



# Ray Howison

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**C**onrad Raynor Howison, Sr. (Ray), 70, of Cornelius, died on December 19th, 2020 after a brief stint in the hospital.

Ray was the son of the late John E. Howison, Sr. (Jack) and Sue Forster Howison. Born in Arlington, VA, his family moved to moved to Rock Hill, SC where Ray grew up. His love of music began at the age of 16 in Rock Hill where he joined the band, The Scribes, as a guitarist and continued to play throughout his entire life. One of his proud moments was cutting their first record. Recently, Ray played music with various groups in the Lake Norman area.

Ray had a vibrant presence to everyone who knew him. He was known as the unofficial mayor of Cornelius and knew everyone wherever he set foot. The community knew Ray as he drove around in his little red corvette.

He was a very driven person and self-motivated, creating his own successful business, QRS Inc., in 1992 and growing it throughout the years with dedication to quality and service.

His love of golf grew stronger as he became a member of the Mel Tillis golfing group which consisted of close friends and required several trips to Myrtle Beach each year. Ray cherished the comradery of this group.

Ray had a firm belief in his church of over 30 years, Bethel Presbyterian, and served his country for six years in the US Army Reserves. His faith was unwavering and his love for the military was forever dear to his heart.

Ray deeply loved his family and welcomed his first grandson in 2019, Maxson, whom he adored. After several successful surgeries at Boston Children's Hospital for Maxson, Ray felt very comforted knowing Max would be ok.

Ray is survived by his wife of 41 years, Karen Stowe Howison; daughter, Morgan Piercy (Jay), son, Conrad Howison, Jr., brother, John Howison, Jr. (Jack), 9 nieces and nephews.



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A private service will be held on January 2nd, 2:00 pm at James Funeral Home with live-streaming via Facebook Live.

<https://www.facebook.com/JamesFuneralHome/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to: Boston Children's Hospital or Vein of Galen Support Network.

Boston Children's Hospital link: Boston Children's Hospital Trust Online Form - Those who'd like to make a gift donation to BCH can do so online here and complete the appropriate in memory contact information.

Or a check can be sent to the following, noting the in memory name in memo:

Boston Children's Hospital Trust  
401 Park Drive, Suite 602  
Boston, MA 02215

Vein of Galen Support Network - <https://vogm.org/in-honor-of-ray-howison>

Online condolences at [www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com).



# Events


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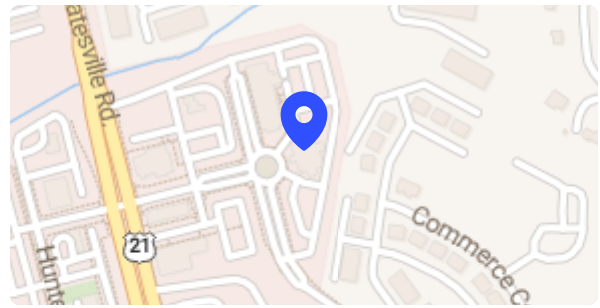
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 2, 2021

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078





## Tribute Wall

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EK

**Edie Kello** posted:

Karen,I am saddened to hear the loss of your husband. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.Hugs,Edie Kello

January 13 at 6:57 AM

SL

**Steve & Linda** sent a Starbucks Coffee Condolences to the Howison family.



January 5 at 12:58 PM

LG

**Leslie Gerwitz** posted:

Karen and Family, Karl and I are so sorry for your loss. Prayers are with your family for comfort during this difficult time. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. Our best, Karl and Leslie Gerwitz

January 4 at 9:22 AM

BP

**Bill Pendleton** posted:

Karen, Ray's service yesterday was well done and a nice tribute to him. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family. Love you, Bill & Debbie Pendleton.

January 3 at 8:01 AM

PS

**Phil Seaman** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Good-bye and so long to my friend and big brother.



December 31 at 10:15 AM

CF

**Craig Fish** posted:

So very difficult to put into words what the loss of a dear friend means. Prayers to Karen and Morgan and the Howison family. I will miss you and RIP my friend.

December 29 at 10:13 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Howison family.



December 28 at 7:41 AM



**Meredith Helms** posted:

Karen, There are no words to express the loss in your immediate family and Jackie's loss of his brother. They talked every day, several times a day. Your visits to our home in Beaufort were very special and will always hold beautiful memories. My favorite will always be his 70th birthday..." OH, You better watch out"!!!! Ray was my dear, dear friend, for 36 years. I will miss him. He loved his family, he loved you and he loved life. Meredith

December 23 at 7:15 AM



**Vickie And Greg Kindred** sent a With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket to the Howison family.



December 22 at 1:17 PM



**Debbie Williams** posted:

Karen, John and I are so sorry to hear about Ray's death. Our hearts break for your family. He will be missed by all who knew him! Much love, John and Debbie Williams

December 22 at 11:59 AM



**Don Deese** posted:

Always enjoyed our times and conversations over breakfast at Cook House,,he was a very good man..RIP my friend..Don Deese

December 22 at 4:58 AM



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RP

**Russ Pierce** lit a candle in honor of Ray.

Karen & Family: I am highlyshocked, Ray was such a vibrant presence to everyone he met or who knew him. He was one of the most interesting, funny, warm and friendly men I have ever met. We spent many hours together playing racquetball, as partners, and socializing at many of the local restaurants, bars and at events over the last 30 years. He will be truly missed and I am sure his passing will affect many, many people in the community. Carol and I send our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. All our best always, Russ Pierce & Carol Casey



December 21 at 9:50 AM

RK

**Randy & Joan Kerr** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Randy & Joan Kerr

December 20 at 7:52 AM

GG

**George And Ann Gordon** posted:

So sad to hear of Rays passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of his family and friends.  
George and Ann Gordon

December 19 at 2:46 PM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ray by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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