



## Howard L Stafford

May 22, 1935 - March 9, 2026

Howard Lamont Stafford entered into eternal life on Monday, March 9, 2026. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Howard was born to Howard and Vernice Stafford. Howard received his early education in Wilmington Public Schools.

For 62 years, he faithfully served New Castle County, a testament to his strong work ethic, reliability, and commitment. His career was more than a job, it was a reflection of his character and sense of purpose. Even in retirement, the pride he carried from those years remained evident to all who knew him.

Before retiring he had a tradition that became part of his story; each year he would take his vacation around the second week of October enjoying time away and returning after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in January. It was a routine he looked forward to.

In his younger years, he found simple pleasure in watching classic black and white Western movies, while eating wild game one of his favorite food choices. As the years went on, his routine shifted to a quieter comfort, you could often find him listening to Delaware news radio or tuning in to a baseball game.

He was married to his beloved wife of 46 wonderful years, sharing a bond rooted in love and partnership. Though she passed away 23 years ago, her

memory remained close to his heart, and their life together continued to shape the man he was.

Family meant everything to him. He especially cherished visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy. Known for his playful generosity, he would often slip them a little money “to buy junk” as he like to say. A small gesture that became a treasured memory for those who received it.

He will be remembered for his dedication, quiet strength, and the love he held for his family. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched.

Howard was preceded in death by his loving wife, Florine Stafford; his parents, Howard and Vernice Stafford; his sons, Carlton Armstead, Roy Armstead, and David Moore; his brothers, Harvey Hubbard, Elwood Hollis, Alton Stafford, and Gilbert Stafford; his sister, Juanita Hardin; sisters-in-law, Anna Wisher and Ethel Gibbs; his grandson, Troy Stafford; his God-given grandson Anthony Mclver; his granddaughter, Caritila Baker; his great-grandson, Jaiquone Moore; and his niece, Frain Stafford.

Howard leaves to cherish his memory his devoted daughter, Lois Moore, and daughter, Sharon Worton; his sister, Janice Portluck; 11 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Memorial Cemetery

2220 North Dupont Highway  
New Castle, DE 19720

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gore Funeral Home  
1910 Lancaster Ave  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(302) 274-2960

## Celebration of Life

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

MAR 26 (ET)

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2220 North Dupont Highway  
New Castle, DE 19720



# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Rest well my Friend!!*



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**Bonita Brown** - April 07 at 09:52 AM

LT

“ *I will miss Sarge. He is the reason that i'm in the career field i'm in. He helped me get my CDL. He kept me straight on the job. I remember when he retired during covid. We did a drive by to celebrate him. He was integral and genuine. I will miss my friend.*

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**Leon Temple** - March 24 at 06:47 PM

SG

“ *Rest in peace Howard. To the family he was a very nice person and remember absent from the body is present with the Lord.*



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**Sandra Grinnage** - March 24 at 01:51 PM

KW

“ I want to extend my heartfelt condolences for the loss of Poppy. He was a remarkable man, known for his unwavering work ethic and dedication to his family. His kindness and strength will leave an indelible mark on everybody that knew him. His absence will be deeply felt, but his legacy of hard work and devotion to his loved ones will always be remembered.



KaShamba W. - March 23 at 02:09 PM

JS

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Howard Stafford. I worked with Howard at New Castle County Public Works for 55 years. He was 'one of a kind'. To know Howard was to love Howard. How you met him was how he was. Never wavering, always Howard. Rest in peace, Howard. Sorrowfully submitted, Jacqui Snow, a former coworker.

Jacqui Snow - March 24 at 10:27 PM

VN

“ Vandever Ave Civic Assn & 3rd Dist NPC lit a candle in memory of Howard L Stafford



Vandever Ave Civic Assn & 3rd Dist NPC - March 23 at 10:42 AM

SA

“ REST IN PEACE

SUHAIL A - March 16 at 10:59 AM

LC

“ *Leicia Congo lit a candle in memory of Howard L Stafford*



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**Leicia Congo** - March 15 at 09:38 PM

GH

“ *Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family*

*Gore Funeral Home*

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**Gore Funeral Home** - March 15 at 08:54 PM