



## Oren Howard Heckathorne, Jr.

June 26, 2006

Myrtle Beach Oren Howard Heckathorne, age 77, died on June 26, 2006 at his home in Myrtle Beach, SC. Born November 8, 1928 in Beaver Falls, Pa., a son of the late Oren Howard and Lula Caven Heckathorne. He graduated from Grove City College in 1950 with a BS in Zoology and earned his DDS at the University of Pittsburgh in 1958. He was a practicing dentist in Beaver, PA. for over 29 years. He was a life member of Delta Sigma Dental Fraternity and was a Grand Master of the undergraduate chapter and later Grand Master of the Pittsburgh graduate chapter. He was a member of the American Dental Association, Western PA Dental Society and served on several committees thereof. He was a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, Fellow of the International College of Dentist, and a Fellow of the College of Dentistry International. Mr. Heckathorne served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1953. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach for 17 years to which he had transferred from Park Presbyterian Church in Beaver, PA., where he had served as deacon and elder since 1963. He was a Master Mason 32nd Degree, member of the Syria Shrine Temple of Pittsburgh, and a member of the Scottish Rites New Castle Consistory. In Beaver, Pa, he was a member and past president of the local Kiwanis Club and Jaycees, a past president and on the Board of Trustees of the Beaver Area Library Association. He was also a member of the American Federation of Musicians and played percussion in the local wind symphony orchestra from 1974 to 1987. He and

his wife, Diane, lived in Myrtle Beach for the past 17 years where he was a member of the Long Bay Symphony. A life long percussion musician, he donated a majority of his instruments to the Coastal Carolina University music department. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Wendel. Surviving are his wife, Diane Heckathorne; five children, Cynthia Grammatico and husband Terry of Dexter, MI, Holly Heckathorne of Philadelphia, Pa, Heidi Adams and husband, Michael of Newton PA, Rick Mandia and wife, Kristin of Boston, Mass and Kevin Heckathorne and fiance, Julie Darmstadt Mandia of Alexandria, Va; three grandchildren, Elissa Adams, Jillian Adams and Caroline Adams all of Newton, Pa; one sister, Helen Anderson of Zelienople, Pa. Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM, Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach with Dr. Robert Wilkes officiating. The family will receive friends form 4:00-6:00 PM, Saturday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Memorials may be made to Beaver Area Memorial Library, 100 College Ave., Beaver, PA 15009.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Diane, My heart goes out to you as you miss and grieve for Howard. I know how happy he has made you all of these years and what a wonderful support you have been to him throughout the decline in his health. I am grateful that you have a fantastic family to support you at this time. I am only an e-mail or phone call away however, if you ever need to talk. You know I love you and think of you often. God bless you and yours. Always, Mavis###imported-begin###Mavis DeMar###imported-end##

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August 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My husband and I want to offer our condolences to you and your family. Your memories will always be with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.###imported-begin###Diane & Paul Siegel###imported-end##

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July 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane... I so had you on my mind last week... Now I know why. I wish I had called like Marie did!!! You know I love you and treasure our friendship over many years... I am so happy for you that you found Howard and so many years of happiness together!!!! Happiness is so 'SPECIAL' and will sustain you in the coming days as you look back over your life together. If you need to get away in the future the door is always OPEN!!!!!!!!!!!! I will always remember our brief visit in Belair @ Ruby Tuesday's... LOVE &HUGS..... Barbara###imported-begin###barbara warfield###imported-end##

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July 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband. May you continue to look to God for peace. He will sustain you. Miss seeing you!! Love You and God Bless!! Laurestine###imported-begin###Laurestine Bass###imported-end##

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July 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, So sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband. I never met Howard but have spoken to him on the phone when I couldn't reach you. He was very kind. Please accept my deepest condolences. Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Szarowicz###imported-end##

