



D.U. Dee Howard

May 26, 1920 - February 12, 2009

D.U. "Dee" Howard passed away on February 12, 2009 after a lengthy illness. He was 88 years old. Born in Los Angeles, CA. but his family moved to San Antonio when Dee was about 18 months old and he has lived here the remainder of his life. He is best known for his great contribution to aviation. Dee is one of the Legends in Aviation, a member of the the Texas Hall of Fame, past board member of the NBAA and many more accolades. Dee is preceded in death by his mother Leta Wright Howard, his father Harry Edward Howard, his brother Harry Eldon Howard and his wife of 62 years, Georgia. Survivors included his wife Betty, his daughter DeeAnn Bridges and her husband Ron, his son, Lonnie Howard and wife Vicki, granddaughter Donna and husband Ken Chapman, grandson Joe Bridges and five great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

HC

“ *He was a fine and gracious man.
I know he is missed so very much.
I still cherish my cook book Mrs. Howard
Signed and gave me while we made welcome in their home. And o
my the beautiful cars Mr Howard had, what a joy.*

Helen Kirwin Cox - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Farewell to my Uncle Dee, who gave me the memories of summer
rides in antique cars, hearing his deep belly laugh and thanks for
letting us explore the Black Dog Saloon. Much love, your niece
LeeAnn*

LeeAnn DellaSala Suggs - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dear family of Dee,
Curtis and I wish to send our deepest condolences to you. We
adored Dee. What a loss to so many of us. There will never be
another like Dee. Loving, loyal, generous and a true friend.
We are deeply saddened by his passing.
Plea*

delona Foester - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *I truly enjoyed working for you Mr. Howard. I will always remember
the great stories & how your face would light up while you spoke!
Thank you for being part of our lives, we will all miss you.*

Renee A. Lopez - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Met Dee coming out of the doc's office about a year ago, we was going to have lunch but never made it. Page Avjet corp now Signature Flt Services was proud to be associated with Dee who was probably the most important icon in the aircraft industry. We s

Bob Valdepena Page Avjet - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ From a highschool boy in the late forties dusting a fuselage ahead of Dee with his paint spray gun, through the eighties being together on the board of The Witte Museum's antique car collection, and our occasional visits these past years, Dee has been one

Bob Hillman - February 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My sincere sympathies to the family and friends. Dee was a wonderful man and was passionate in his work and truly cared for those who worked with him and knew him. For all the years I worked with him, he always took the time to stop and talk. He will b

Craig M Smith - February 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ My father, Charles Kenneth Needels, worked for Dee Howard for more years than I can remember. They were good friends as well as employer-employee. My dad always spoke very highly of Dee and enjoyed their relationship. Dad often mentioned making parts

KEITH NEEDELS - February 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ I met Dee in White Plains NY in 1957 and he had me come to San Antonio to join his team. An Era ends with you Going West! Now you can rest in Peace.

Harold Gornitz - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dee Ann - My deepest sympathies to you and your family on the death of your father. What a great and unique person he must have been.
May God's love embrace and guide you during this time of sorrow.
Sincerely,

Jan Bricker - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Dee Ann, Lonnie. My deepest sympathies to you and your family on the death of your father. What a great and unique person he was. It was a delight to share my art with him, he was a great friend.
Sincerely,

Eduardo Jaramillo and Family - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My late husband, Larry, and I were privileged to have known Dee through antique car club activities. What a generous and caring person. You will be missed. I send love and prayers for your family.

Betty Ames - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Mr. Dee Howard was from a time in San Antonio aviation, 1940-60, when there were so many great men in the field: Dee Howard, Tom Slick, Swearingen, Bert Wilcott, Dick Hare and others. There were many skilled aviation workers at Kelly, Brooks, Randolph hi*

Frank Arnold & Mary Ann Sample - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Dee was instrumental in bringing me from the UK to work on the BAC 1-11 program. Thanks to him I have enjoyed nearly 21 years working with his Thrust Reversers.
We will all miss his friendliness and honesty.*

Nigel Why - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *It was a delight to be associated with Dee as a fellow car collector and as his physician for a time. My sincere condolences to his family*

DR BARRY BELLER - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Dear Dee,*

I cannot thank you enough for the stories and memories that you have shared with me. Blue skies and tail winds my friend, you will be missed...

Lane Perry - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *DeeAnn, Lonnie, a man like your father will be greatly missed, because men of genius are far too few, and his passing diminishes all of us.*

Joe D. Wells - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dee Ann & Lonnie, please accept our sincere sympathies. Now, the "DHC" above can commence as all of the ex DHCs that have been waiting for him. My family sincerely wants to thank your family for the most enjoyable 28 years, especially 20 of them when he w*

John & Paula Chapman - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *I was saddened to learn of Dee's death. He was a fine gentleman and a great engineer. During the late 1970s I had the opportunity of working with him on an STC project and was impressed with his character, interests and abilities. He ranks with the gre*

Nick Wantiez - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I don't remember life without Dee as my brother as he and my sister, Georgia, married when I was very young. Family was always very important to him. I have many good memories stored of all the family gatherings in San Antonio and all the times he and G*

Jeanette Suggs - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *I am saddend for the loss of a uncle. I am greatfull for Dee's inspiaring stories of his life's succeses. Those stores will always be with me.*

Greg Suggs - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ DEAR DEE,
I REMEMBER IN 1938 WHEN YOU WERE
COURTING MY SISTER-GEORGIA- AND
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE MOST HANDSOME
MAN I HAD EVER SEEN. MOTHER TRIED
TO KEEP GEORGIA IN HIGH SCHOOL BUT
YOU FINALLY WON OUT AND THE TWO OF
YOU BECAME MAN AND WIFE. IT HA

BONNIE MENEFFEE - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ God speed Dee. Yours was a unique personality. We had many fun times together. It always tickled me the way you referred to Jeanette, my wife Georgie's youngest sister, as "little sister". You will be missed by family, friends and industry.

Kenn Suggs - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ We knew Dee and Georgia through their love and enjoyment of music, with Linda first meeting them at the Petroleum Center Club years ago. Linda was playing piano there along with her brother Bryan drums & 'comedy'. They knew Dee's favorite song, and play

Lyle & Linda Kirk - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We mourn Dee's passing as our loss and celebrate his personal and professional accomplishments for all the ways he enriched the lives of so many.

The John & Mona Thaxton Family - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Dee Howard. He was a unique and one of a kind man. May he Rest in Peace and enjoy all that God and Heaven has promised to us all. He can now "drive" those streets of gold. Peace!

Carol Fore Smith - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ We enjoyed the many years that we were priviledged to know and work with Dee. He has long been a great inspiration and it was an honor to be involved in so many of his groundbreaking adventures. He will be deeply missed and we have no doubt that he is cur

Patrick Ward & Gretchen Hill Ward - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dee Ann, Lonnie and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a kind and ambitious man. He is now with your dear Mother and finally at peace. God bless all of you.

Clem & Gayle Gates - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ For many years I worked for Dee at both Dee Howard Aircraft and at River City Products. I truly loved being part of the restoration of the cars and the development of the Power Center Steering System. I was honored to be able to implement his many projec

James Walker - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM