



Howard Rosser Warren



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Portsmouth, VA

03.30.1929 - 02.04.2019

Birthplace: Portsmouth, VA

Howard R. Warren, 89, of Portsmouth, VA, passed away on February 4, 2019, at home with his loving wife, Norma, by his side.

Howard was born in Portsmouth in 1929. He is survived by his wife, Norma Cline Warren, his sons, Michael R Warren of Asheville, NC, and Russell H. Warren of Portugal, his sons-in-law Leonard Setterlund and Bruce Joffe, and his sister Helen Tuttle and her husband William Tuttle of Fairfax, VA; stepson Timothy James and wife Nancy grandchildren Brandon James and wife Kirstin, Brett James and Blake James, Great granddaughter Annalee James. Howard was predeceased by his wife Doris Purser Warren, and by his parents Clarence and Helen Warren.

Howard's career focused on the support and evolution of US Navy defense systems. A self-trained and professionally certified engineer, he was not only a supervisor, manager, and leader, but also a mentor, teacher, and model who provided unique insights into the array of problems and issues ranging from engineering to leadership to politics. He was a charter member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Portsmouth.

For years, Howard was an active member of the Orchid Society and the Camellia Society, reflecting on two of his favorite hobbies. Howard also enjoyed music, especially opera, as well as graphic arts. He was also an avid supporter of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, having served on the board, and the Portsmouth Historical Association, as well as other local organizations.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6-8 PM at Baker-Foster Funeral Home, 5685 Lee Farm Lane, Suffolk, VA. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 9, 2019, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 4811 High Street West, Portsmouth, VA, followed by a brief service at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, Shoulders Hill Road, Suffolk, VA.

Honoring Howard's love of flowers, floral arrangements may be sent to Baker-Foster Funeral Home, Suffolk. Donations may be made in Howard's name to the Parkinson's Foundation (Parkinson.org), or to your local Hospice organization. Condolences may be registered at RWBakerFH.com.

Visitation

Start Time: Friday, February 8, 2019 - 06:00pm

End Time: Friday, February 8, 2019 - 08:00pm

Baker- Foster Funeral Home

5685 Lee Farm Ln.

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to Baker- Foster Funeral Home](#)

Service

Start Time: Saturday, February 9, 2019 -

11:00am

End Time: Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 12:00pm

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

4811 High St W

Portsmouth, VA 23703

United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to St. Andrew Lutheran Church](#)

Cemetery

Start Time: Saturday, February 9, 2019 -

01:00pm

End Time: Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 02:00pm

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road

Suffolk, VA 23435

United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens](#)

Guestbook

**Gerri Wenger
Friedberg**

**Thu, 02/07/2019 -
01:38pm**

Russ,
My sincerely sympathy to you and your family. Your father must've been very impressive, as was mine, so I know it's not easy to let them go except to realize he's at peace finally. Sending comfort...

Gerri Wenger Friedberg

John Woodward

**Fri, 02/08/2019 -
05:46pm**

To the Family of Howard Warren
Please accept my sincere condolence on the loss of Howard. He was one of the most extraordinary men I have ever known. He was a friend, a mentor, and advisor to me during my time as a civilian engineering manager with the Navy. His wisdom, leadership, and management style were extraordinary as was the breadth of his interests and expertise. I used to refer to him as a true Renaissance man but he was too modest to accept the compliment. I miss being able to take him to lunch on his birthday each year until he was too sick to join me. I will surely miss him. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

John Woodward

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