



Howard Freeman

October 16, 1938 - July 22, 2012

FREEMAN, JR., HOWARD JAMES Howard James Freeman, Jr., our, warrior, husband and father gave his final salute to family, friends and country on July 22, 2012. Howard quietly left us to take up his new assignment with the other shining stars in God's Heaven. Howard "Howie" came to us on October 16, 1938 in Baltimore, Maryland; the son of Howard James Freeman and Edna Beacham Freeman. He grew up with two brothers and a sister. Howard's sons, Eric, and Steven, and his daughter, Lisa and his beloved, Carolyn kissed him goodbye and sent him on his way--until we meet again. Howard first raised the sword of freedom for his country at the age of 17 in 1956 when he entered the U.S. Army Special Forces. For over fifty years in federal government service, he never faltered in the allegiance to his country; working assignments in Laos, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa, South America, Afghanistan and Pakistan. His commitment to duty, country and his Carolyn were legendary. A great team for nearly 31 years, Howard and Carolyn faced the challenges of the world and life together. Our Howard was someone very special in devotion, service and intellect. His friends and family consider him one of the "greats" who served this nation. His integrity and loyalty were a beacon to everyone. He stood firm when others waived, and remained ever steadfast. His family, friends and grandchildren will be guided by his example and will always hold him close in deed and memory. Howard, you can lay down the sword now...and rest. Services pending at Arlington National Cemetery. Please visit our online guest book at RememberTheirStory.com

Donations may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Tribute Wall

KO

“ I remember Howard fondly from the Kingston, Jamaica days. Those who know him could see past that rough, gruff exterior and see a puppy dog. Howard was dedicated to mission, was hard working, extremely fair, and above all, he told it like it is. I really appreciated him and enjoyed working for him. My prayers and sympathy go to Carolyn and the family. Carolyn, I think of you both whenever I make your Jalapeno Cheese Cornbread Recipe. Fondly, Kristie O. (formerly Rosenbluth)

Kristie Oberg - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ What a great loss to his family, friends and the USA! I always held Howard with high esteem for the work he did for his Country.

Bob and Mary Lou Coppinger - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Carolyn, Thinking of you and yours. Carol

Carol Madden - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Carolyn, Our hearts go out to you and the family. Howard was a true patriot who served his country long and hard. He loved God, country. and family. May warm and loving memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Love, Carla and Howard

Carla and Howard Milor - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ i had the pleasure and honor to get to know Howard while I was in Zimbabwe. Howard was a selfless patriot who became a dear friend. In a short period of time my entire family was enamored with Howard. When we first met, our conversations were just about work issues, but in no time we began talking about anything and everything. Howard was an amazing man who was very proud of his family. The world suffered a great loss with Howard's passing, but God welcomed a friend home. Rest in Peace my friend, I will not forget you.

Dave Robertson - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Carolyn and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Howard was an amazing man -- a patriot, a hero, and a selfless public servant. He was a loving husband and father, and a friend, mentor, and inspiration to many. I feel honored to have known him and to have had the benefit of his friendship and sage advice over the course of the past 27 years. He was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed. I, for one, am better for having known him. Sending my condolences and deepest sympathy to the family. God bless you, Howard.

Kristin Spak - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Uncle Howard, I always looked forward to seeing you when the opportunity arose. You were a person to whom people could look up to, rely on, and seek sage advice. I suspect my mother, Marca, and you are catching up on things as I write this. You will truly be missed, and I am grateful to have had you in my life.

David Wehage - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ On behalf of those of us who lived the war in Laos, I ask that we not forget the dedication of the men and women who were there to make a difference. Howard Freeman was one of them and I'm sure he carried all he knew in his heart.

Rebecca Weldon - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Howard expertly and selflessly served his beloved country for more than five decades, never seeking publicity for his legendary personal courage and accomplishments in a variety of dangerous overseas assignments. Instead he always focused on the mission and mentoring others in critical service to America. Howard set a high bar for others and leaves his loving family and many friends and colleagues with a deep sense of loss. We salute you, Sir!

Tim Castle - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.

Johnathan Dyke - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM