



Howard R. Bachman

April 12, 2021

Howard R. Bachman, Jr., 73, of Emmaus, passed away on Monday, April 12, 2021 at Lehigh Valley Hospital. He was the husband of Brenda J. (Gambler) Bachman. Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late Howard R. Sr., and Joyce M. (Kecher) Bachman. Howard was a truck driver for over 40 years before retiring. He was a member of the Wheels of Time Street Rod Association.

Survivors; wife; son Stephan L.; daughter Stephanie A. Frey; brother, Earle. He was predeceased by a sister, Gail Rosko.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Howard's memory may be made to American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *BEN was a real nice guy the little that i known him but was always friendly when I talked to him that last time I talked to him was at Lehigh street Mopar cruise I loaned a tool when I had some car trouble , he was aa real nice person he will be missed Martin Podorsky*

Martin Podorsky - April 23, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BD

“ *Sad to hear this. Condolances to his family and friends. I remember when he used to drive for Miklencic years ago. We were fellow dump truck drivers.*

Brian Danner - April 20, 2021 at 04:21 PM

SB

“ My name is Steve, and Howard "Ben" Bachman, Jr is my dad, I still can't believe such a formidable presence has ceased to exist here in our physical world. There was nothing my dad couldn't beat, this man could will his body to practically heal itself overnight, he convinced himself he wasn't having heart attacks and strokes, yet he had them. Days after having open heart surgery, he was out in the garage working on my car with me, same for his kidney transplant. He refused to be taken down by any illness... until COVID came knocking and pulled the rug from under us all. I witnessed my father struggling to breathe and it crushed my very soul, he wasn't going to beat this one. This man who rarely got so much as a cold, for crying out loud, was losing the battle but he didn't bow out gracefully, he fought hard. I actually thought he'd be coming back home when he was taken in to the ER some 2 or 3 weeks earlier, cuz he can beat anything, I've seen it 1st hand. That's what makes this all so hard, that this real life super hero is just gone, it doesn't add up in my head and my heart. Howard can't be gone? BTW, I always called my own father by his 1st name, Howard, kinda like Bart Simpson refers to his dad as Homer. But Howard's not gone from my heart and my head, he was a 1 of a kind, you'd have to live with the guy to get to know his quirky sense of humor, the real Howard. I'm grateful for the time I had with him, I really miss him. I told my mom, that I'm so glad our last phone call between Howard and myself, that I ended that call with I LOVE YOU, DAD. Yes, I used the word dad. For my mom's sake, I wish I could bring Howard back, I want him back too, but my poor mom, after 50 years of marriage, half of her is missing and I see/hear the hurt in her and as her son I just want to make it better, but I can't and that kills me inside. I promise you, Howard, I will be there for mom as best as I can, I hope I make you proud of me. I look forward to seeing you again someday, dad. I love you.

Porky. [His nickname for me]



Steve Bachman - April 19, 2021 at 12:36 AM



“ Ben has always been a true friend of mine. We shared our concerns, fears and hopes since we both shared kidney failure. My sincere condolences to Brenda & the entire family. Save me a spot at that 1320 finish line Ben!

Pete Stoeckel Sr. - April 16, 2021 at 07:53 PM

RS

“ Brenda, Wishing you and your family strength and peace. I will miss his "wisecracks".
Richard Lehr, Sr.

Richard Lehr, Sr. - April 16, 2021 at 05:16 PM

SB

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT HOWARD.. HE ALWAYS HAD TIME TO SAY HI.. TO EVERYONE.....

STEVE BECKER - April 16, 2021 at 04:52 PM

KM

“ Ben will be missed greatly. Words cannot express our grief. I speak for all the members of wotsra in saying our organization will hold Ben in our hearts with many very good memories.

Ken martim - April 15, 2021 at 09:16 PM