



James Edward "Pinky" Howle

March 7, 1933 - June 26, 2025

James Edward "Pinky" Howle, 92, of Dovesville passed away quietly last Thursday, June 26th at his residence.

The United States Marine Corp will render Military Honors at 3 PM Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following at the funeral home until 4:30.

Born in Darlington County March 7, 1933. He was the last surviving child of Clifton Cleveland and Ray Elizabeth Gardner. He lived his entire life in Darlington County and was raised by his aunt, Pauline Howle Flowers.

"Pinky" as he was affectionally known by his family and friends, served in The United States Marines during the Korean War. It was his military days that gave him interest in forming a local Civil Air Patrol, which he was a founding member. His sense of community extended further when he helped form a fire station in Dovesville that is now known as Darlington County Station 13.

Pinky was extremely smart. His vast knowledge of electrical appliances led him to open his business, Howleco out on Highway 52. His business remained there for many years before he moved it to his home in Dovesville. Although he was in his 90's, he never really retired. He worked in his shop most every

day. When he wasn't working on some appliance, he was in the garden. It was there that he taught his children the value of hard work. He loved them helping him. The shop, the garden, and the other places he spent his time were not void of accidents. Pinky was known to get hurt! But he looked at this and all misfortunes as just another "bump in the road".

He was preceded in death by his brother, Clifton "Bubba" Howle and sisters, Virginia Howle Rhodes, Pauline Howle Flowers and Gladys Howle Stokes.

Surviving is his wife of 63 years, Marie DuRant Howle; his three sons, James (Maryanne) Howle, Thomas (Amy) Howle, and Nathan Howle. His daughter, Debra (Jeff) Howle Shaw; his grandchildren, Jordan Howle, Andrew Shaw, Justin Howle, and Caroline Howle.

Memorials may be made online to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Semper Fi, PopPop

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Lynn B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward "Pinky" Howle.

Lynn B. - November 19, 2025 at 09:57 PM

LD

“ I just heard of Cousin Pinky's passing. He was first cousin to my Mom, Marjorie Davis, and we shared many wonderful times with Pinky over the years. He was a spiritually insightful person; we shared many conversations and even studies. He had a unique view of this world and other dimensions- Pinky was an inspiration to talk with, was always positive. He was a hard worker like all of us Howles, he valued life and family, friends. Me and my brother Tex are sad that we couldn't be at the service for our very special Pinky. Our condolences to Marie and the children, grandchildren. Pinky leaves a huge void in the Darlington County community.

Linda Davis - July 07, 2025 at 06:45 PM

EH

“ Elaine Hubbard lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle



Elaine Hubbard - July 03, 2025 at 05:25 PM

SG

“ So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and Prayers are with you all. 🙏

Sonya Garris Gandy - July 02, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - July 02, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MS

“ *We all have our favourites, and Cousin Pinky was always one of mine. He was a good-natured, fascinating, unique person, who was generous and kind, and who seemed to love everybody. It was a joy stopping by Howleco and visiting with Pinky. He'd always give us gifts, and would treat us to a good Southern meal at the restaurant next door. We love you, Pinky. Thank you for the fun times! Rest in peace. Deepest condolences to Marie and Cousins James, Thomas, Debra, Nathan, and all the family.*

Mary Lynn Somers - July 02, 2025 at 08:18 AM

LB

“ Marie and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. You and Pinky touched my life when I was only 16. The two of you volunteered to take two members of the Young Republicans with you to Greenville to hear Barry Goldwater speak at the Greenville Airport. For those too young to remember, Barry Goldwater was the Republican Candidate for President of the United States in 1964. Randy Shannon from Society Hill and I were the two lucky recipients of your generosity. I was so impressed with the two of you. You were so in love and full of faith! It was an exciting day ... one I have never forgotten. After college I married Swint Brunson and settled in Darlington. Many years later our paths crossed again when our daughter, Renee, was invited to play the violin at a Sunday evening service at Black Creek Baptist Church in Dovesville. I was so glad to see you both. We said we would get together, but life got in the way. I don't know that I ever saw you two again after that Sunday evening, but you had an impact on my life. God bless you all. Pinky's memory will live on.

Lillian Jones Brunson

Lillian Jones Brunson - July 01, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward "Pinky" Howle.



July 01, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Edward "Pinky" Howle.

July 01, 2025 at 08:30 AM

MB

“ Mrs Marie and family, our hearts go out to you. Mr Pinky was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. We are praying for all of you.
Love, Lois Hudson and Myra Boykin

Myra Boykin - June 30, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JL

“ Judy & Ricky Locklair lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle



Judy & Ricky Locklair - June 30, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JH

“ Pinky was a giving person. He was a unique individual who was loved by many. He will be missed.



