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With a broken heart, I am writing to inform you that my best friend and husband Howard Bruneau has died of polycystic kidney disease on February 11, 2023. Howard endured over seven years of dialysis three days a week and I am so proud of him for this accomplishment. He put himself through this for his children and myself.

Quite a few people reading this will say "Hey! I know him." "He taught me to brew beer or make wine at the Flying Barrel in Frederick." Howard was a Brewmeister. He won many, many ribbons and awards in both Montgomery and Frederick County Fairs. Many of those ribbons were for first place. He took immense pride in educating others in this craft and it broke his heart when he no longer had the strength to teach. He also judged both beer and wine for many years at the Great Frederick Fair.

Howard was born in Washington, DC on November 1, 1950, and grew up in Rockville, MD. He graduated from Richard Montgomery High School and Hagerstown Community College. Howard spent more than 34 years as a Field Service Engineer at Watkins Johnson Company and subsequently the buyers of WJ. Fourteen years ago, he made the move to be an Electronics Engineer at G3 Technologies in Mt. Airy. His coworkers and friends were family to him. There are too many to name and I do not want to forget anyone. You all know who you are.

He had a wicked sense of humor and loved music, cooking, watching baseball, traveling and his family. Since the day he walked into our lives he took care of his newfound family in a way that just can't be put into words. He didn't have to. He just did it. He didn't have to be a dad but chose too anyway.

Howard leaves behind his loving wife, best friend, and partner of almost 40 years, Evelyn B. Bruneau of Jefferson, MD. Stepchildren Thomas "Butch" Cunningham (Cheryl) of Colorado and Heather Houck (Paul) of Jefferson, MD. Brother, Peter Bruneau (Dee) of Leland, NC. Grandchildren Jacob Cunningham, Clay Cunningham (Lindsay), Camden Houck and Holly



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Houck. Sister-in-law Wendy (Rick) Blumberg of Plano, TX. Nieces Sherry (Joel) Newburg of Winter Park, CO, Karen Bruneau of Sand Point ID, Heather Pierko (Darius) of Denmark, ME and nephew Brian (Jessica) Bruneau of Wilmington, NC along with many other nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother and father, Raymond A. and AnneJo Bruneau.

In honor of Howie, please consider donating to your favorite charity.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date.



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Morgan posted:

I met Howard after hiring on at WJ in 1983. He knew what worked, and more importantly what didn't and he freely shared this valuable knowledge. I quickly appreciated his sense of humor, insight and his wide range of interests and we became friends at the job and off. As is often the case we eventually moved to other employers. Fortunately Howard and Evelyn lived close by so there were pizza and beer evenings to watch the Washington Nats. Long conversations about interesting subjects. Reminiscing about times gone by in the D.C. area. Swapping books, CDs, DVDs on subjects of mutual interest. Refining the latest beer recipes at The Flying Barrel. As time passed we became closer friends. Older men. Grateful for 40 years of friendship. Then one Saturday Heaven got an upgrade. The heart is heavy with grief but the good years make the glass more than half-full. And when we get to see each other again we will fill those glasses as we used to. With the latest recipes we brew up. And drain them again. Just like we used to do. Godspeed Howard. Godspeed.

February 17 at 12:43 PM

SA

Sarah posted:

I always knew him at miss.evelyns side...always a gentleman and always by her side and on all of your side. What a great great guy...idk whatvelse to sat...cheers Howie and godspeed!

February 13 at 3:19 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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