



## Howard Warnberg

March 31, 1924 - December 8, 2016

Howard Warnberg, 92-year-old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, December 8, 2016 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Greg Satterburg officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10-11 A.M. on Friday at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN. Military honors will be provided by the Little Falls American Legion Post #46. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Howard was born on the family farm to the late Arthur and Agnus Warnberg. He enlisted in the Navy in November, 1942. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, he married Margaret Jean Larson on October 19, 1946. In 1950, he started Warnberg's Floor Service and successfully ran this business for more than 50 years. He returned to the Naval Reserve in the early 1950s and then to full-time active duty as a Naval Recruiter and retired as a Chief Petty Officer. In 1976, he was elected to the Morrison County Commissioner Board and served 16 years until 1992. Howard and Margaret enjoyed traveling and he volunteered with numerous non-profit organizations including Gideon's International, Grace Covenant Church, Habitat for Humanity; Amundsen Education Center in Alaska, and Lake Beauty Covenant Bible Camp. He

participated in the 2008 Honor Flight for World War II Veterans to Washington DC. Howard was a loving husband and father whose faith, family and friends were most important to him. He loved to meet new people and engage in conversation and since retirement, he would meet up with friends most mornings for coffee and lively discussion. He was an avid hunter and later in life, he took up golf, which was great therapy for him during the declining health of his wife.

Howard is survived by his daughter, Becky Smith of Grand Rapids, MN; son, Kent (Lori Beth) Warnberg of Chanhassen, MN; daughter, Brenda (Jim) Giordano of Bellevue, WA; sister, Lois (Ed) Olson of Shawnee Mission, KS; brother, Rudy Warnberg of Golden Valley, MN; sister, Opal (John) Liljegren of Bellevue, WA; brother, Harry (Emily) Warnberg of Lynn Haven, FL; sister, Barbara (Glen) Thill of Burnsville, MN; grandchildren, Nathan and Angie Smith of Grand Rapids, MN, Allison and Nate Geisler of Cohasset, MN, Mara and Carl Sorenson of Northfield, MN, Sophie Warnberg of Chanhassen, MN, David Giordano of Bellevue, WA, Michael Giordano of Bellevue, WA; and five great-grandchildren, Selah and Hadley Smith, Levi, Jonah and Abram Geisler.

Howard was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, parents, Arthur and Agnus Warnberg, brothers Chester (infant) and Lawrence.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church  
17117 Riverwood Drive  
Little Falls, MN 56345

## Service

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Warnberg*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 14, 2016 at 02:13 PM



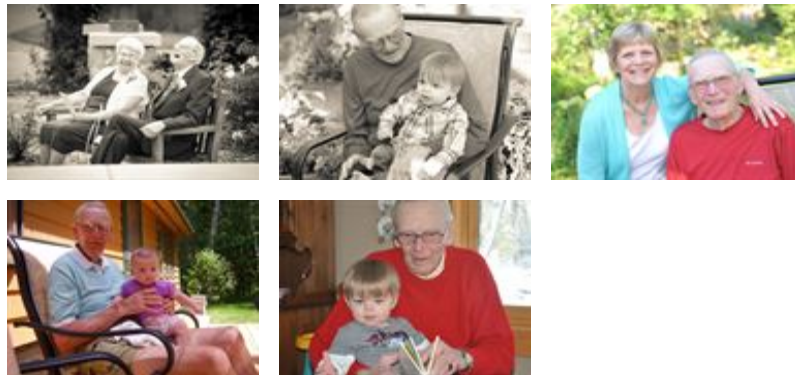
“ *Howard Warnberg*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *11 files added to the album Life Tributes*

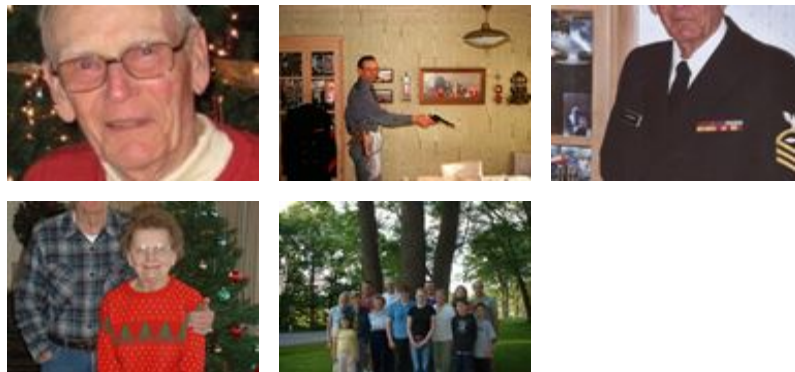


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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 15, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 14, 2016 at 02:07 PM

TG

“ My daughter Olivia waited on Howard at Perkins for two years. She often took her breaks when he came in so they could chat. He was a great story teller and my daughter learned many life lessons from him. Her heart is broken at his passing but is happy he will finally be reunited with his Margaret. She is sad she won't be able to be at his funeral as she is away at college in Chicago but her thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.



