentle man. May God bless the family.*

Keith

keith - September 04, 2019 at 10:15 AM

JA

“ Sorry for your loss. May God bring peace and comfort to the family.



Jason - September 04, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Johnny Melvin Howard Sr..



September 04, 2019 at 09:21 AM

KW

“ My parents bought land and moved to the area in 1981. Johnny Howard was a fantastic small business owner who helped my family in so many ways. It was as if we had been friends all our lives. I was in school with Lil Johnny and the whole family always bent over backwards to help. This was the ethics Johnny instilled in his boys as they grew up in the family business. So sorry to hear this news of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Kevin Woods - September 04, 2019 at 04:03 AM



“ We are with you in your time of sorrow.
Bobby D Clayton Jr
United Parcel Services

Bobby Clayton - September 03, 2019 at 08:45 PM

JW

“ I am truly saddened to hear that my friend Johnny Howard has passed.I had a close relationship with Johnny and family during all the years I was at the Sheriffs Office.He was a hard worker and compassionate to others,a great sense of humor and loved by all.We can all be comforted knowing that He lived a good life and is now with our heavenly Father.We will miss you Johnny until we all meet again! Jim Walters

Jim Walters - September 03, 2019 at 05:44 PM

JB

“ I’m saddened to hear the sad news of Johnny’s passing, he was always such a kind soul. Praying for your peace and comfort in your time of loss

Jan and Gary Beane

Jan Beane - September 03, 2019 at 05:43 PM

SK

“ Johnny was one of the sweetest men I ever knew. I always knew I could trust whatever he told me. He was a central figure in Columbiana, and he will be sorely missed. It was an honor to know him. God bless Sara, the boys, and the rest of the family. My heart breaks for you.

Susan Kennedy - September 03, 2019 at 05:11 PM

SF

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Johnny was always such a kind and good hearted man. I know he was loved by his family and will be missed by many.

Shelia Farmer - September 03, 2019 at 09:54 PM

PD

“ *Paula DeShazo lit a candle in memory of Johnny Melvin Howard Sr.*



Paula DeShazo - September 03, 2019 at 05:02 PM

DF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family in this time of grief.*
Dianne Franklin

dianne franklin - September 03, 2019 at 03:57 PM

LT

I Loved Johnny so much always willing to help with a caring heart and sweet smile Lucy Tolleson

Lucy Tolleson - September 03, 2019 at 07:37 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Morris lit a candle in memory of Johnny Melvin Howard Sr.*



Kathy Morris - September 03, 2019 at 03:04 PM

FH

“ *Sara, I am so sorry. May God be with you and your family.* *Faye Hawkins*



Faye Hawkins - September 03, 2019 at 02:31 PM