



Waide Howley

January 29, 1934 - September 14, 2012

J. Waide Howley, age 78, of Greenwich and Fenwick passed away peacefully Friday, September 14, 2012 with his loving family at his side. He was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, the love of his life, Mary Louise Howley. Waide was born in Greenwich, on January 29, 1934. He attended Greenwich High School and Loyola College, MD. In 1999, Waide was inducted into the Loyola Athletic Hall of Fame. He earned his JD at Fordham Law. Waide began teaching & coaching at St. Mary High School in Greenwich while studying for the bar. His time at St. Mary changed the course of his life, as teaching & coaching became his vocation. For over 35 years, he touched the lives of students in his classes and on the basketball & tennis courts. His true passion was witnessed as he paced the sideline, argued a call, or made a coaching point. Waide was a man of uncommon kindness and a gracious, generous spirit, living up to the best ideals of his faith. The biggest beneficiaries of this spirit were his children and his grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as "Poppies" or simply "Pops". His spirit will live on in his children and grandchildren who will forever remember how his blue eyes lit up when they simply walked into a room. He is survived by his children & their spouses: Maureen & Peter Brigham of New London; Hope & Ed McManus of Simsbury; Beth Bye & Tracey Wilson of West Hartford; Meg & Michael Gallagher of Simsbury; Amy & Scott Reifert of Chicago; Jacqueline & Jim Sanderson of Avon; Tim & Amanda Howley of Waterford. He will live on in the hearts of his grandchildren: Dylan (Sarah) Howley, Hannah, Hope, Casey & Jack Brigham;

Madeline, Patrick & Sawyer McManus; Brittany & Caroline Bye, Peter Wilson & Adam Brown; Waide, Wyatt & Brendan Gallagher; Marley, Taylor & Shay Reifert; Nicholas & Molly Sanderson. He is also survived by Dric and Phyllis Grimes of Fairfield and their children Carrie, Kim and Dric.

The family would like to thank their sister Meg who was her father's greatest advocate and partner in his final journey along with the staff of McLean and hospice care for their kindness in his final days. Calling hours are Sunday from 3-6 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Friends are invited to join Waide's family at the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday Sept. 17th in St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church 285 Church St. Hartford. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory: UCONN Health Center Foundation, 10 Talcott Notch Suite 200, Farmington 06032.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Service

SEP **17.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Wade Howley was my tennis coach at St. Mary's in 1976, and also one of my favorite teachers there. He also helped me run the summer tennis camps at St. Mary's, too. He was a great friend and mentor--and it was an honor to win the CT State Championship S Division for him in tennis, and we simply both relished that hard-fought victory. Rest in peace and God bless, Wade! Stephen (and Rita Imperiali) Bainton*

Stephen Bainton - June 08, 2020 at 06:45 PM

LP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was St. Mary High school. The Howley family were very very special to Greenwich . We are sorry to have lost you. May God bless you all. Bud and Lee Prince*

Lee Prince - September 21, 2012 at 08:05 AM

RG

Mr . Howley,somehow I seem to always call him this and not Wade, was always the gentleman. I remember his cigar balanced on the edge of his desk. I remember the respect he had from his teams. I learned too late about his death to attend the wake as I had a funeral already the same time as his. I wish each member of his family the peace of Christ. Rev. Stephen DeLuca

Rev. Stephen DeLuca Catholic Chaplain GH - September 23, 2012 at 07:52 PM

GP

“ Few people and families have a life long impact like Wade and the whole clan does on the people they come into contact with. I am sorry I am not there today. My mother just contacted me last night as she too feels and knows the power of the Howley family in our life and community. Among the many many things special and unique about Dr. Howley is that he is the only coach I ever had who I truly cannot ever remember yelling at me! He had plenty of opportunities to do that as I was both a "creative" player and a frequent prom date for his lovely daughters. I send my best regards and while I know this is a tough day for the Howley family, I am sure it is a warm feeling to discover how many people Dr. Howley made better.

Also, a special hello to Beth, Meg, and Amy.

Sincerely,

George Prince

George Prince - September 17, 2012 at 01:22 PM

PK

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Howley family. Waide will definitely be missed by the entire St. Mary's High School alumni.

