



## Howard Bennett

July 21, 1947 - September 7, 2012

Howard R. Bennett, 65, of Cape Coral, Florida passed away September 7, 2012.

He was born July 21, 1947 in Abington, Pennsylvania the son of Howard and Rebecca (Simmons) Bennett Sr.

He proudly served in the United States Navy in Vietnam. He also retired after 25 years of serving on the Tullytown Boro Police Department. He worked as the Chief of Security for the Big M Casino in Fort Myers Beach for 9 years. He was a member and past president of the Police Association in Cape Coral, Florida, member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Fort Myers, FL, member of the F.O.P. in Cape Coral, FL, member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Lifetime member of the VFW.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his loving wife of 22 years, Mary Jane, 4 children, Todd Bennett, Lisa Graber, Danielle Troiso, and Andrew Bennett, mother, Rebecca Kane, brother, Daniel Bennett and 4 grandchildren, Shane, Ryan, Jace, and Ava.

Mass will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at St. Andrew's Church (2628 Del Prado Boulevard, Cape Coral). Following the mass a Memorial Service will be held at the Police Association of Cape Coral (4423

SE 16th Place, Suite 18).

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 239-274-0088. Online condolences may be made at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Bennett*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Howard Bennett*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *I loved you all my life I still do five years later now our son is with you I hope you're taking care of him because I no longer can I love you both till the end of time.*

**Bennett** - December 15, 2017 at 07:24 PM



“ *When I was 13 years old. I worked at Tullytown police Dept. during the summer break. Howard was my favorite officer, he would come into work with the jokes already lined up for the day. He always had a smile on his face. My heart aches for his family a great man is in heaven watching over you..*

**Jackie Donnelly-Rue** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My beautiful Daddy, today has been 6 months since you passed away, and it has been rough and even more so because you received Grundy Gram three weeks ago I know you guys are at peace, but I do miss you so much but I am trying to be strong. I miss talking to you and you giving me your advice, I love you and we miss you sooo much.*

**Lisa** - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *siempre te recordare en las veces que venias a solaris*

fernando castro - October 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jane & Family, Just viewed the video on youtube & it was wonderful; just like Howie, a Great Guy with a Wonderful Smile For Everyone. He is someone who left a great message on all our hearts. Till we meet again. Prayers & Peace. Jake & Bonnie*

John S Potosky Jr. - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Mary Jane, I offer my condolences to you and your family at this time. I worked with Howard for many years at Tullytown and have so many wonderful memories--such fun times--what a great guy he was to all--always smiling--and crazy at times!! This is such a sad time for all of us--a great loss of a wonderful person.*

Nancy Conner - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Rest in peace howard. You will always be remembered and missed. Your friend from big m.*

Sinan Ekincigil - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Mary Jane and family. Howie will be missed by all who knew him.*

Herb and Bev Halpern - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I remember all the times I used to come over to your house and eat bbq. I will never forget the humor and love you shared for me and my family, I love and miss you Howard, signed Dylan Duncan

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**Dylan Duncan** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Howard was a wonderful man! May he rest in peace

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**Stephanie Syska** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ It was a honor to have gotten to know Howard while working with him on the Big M. He loved his family deeply and I am so sorry for your loss. He was the greatest guy, tough as nails when he needed to be and a big softie to those he loved. He always had a bear hug, pat on the back or kiss on the cheek for his friends. And that smile like no other. RIP

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**Karen Reed** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I didn't know Howard but my brother Jeff Jones did.I thought I would leave a note here letting you know we will keep your family in our prayers.

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**Kristi Jasik** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ First I would like to say that I am so sorry for the loss of Howard to Mary Jane, all the kids, family and friends, the man was amazing and touched us all.

He always had a kind word for you, would help you if you needed something, if troubled he would sit you down and set you straight, Howard did it all and I love him for that. Howard was there for me many times, like Im sure he was for all of you, but the vehicle that was there for all of us is gone now. But the spirt of Howard will never leave, he is apart of my daily life and I know he is apart of yours also. I love ya big guy

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**J J** - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Daddy, today we had a memorial for you in Pa at the veterans park where your brick and Skip's picnic table are. So many of your family, friends, xco-workers and current officers came. It was really nice.