*May he rest in eternal peace.*

*Regards,*

*Terri Gall*

Terri Gall - December 13, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ Sarah Holtslander lit a candle in memory of Howard Warnberg



Sarah Holtslander - December 12, 2016 at 11:25 PM

CP

“ Growing up at Grace Covenant I never doubted Howard's great love for Jesus. Howard was not a fan of puppets in the church but I felt it was a great way to communicate things that people would otherwise ignore. Eventually Waldo the puppet won Howard over. I still to this day remember kneeling on the floor of Lake Beauty Bible Camp Chapel and asking Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. Howard was the one who made that floor shine every year so campers like me could meet the Jesus who he loved so deeply. Howard and many others at Grace Covenant have pointed so many to Jesus. It is in the waters of baptism and the bond of faith that we truly become family. I celebrate the life of brother Howard.

Chris Pappenfus - December 12, 2016 at 12:38 PM

SW

“ Kent, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Your family is in my prayers. Sandy {Bzdok} Wright-Olson, class of 73



Sandy {Bzdok} Wright-Olson - December 11, 2016 at 06:38 PM

JB

“ Howard was always such kind & gentle man!!!  
Our sincere thoughts & prayers are with his  
family & friends during this most difficult times!!!  
Love, Larry & Jeri Betts



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**Jeri Betts** - December 11, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ Joyce Kuske lit a candle in memory of  
Howard Warnberg



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**Joyce Kuske** - December 11, 2016 at 11:18 AM

FR

“ Howard has been a very good friend and will be very much missed.  
As a Gideon the Little Falls Camp was well taken care of under  
Howard's leadership. I am bless as Howard mentored me when I  
became president of the Gideon's. Our prayers are with all the  
family at this great time of loss. May the Lord pour out more and  
more of his grace and peace as you grieve the loss of this great  
man. God bless.

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**Frank Rebnord** - December 10, 2016 at 12:39 PM

RB

“ Richard Berg lit a candle in memory of  
Howard Warnberg



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**Richard Berg** - December 10, 2016 at 11:12 AM

Linda  
LeBlanc

“ *Linda LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of  
Howard Warnberg*



Linda LeBlanc - December 09, 2016 at 09:02 PM

CL

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss  
Prayers  
Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter*



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - December 09, 2016 at 07:58 PM

DH

“ *Denise And Ernie Hegna lit a candle in  
memory of Howard Warnberg*



Denise and Ernie Hegna - December 09, 2016 at 02:37 PM

JW

“ *Jerry & Faye Waltman lit a candle in memory  
of Howard Warnberg*



Jerry & Faye Waltman - December 09, 2016 at 01:15 PM

JE

*Howard was a proud veteran and a gentleman. He will be missed by many.*

**Jerry** - December 09, 2016 at 01:16 PM

BO

*Howard was my bus driver back in the day. He always was there to help all who were subjects of bullying. To visit with him meant to reminisce and shed a few tears. Such a warm,gentle,caring man. Howard will be missed by all who knew him.*

**Becky St. Onge** - December 09, 2016 at 02:07 PM

JJ

*I can't over emphasize how special and loved Howard is to our local veterans and American Legion Family. He was proud of his military service and we were proud of him. Our Coborn's coffee group will miss him. I enjoyed hearing about his family and military career most mornings at Coborns. At Coffee he always had his WW2 hat with him from the Honor flight he took to Washington. May we all cherish his memory and may God comfort and bless his family. John Justin Chaplain for American Legion Post 46*

**John Justin** - December 09, 2016 at 06:40 PM

GE

*As retiring Morrison County Assessor I can look back and credit then County Commissioner Howard Warnberg as a mentor and friend, not only of politics and government, but more importantly of virtue and character. Thank you Howard. Glen A. Erickson*

**Glen A. Erickson** - December 09, 2016 at 10:08 PM

CG

*Howard was a dear neighbor. A kind and gentle man who showed genuine interest in us and our family; his warm greetings and friendly chats will be missed.*

**Chris and Chris Grams** - December 10, 2016 at 04:39 PM

WW

*Howard lived close to us and was a kind man! Loved his country! You will be missed my friend! Rich and Wendy Waltman*

**wendy waltman** - December 10, 2016 at 05:16 PM

PJ

*So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Though I haven't seen him for quite a few years, he sure was a favourite uncle, so friendly and welcoming. I send my condolences to all the family. Paulette*

**Paulette Johnson** - December 11, 2016 at 09:55 PM

GS

*Becky, Kent, Brenda, and families, Uncle Howard was a very special Uncle! Loved to listen to his stories... He was always so thoughtful and kind. Thankful for his love for the Lord. May the Lord give you comfort, peace and love as you keep memories of your Dad close to you. Our Love, Gary and Cheryl Siefers (Warnberg)*

**Gary & Cheryl Siefers** - December 13, 2016 at 01:19 PM

RB

*Rest in peace, Howard. You were one of the good guys.*

**Richard Berg** - December 13, 2016 at 08:46 PM

LE

*I would like to say a last thank you to Howard. I hear your voice every time I sing a hymn. You helped instill in me a love for the older and better things in life not to mention the after life. Thank you also for your counsel on love of country and military service.*

*You will be missed*

**Luke Eastvold** - December 16, 2016 at 12:59 AM