Pete Koziel 67

Peter Koziel - September 17, 2012 at 11:22 AM

PM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Patrick McGovern - September 16, 2012 at 08:05 PM

PM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Howley family. Doc was a great teacher, coach, mentor, role-model and friend to hundreds of us. He will be deeply missed and will most certainly both be remembered and live on in all of us that he touched. Rest in peace, Coach.*

Pat McGovern, Class of 1988

Patrick McGovern - September 16, 2012 at 04:48 PM

MG

“ *Dear Maureen, Hope, Beth, Meg, Amy, Jackie, and Tim, ...*

Waide was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather ... and also such a real friend to so many of us.

So many memories ... his hospitality at Howley weddings and Maple Avenue gatherings; his support for not only his kids, but all of ours as well, at tennis matches; and his solid advice and encouragement whenever it was sought. And, what a smile he had!

John and I are so sorry we can't be with you today and tomorrow, but John is just home from emergency surgery and a 10 day stay at Stamford Hospital. Just know that you all are in our prayers.

We were blessed to know your Dad, and your Mom, and we're happy that they are together now.

love, Mimi and John Grady

mimi grady - September 16, 2012 at 04:43 PM

MP

“ *Waide (" Mr. Howley") always , was just a part of life: always active in his coachng and fathering. Oh I loved the smell of his pipe. My parents met and fell in love at the Howley wedding..... Happy Waide is at rest in heaven> partying with Mary Lou and Connie. All my love to the whole family.*
XO Martha Poillon

Martha Poillon - September 16, 2012 at 03:06 PM

VF

“ *Valerei West And Family lit a candle in memory of Waide Howley*



Valerei West and family - September 16, 2012 at 10:32 AM

AS

“ *Anne Marie Snow lit a candle in memory of Waide Howley*



Anne Marie Snow - September 16, 2012 at 09:35 AM

JI

“ *Josie (Biasi) Irish lit a candle in memory of Waide Howley*



Josie (Biasi) Irish - September 16, 2012 at 07:39 AM

JJ

Mr. Howley was the best teacher I ever had! He was always kind, and thoughtful and always found the time to listen to you. I was always remember his smile and how he wasn't afraid to share a good laugh with his students. I was honored to have Mr. Howley as a teacher, and I will always remember him. Rest in peace Mr. Howley -- you probably didn't know how much you impacted my life as well as so many of my classmates. You were simply the "Best"!

Josie (Biasi) Irish St. Mary's class of '65

Josie (Biasi) Irish - September 16, 2012 at 07:48 AM

JJ

“*Dr. Howley stands out as one of the best teachers, coaches and friends we had during my high school years. He improved the lives of those he taught & we are better people for having learned from "Doc".*

My condolences to his family and friends.

John McNamee III; Class of '87

John McNamee III - September 15, 2012 at 09:23 PM

MD

“*My deepest condolences to Dr. Howley's family; may he rest in peace.*

Michael Dougherty '82

Michael Dougherty - September 15, 2012 at 07:16 PM

KR

“*Mr. Howley had such a great smile and laugh. He lived life large. He was a mench.*

My heart is with the whole family.

Kathy Reilly - September 15, 2012 at 12:53 PM

WG

“ *My deepest condolences to all the members of the Howley Family. Waide taught me at St Mary's and the values he instilled in me I have tried to pass on to my family. May he rest in peace along with his good friends Bill Bergeron and Bill Robustelli.*

*Hon. William J Giacomo JSC
Class of 1968*

William J Giacomo - September 15, 2012 at 10:57 AM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the Howley family. Doctor Howley was a great coach, mentor and a beloved teacher. Thank you for sharing your amazing father with us. We will miss his smile and beautiful blue eyes. May God bless and comfort your family at this time.*

*The Frattaroli Family
Class of '80, '83, '84 and '85*

The Frattaroli Family - September 15, 2012 at 09:59 AM

JT

“ *My prayers and deep sympathy go out to all of Waide's family. My husband Frank used to speak so very highly of Waide and the times they spent together while at Loyola and riding back and forth to Greenwich in the college days. His kindnesses will be his legacy.*
Jeanne Tyler

Jeanne R. Tyler - September 15, 2012 at 08:10 AM

AB

“ *To the Howley Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Eighteen years ago, he sold us the wonderful home he grew up in, where we are happily raising our family now. He was such a nice man and so helpful in the transition. We hope we have honored him by keeping the house in great shape. Our heartfelt condolences to you and thank you for allowing us to share in your father's family homestead.
Annie and Tim Brown*

Anne Brown - September 15, 2012 at 08:02 AM

DB

“ *Dear Tim, Mandy and family,
So terribly sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. His memory will live on through the lessons he taught you about the importance of friends and family. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

David Balkin

David Balkin - September 15, 2012 at 07:46 AM

AF

“ Dear Howley Family,

I am deeply saddened to know about the passing of the wonderful Doc Howley. The best high school teacher, coach and mentor one could ever have.