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July 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It doesn't seem possible that one of the "gang" is missing. Lots of memories come flooding back. We all have lost a good man. I'm sorry that we can't be there in person but will be in spirit. Phil & Brooke###imported-begin###Phil & Brooke Hamilton###imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane and family, You are such special people, and our hearts are touched by the difficulty of such a tremendous loss. Howard was special - he made everyone smile and feel better, just by being around him. He chose a wonderful wife and was blessed by a great family. We are only a phone call away, Diane, if needed. Much love and prayers for all of you - Sandy and Mike Welch###imported-begin###Sandy Welch###imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, Cindy, Holly, Heidi and Family, We send our condolences and deepest sympathy at the passing of Howard. We cling to the fond memories of your time with us in Beaver and pray for God's comforting care as you deal with your grief.##imported-begin##Bob and Lois Hines##imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Holly, Heidi, and Cindy I am very sorry to hear about your fathers passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Paul Hogsett##imported-begin##Paul Hogsett##imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr Heckathorne was my dentist and a good friend. I will always have fond memories of his humor and talent. My deepest sympathy to his friends and family.##imported-begin##donald a flick##imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, I grieve with you on the loss of Howard. He was always family to me, as are you. I look forward to giving you those hugs that I have been holding back all week. Know that I loved Howard and continue to love you as a sister. Liz##imported-begin##Liz Garvin-Hull##imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, You and your family are in our prayers. May God bring you peace and comfort in the days to come. Heather Underwood, Mary Kay Beauty Consultant###imported-begin##Heather Underwood###imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I've never had the pleasure of meeting Howard but through your e-mails I feel we have been a real part of your family. With love, Beth Correia Indep. Beauty Consult.###imported-begin##Beth M. Correia###imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane We are very sorry for your loss. We looked foreward to our visits with Howard when we too were in Myrtle Beach###imported-begin##Rich and Bea Cooper###imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, I am so sorry to hear about Howard passing away. If you need anything please just call any time. Paulette Independent Beauty Consultant###imported-begin##Paulette & Marcus Case###imported-end##

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June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Tommie Banister Indence##imported-end##

June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane and Family, So sorry to hear about Howard. He was such a great person. He will be missed by all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am just a phone call away if you need me.##imported-begin##Debbie Walters##imported-end##

June 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, Even though we've not met in person, please know that I am sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my prayers. Love, Shari Marshall Mary Kay Consultant##imported-begin##Shari Marshall##imported-end##

June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, My husband Charles and I wish to express our Sympthy in the loss of your Dear Husband. Our Prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Irene Sharpe##imported-end##

June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ A gentle, caring man and a wonderful cruise companion. We enjoyed his company during the family cruise of '96.##imported-begin##Keith & Dianne Langer##imported-end##

June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, Rick, Kevin, and family, I was deeply saddened to learn of Howard's passing. My thoughts are with you. Howard's kindness and generosity had a profound effect on me when he loaned me his marimba while I was in music school and I am grateful. I've frequently found myself recounting the story of Howard's instruments over the years, and I believe he would have been happy that I'm still playing and teaching around Pittsburgh. I was pleased to learn that Howard's instruments found a good home at the local university. I chatted about music frequently with Howard when Rick and Kevin and I were making enough noise in the garage to drive any normal man out of town. But Howard wasn't a normal man, he was an extraordinary man with a passion for music - one who I'll miss. Sincerely, David##imported-begin##David Watson##imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, was glad to read your letter about Howard. That did answer alot of questions about the last few weeks before your loss. We have been praying for both of you. Sorry we can not be there at this time. Sincerely, Bill & Bridget Fowlston##imported-begin##Bill & Bridget Fowlston##imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane & Family, I received the email from Barbara today about Howard's passing. He will be terribly missed, though we know he'll suffer no more. I wish we could be there to share our condolences with you and the family, however we're in Canada until Sunday. If there's anything you need, Diane, please don't hesitate to call and ask. We love you. -Stephanie & Mel Phillips##imported-begin##Stephanie Karen Phillips##imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane and family, I just heard the news about Howard's passing and wanted to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you always cherish the wonderful memories you have. Love, Sharon Reynolds##imported-begin##Sharon Reynolds##imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. My sympathies and prayers go you and your family. I pray for your peace. Love , Luanne Stewart##imported-begin##Luanne Stewart##imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ With heartfelt sympathy. Love, Jane##imported-begin##Jane Colarossi##imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My Dearest Diane, After having spoken to Howard and you this past weekend I can only feel the relief Howard must be enjoying right now as he sits in the great Kingdom of our Lord and Savior without pain. Howard definitely gave this test his best shot at trying every possible cure available to beat this dreadful disease. Having know you for almost 40 yrs I can only say what a lucky man he was to have you for his wife and also for you to have met a wonderful person like Howard to be your husband. He was a man who gave his love and friendship to all of your friends and family. We will always remember him in both our thoughts and prayers. We wish we could be there with you in your time of greatest need but do feel the comfort of your whole family there with you. Love always and the deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. Marie and Bill###imported-begin###Marie and Bill###imported-end###

