



Howard E. Nellis

April 29, 1941 - February 23, 2026

Howard E. Nellis passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family, at 11:45 a.m. on February 23, 2026. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, he lived a life defined by love, loyalty, quiet strength, and unwavering devotion to those closest to him.

Born on April 29, 1941, on Reservoir Street in Johnstown, to Harold & Mildred Nellis, Howard was raised in the city he cherished throughout his life. He grew up alongside his two brothers, Robert (Patricia) and Jim (Irene), and his sister Shirley. The bonds formed in his early years shaped the steady, dependable man so many came to rely on. He graduated from Johnstown High School in 1959 and began working at Witzke Garage. It was during those early years that he met the love of his life, Harriet, a meeting that would forever shape the course of his life.

Howard was drafted into the United States Army in 1963. He attended boot camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey before being transferred to Stuttgart, Germany where he proudly served as a military policeman. Even while serving overseas, his heart remained firmly at home. After just one date, he knew Harriet was the woman he would marry. The engagement ring famously crossed the ocean twice before finally resting on the hand of his future bride, where it has lovingly remained for more than 60 years. Howard returned home with an honorable discharge in 1965, ready to begin the life they had dreamed

of together.

Howard and Harriet were married on December 18, 1965, beginning a partnership that would span six beautiful decades. He began his career at N.A. Taylor (later Lippert), often joking that he was the second person through the door after Jim Taylor himself. Over 46 years of dedicated service, he built not only a career but lifelong friendships and countless memories before retiring in 2020.

Together, Howard and Harriet made their home in his beloved Johnstown, where they raised their two children, Christopher and Lisa. He found great joy in life's simple pleasures, Friday night coffee with friends at Friendly's, a stop at Stewart's Shops for a scratch-off ticket and sharing stories wherever he went. A proud and active member of the Gloversville Bowling League and the Johnstown Eagles for over 50 years, Howard treasured the camaraderie and friendships formed through those communities. He generously gave his time to the Methodist Church and supported the Boy Scouts as his son grew within the organization. His presence was steady, his humor gentle, and his love constant.

Howard recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with Harriet, surrounded by the family and friends who meant so much to them—a milestone that beautifully reflected a lifetime of commitment, devotion, and enduring love.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 60 years, Harriet; his children, Christopher and Lisa; his cherished grandchildren, Addison and Logan; his beloved grand-dog, Gibson (Lisa's faithful and much-loved companion); his step-grandsons, Troy Oathout (Samantha) and Justin Dutcher (Savana); his step-great-grandchildren, Aubree and Evelyn Oathout and Rhett Dutcher; his sister, Shirley; and many beloved nieces and nephews who held a special

place in his heart. He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, Robert (Patricia) and Jim (Irene).

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Drs. Hardies, Snider, and Tedesco for their years of compassionate care, and to the nurses of Mountain Valley Hospice -Robin, Kate, and Jessica—whose kindness, dignity, and gentle support brought comfort and peace to Howard and his family during his final days.

Family and friends are invited to call on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Amico Funeral Home, 150 South Main Street, Gloversville. A funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be held in the spring at Johnstown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations in Howard's memory be made to Mountain Valley Hospice or to a charity of your choice.

Howard's legacy lives on in the family he adored, the friendships he treasured, and the community he loved so deeply. He will be missed beyond words and remembered always with profound love and gratitude.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Amico Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Harriet, Chris, and Lisa, so very sorry for your loss and grief. Howard was such a kind man. I always enjoyed talking with Harriet and him when we would cross paths! Sending hugs!*
Joyce Caputo

Joyce Caputo - February 27 at 11:29 AM

JK

“ *Harriet prayers to you and the family.*

joyce Kirkpatrick - February 27 at 09:13 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Amico Funeral Home - February 26 at 10:46 PM

JW

Grandpa Nellis! What a truly special place you hold in my heart as my littles were growing up. I know they don't remember a lot but I sure do! Thank you for "adopting" them and bringing joy to their young lives!

Absolutely a kind loving man and family. You will be truly missed.

Joanne Wart - February 27 at 05:21 AM

LC

Harriet, I am so sorry for your loss of your husband. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Linda Conroy - February 27 at 07:30 AM

JN

*Aunt Harriet,
we are deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved partner, you have
always complemented each other like no other couple we know. May
your precious memories bring you comfort.*

Chris & Lisa

*We are Firm believers that when we lose someone close to us like a
Father, they continue to live on through us and give us unbelievable
strength. They're so connected to us that they become part of us.*

*Please know that we send each of you Love & Strength through these
difficult times, and we are here if you need anything at all. Uncle
Howard will be sadly missed Love to All of you.*

Love Dan & Joyce

Joyce Nellis - February 27 at 08:49 AM