The memories were countless. The 4 am practices, the road trips, the championship games, and all. But what I will never forget was "Doc's" kindness, support and teachings on those 4 marvelous years I had attending and playing at St. Mary's High School. It is definitely bittersweet that on the day of his passing, I was at the same GYM he absolutely loved to coach for over 30 years, showing my daughter how to shoot a basketball.

To all the Howley family, specially Beth and Tim whom he made a point to be part of our basketball practices, my sincere condolences and thank you for the honor to have known Mr. "Doc" Howley in my life.

Alex Figueiredo, captain of the 1990 St. Mary's Basketball Team.

Alexandre Figueiredo - September 15, 2012 at 07:25 AM

GL

“ Keeping you all in my prayers as you remember this special man who inspired so many of us. RIP Doc!
Ginger Lauricella Lusa

Ginger Lauricella Lusa - September 15, 2012 at 06:50 AM

DH

“ He was a great and spirited man who impacted the lives of so very, very many. Our prayers are with the Howley family at this time. God bless Mr. Howley.

David Hogan - September 14, 2012 at 11:22 PM

SB

“ Doc was one of a kind, he dedicated his life to his students at SMHS and for more than 30 years young adults left high school better people than when they started thanks to his example. I will never forget his love for the school which came through during his address at its last ever graduation. I owe him more than any words I could leave here. A great one has left us. Condolences to all his family. Sean Burns '91

Sean Burns - September 14, 2012 at 08:15 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Howley family. "Doc" was the definition of a TRUE Gentleman. He inspired and shaped so many. Rest in Peace.

P.J. Reilly



P.J. S.M.H.S class of - September 14, 2012 at 07:57 PM

KM

“ Dear Beth and family, I am so sorry for your loss. It seemed just like yesterday we all were in school, or at social events together. My siblings and I, to this day, recall fond memories of him, and all of you. Please let me know what, if anything, I can do. I live not far away, in Oxford. Again, my deepest sympathies.

Kathleen McNamee

kathleen mcnamee - September 14, 2012 at 07:46 PM

SC

“ Meg, Mike, Waide, Wyatt & Brendon and all of the Howley family,

Our deepest sympathy. We are thinking of you and sending many hugs. Love, Sue, Charlie, Christine & Matt

Sue Canavari - September 14, 2012 at 07:42 PM

LD

“ Beth and family,
Waide was a wonderful Dad and grandfather...full of life and laughter. We are sorry for your loss...know you are all in our thoughts.
Liz and Tom Devine

Liz Devine - September 14, 2012 at 07:33 PM

JO

“ Beth and family. Our condolences on your loss. He was an amazing man and he will be remembered. Our thoughts are with you all.
Josh and Susanna Hughes

josh - September 14, 2012 at 06:25 PM

MS

“ Jackie and the whole Howley family,

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please know that you are all in our thoughts!

Missy Bilodeau Stuart and family

Missy Stuart - September 14, 2012 at 06:19 PM

HJ

“ Heidi Waite James lit a candle in memory of Waide Howley



heidi waite james - September 14, 2012 at 05:48 PM

JK

“ John, Nancy and all the Kavs. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Waide Howley.



John, Nancy and all the Kavs. - September 14, 2012 at 05:45 PM

JK

“ Just learned of Coach Howley's passing. My prayers go out to all the Howley family. It is a sad day for the St. Mary's HS community and for the Greenwich community. He will be dearly missed by all of us that had the good fortune to play for him at SMHS. Thanks for everything you did to mentor us, Coach.

Jay Kavanagh - September 14, 2012 at 05:14 PM

JF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Beth and all the Howley family at this sad time. A truly great teacher, coach and mentor to myself and many others. Rest in peace J Waide
Jim Ferguson S.M.H.S '80

Jim Ferguson - September 14, 2012 at 05:01 PM

CE

Sad day. My thoughts and prayers go out to you Mo, and your entire family. Those of us who knew him are much better people today. Rest in peace J Waide.. Chris Erway 78'

Christopher Erway - September 14, 2012 at 06:33 PM

GG

*sorry fo yo lost tragect hes in a better place now
RRRRRRRRRIIIIIIIIIIIIPPPPPPP GOD IS HELPIN YO*

GHMJG GFHRTU - September 24, 2012 at 06:29 PM