You are loved by so many. But it makes it real that you are not with us anymore and it hurts, I love and miss you so much.

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**Lisa** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Many fond memories of Howie. I worked at 1st Federal S&L for many years and will always remember him. He was a great guy and felt safe when he came into the bank with his partner Bobby C.  
Deepest Sympathy Terri

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**Terri Grace** - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Howard R. Bennett.

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September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“*My family (Edwin now deceased, Roberta, and our daughter Deborah) lived just 2 doors away from Howard in Levittown. When we moved in 1993 how ironic we moved down to Naples, FL. We knew Howard as a good neighbor and were shocked to learn of his death. Our sympathies to his wife and family at this most difficult time.” Roberta Bulebush and Deborah Levine*

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**Roberta Bulebush** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VM

“*Dear MJ,  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your Family on the loss of your husband, Howie. He was a good friend to both myself and my late husband, Bill (called Pop Pop by Howie). We enjoyed working and socializing with both of you at the Cop Shop. I am sure Howie & Pop Pop are now together again in heaven. MJ, remember I'm only a phone call away, whenever needed. Love ya Vivian*

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**Vivian Maher** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“*Hey Todd,  
Sorry for your family's loss. Your dad sounded like an incredible guy. I wish I would have meet him!*

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**Brian Beers** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*We talked last about 15 years ago. You were a great friend and fellow fireman. We are all going to miss you!*

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**Mike Moretti** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Mary Jane, Please accept my condolences to you and your family. Howie was always special to me and always will be. I remember Saturday nights when he worked at the Cop Shop, all those Steak Nights, and you can't forget Sunday night Bingo, that was the best.*

*God Bless You Mary Jane and don't forget I'm only a phone call away. Luv you, Bam*

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**Barbara Holland** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *My family sends their heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Benett family. I had the honor and privilege of starting my police career working with Howard. 22 years later I still use and rely on the things he had taught me, but most of all I remember the fun times we had. He was always laughing or smiling when I would arrive for work, probably because he and his crazy cousin Bobby had some type of entertainment planned for themselves at my expense. It was truly the best time in my police career. Thank you Howie for all you taught me not just of police work, but on having fun while doing police work.*

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**Sgt. Kevin Edwards** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Howard Bennet to me his name was Howie. I knew him a long time. His family and mine were friends for years. I used to hang around with Howie before I went to VietNam. He always had a joke or was the life of the party. To his family I can't imagine the feeling of loss you feel. To me its a loss of a long time friend and he will never be forgotten. Thats Howie for being there for me before I went to Nam. May God hold you and keep you forever.*

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**Jim Bellerby** - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My heart and sympathy go out to the Bennett family. I have many memories of Howie from his time in Tullytown. The best will always be from when Howie went into a freezing Levittown Lake to save a little boy from drowning. He was declared a hero. When I congratulated him and agreed that he truly was a hero he told me "I'm not a hero, I'm just doing my job". That made him an even bigger hero and man to me. You will be surly missed my friend.

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**Sandie Walter** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Oh the wonderful Memories of you Howie. You were one of a kind. You will be greatly missed by many. My heart and prayers go out to the family he's left behind.

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**Melissa** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Our sympathy to Howards family.  
We knew Howard since high school.  
He could always put a smile on your face.  
He may be gone from our lives but the memories he left behind will live forever.

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**Nancy & Mike Moretti** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Mrs Bennett and family, I mourn with you. Howie was a great man and a great cop. He saved my butt one time when I was assaulted making an arrest in Bristol Township. He literally was picking people off me and throwing them into the streets. He had the best sense of humor of any Officer that I worked with and never failed to make me laugh. God Bless all of you. As for Howie I am sure I will see him again when it is my time to enter Heaven.

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**R.J. MILLS** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ On Sept 07, my husband lost his best friend, whom he loved as a brother. Howard was loving and kind. From the second I meet him, he treated me as if he knew me a lifetime. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to share. He loved his family, he loved his friends. He will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace Howard, we will forever carry you in our hearts.

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**Lisa Jones** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Howard will be truly missed. He was simply a kind-hearted, loving, and great person to be around. Even though these past couple of months haven't been easy, he always had a smile on his face and I greatly respect him for that. I love you Howard.