Jane Boyette Harrington - June 30, 2025 at 07:32 PM

MA

“ Michelle Arnold lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle



Michelle Arnold - June 30, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Pinky was a silly man. Mama would stop by his shop periodically when we were kids and I always enjoyed listening to his jokes/humorous tales. He was a pleasure to be around. To have known him was to love him. I know he will be missed by family, friend's and the community. Peace be to all.*



Martha Mozen McKenzie - June 30, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edward "Pinky" Howle.*



June 30, 2025 at 11:55 AM

NH

“ *Nicole And Jimmy Hall lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle*



Nicole and Jimmy Hall - June 30, 2025 at 11:03 AM

DM

“ A genuine and good, good man. Every time I ever had an encounter with him he always had a smile and his personality shined like a diamond. Hard working family man who was always a staple in the community. Prayers going up for the family.



Donna Smith Myers - June 30, 2025 at 08:39 AM

DT

“ So sorry to hear of his passing, my condolences to his family!



Debra Truett - June 29, 2025 at 09:57 PM

CF

“ Cherri Brown And Family lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle



Cherri Brown and Family - June 29, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ we are so sorry for your loss. Pinky was a good and honest man. He was one of the real champion for family, community, and helped any one if he could. He will be missed.

Dan & Patsy Howle - June 29, 2025 at 09:52 AM

CD

“Pinky and I lives crossed right after he got out of USMC. He took a interest in the young boys of Dovesville. Often taking us to Darpo, dropping us off and coming back to pick us off after spending the day having fun. His actions as an adult to young boys was a very positive influence in our lives that helps us as young boys. His influence in our lives help many of us to become very good men as we grew into adulthood. I’m very fortunate to have been a young boy during this period in Pinky life. My life was influenced by Pinky’s life I followed a similar pattern, joining the Marine Corps after college and living a Christian life modeled after the teachings of Jesus. I’m approaching my 80th year of life and can trace back to my years as one of the young boys- growing up in Dovesville and having a very positive experienced with a young man named Pinky Howle. Semper Fi old friend, Boobie DeLorme.

Charles DeLorme - June 28, 2025 at 10:17 PM

RK

“Prayers for all the family. You all have always been good to me. Mr Pinky will be missed greatly.

Rodney M Keith - June 28, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CC

“Mrs. Marie and family, you all are in my prayers. I want you to know that Mr. Pinky always made me feel special and I will forever and always remember that. I love you all.
Carolyn Collins

Carolyn Collins - June 27, 2025 at 08:45 PM

MA

“ Prayers for you and the family Pinky was one of a kind he will truly be missed.



Myra Anderson - June 27, 2025 at 05:09 PM

YF

“ Your Marlboro Mill Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Edward "Pinky" Howle.



Your Marlboro Mill Family - June 27, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DB

“ Des Standish Brown lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle



Des Standish Brown - June 27, 2025 at 04:25 PM

KC

“ Ms. Marie and family, We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that God gives you comfort, courage and peace in the coming days and loving memories to forever have in your heart. You all will be in our thoughts and continuous prayers.
The Collins Family

Kevin and Brittany Collins - June 27, 2025 at 03:13 PM

JC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Pinky..prayers for the family..JoAnne Moody Cusaac

JoAnne Cusaac - June 27, 2025 at 11:31 AM

FD

“ Franklin&Gloria DuRant lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle



Franklin&Gloria DuRant - June 27, 2025 at 10:38 AM

JG

“ Condolences to Mr Pinky family.
Thur the years of knowing him my father n law Jack worked with him for yrs an if u wanted a good laugh Howle Co wad the place to stop Mr Pinky always had a joke n any part or appliance you needed.
Rest in heaven Mr Pinky.

Jacqueline Gattison&family



Jacqueline Gattison - June 27, 2025 at 10:20 AM

LC

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all
Love Lynn & Danny Coleman



Lynn & Danny Coleman - June 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

LY

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Love Lynn & Danny Coleman*



Lynn - June 27, 2025 at 09:35 AM

EH

“ *Sending love and prayers to all of you
Gene and Elaine*



Elaine Hubbard - June 26, 2025 at 10:08 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Sheffieldkcatoe4 lit a candle in memory
of James Edward "Pinky" Howle*



Kathy Sheffieldkcatoe4 - June 26, 2025 at 06:56 PM

MW

“ *Mike And Annis Weatherford lit a candle in
memory of James Edward "Pinky" Howle*



Mike and Annis Weatherford - June 26, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MW

Our prayers go out to his family and other loved ones. He was a friend to all and a joy to be around. We remember going to his shop on highway 52 south and talking with him. He always had time for anyone who came by and was loved by many.

Mike and Annis Weatherford - June 26, 2025 at 05:38 PM