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane & Family, You are all in our prayers. We want to share this with you. This really meant a lot to us when someone sent it years ago when Buck's mom died: God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put his arms around you And whispered ? Come to Me? With tearful eyes we watched you And saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the Best. May God Bless you I hope these words give you comfort!###imported-begin###Christine & Buck Davis###imported-end###

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Sharon & Walt Russell###imported-end###

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, God will bless you with all of the fond memories of happier times spent with Howard. His courage, strength and good humor is a model of a life that has pleased God. God Bless you for all you have done. Love, Charles and Linda###imported-begin###Charles and Linda Thiel###imported-end##

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June 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



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June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane & family, My prayers are with all of you, that God will give you strength through every moment. Howard and Diane have both given me such encouragement through the years. My love to you all, Sincerely, Patricia Brunson Diane's offspring director###imported-begin###Patricia Brunson###imported-end##

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June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane and Family, Diane, it has been such an honor and privilege to have known Howard and what a sweet and gentle spirit he was. I have so much respect and admiration for you both! Please know I am here for you day or night and I would count it a joy to help in anyway I can. Love, Penny Anderson A friend and Mary Kay Sister###imported-begin###Penny Anderson###imported-end##

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“ Diane & family, You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##nancy stazzone##imported-end##

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June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, My prayers go out to you and all of your family during this difficult time. Remembering ALL the good times each of you shared with Howard will help ease your sorrow. Prayers and love, Fran Kraus Honorary Adoptee to the Heckathorne Mary Kay Unit##imported-begin##Fran Kraus##imported-end##

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June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Diane, My heart is very sad to know that my Mr. Mary Kay/Friend is gone. I will remember all of the conversations that I shared with Howard. He always had such a warm smile in his voice. My prayers are with you and the family. My daughter Joanne and husband Cobi also send their deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Barbara Melenik##imported-end##

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June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Diane, I will always remember Howard! His loving words, his laughter, his positive attitude and his encouraging way made a difference to all that he knew. What a gentleman he was! He showed us how to live, how to fight, how to make a difference in the lives of others and how to die. I am honored to have him and you as a friend and mentor! Love, Kim McClure Mary Kay Offspring###imported-begin##Kim McClure###imported-end##*

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June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Diane & family, My children & I would like to offer each of you our deepest sympathy in Howard's passing. Heaven has another angel and one that will brighten the smiles of all his heavenly companions. I know he & Jerry are talking about us. Diane, you & I are the luckiest women in the world because we have known the true depth of God's love because of the love we received from Howard & Jerry. I will remember my many phone conversations with him, his kind words, warm smile & the big teddy bear hug he gave me the last time I saw him at the restaurant on Mt Nebo Road last year. Know you & the family are in our prayers. Love you!###imported-begin##Dorothy###imported-end##*

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