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**Shelby Jones** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Howard, you have not only filled me, but everyone you came into contact with, the best and funniest stories and pranks to fill us for a lifetime.

*I have been a "Victim" more than once of your un-expected cheek kisses, but for once, I give this kiss back to you.*

*may you look over all of us and continue to make us smile, and one day, we will surely meet again.*

*Until then, God speed.*

*Mike*

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**Sgt. Mike Maloney (Retired)** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We will miss Howie dearly. It's a great loss for everyone. He was a wonderful man. But his memories will always be with us. May he rest in peace. We love you.

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**Kim & Don** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Howie had the best sense of humor and was always kissing my dad, cracked us up. Our condolences to all of his family. He was a great man and will never be forgotten.

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**Janice (Bennett) & Jim Donaghy** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To all of Howie's Family and Friends in Florida, I am sorry for your loss...He will be missed by all. To Lisa, Todd, Danny and Aunt Becky, other family and friends in Bucks County..He may no longer be in our lives, but he will always be in our hearts and watching over us. There will be an informal service 9/15, 1pm to 3pm, at The Veterans Park in Middletown, on Veterans Highway. Please come share some stories and good times with all of us.

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**Julie Cieslinski** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the Bennett family. Howie will be missed. I could write a book about all the funny stories that we did while working together at Tullytown. He will be remembered always.

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**Sgt. Bill Gunderman (retired)** - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *My beautiful Daddy, there are no words to describe this hurt and how much I will miss you. I was glad to spend the last couple days of your life with you and you fought until the end. I promised I would be strong and I will. and will always cherish the bracelet you gave me and you blowing me that kiss. Your are my biggest hero and I am always Daddy's little girl. Love you and always so proud of you.*

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**lisa** - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Rest in peace my friend. It was an honor to know and to work with you at the cop shop. Even if you you did make me wear those smiley face bandanas on steak nights. May the good lord watch over you M.J. and family. Rest in peace my brother. We will all miss you!*

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**JIM DOHERTY** - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Although I did not get an oppurtunity to work with Officer Bennett his legacy still lives on. As a past president of Tullytown Police Officers Association he forged the way for a majority of the benefits we enjoy today thankyou! RIP Brother Bennett your tour of duty has been honorably served.*

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**Sgt. Daniel J. Doyle** - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the family.*

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**Frank M. Daley & Mary Luttrell** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Howie was the greatest guy . I was so lucky to have met him. My thoughts are with you.*

*Patti Lord (Ivy Lucas'daughter)*

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**Patti Lord** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ *Sorry about Howard, we went to the high school in Pa. I also live in Cape Coral, wish I got to see him, God Bless*

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**Henry Valent** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *We love you Howie*

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**Dave & Ivy** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Thank you for your service, both military and police. We will miss you, and pray for your family. You will be missed. Your friend, Ray NYPD 60PCT*

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**Ramon Villanueva Jr** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *It was my distinct pleasure in knowing you and calling you a friend. Rest in peace Howie.*

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**Candy Rodriguez** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Mary Jane,  
It is with great sadness that we send our sympathy to you and your family over the loss of Howie. He was such a great guy. Always enjoyed his company whether it was fishing, playing dominos or steak nite at the club. He will be greatly missed. May he finally rest in peace.*

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**Mike & JoAnn Santangelo** - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Howie: I'll think of the many fishing trips we had, the poker games, steak nites and of course dominos, and the good times at the club. may you rest in peace my friend but you will never be forgotten.*

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**Bob La Barr** - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My prayers and sympathy to the Bennett family in their time of sorrow. When you look up in the evening and see the stars, please remember it's Howard watching over you.*

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**Susan (Isaacsohn) Burkhardt (WWHS 66)** - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Howie, you will be missed. Remember the fun vacations in Cancun, you swimming with the dogs, the sliding glass door to the lanai among many things. Our deepest sympathy to your wife Jane and your family. God Bless.  
Kelly and Sue*

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**Kelly and Sue** - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Howard, You will be missed my friend... I enjoyed working with you on the Big M Casino in the security dept. we had lots of laughs.. I will see you in heaven my friend !!! Signed, EARL in Security!!

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**Earl T. Michener** - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I remember Howard from high school as a friend always ready to help.

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**Rick Lewis** - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM