



Mr. Johnny Howard

September 22, 1950 - April 1, 2025

John Howard was born on September 22, 1950, to the late Lillie Mae Howard and James Howard. He was the oldest sibling and a natural leader from the start. On April 1, 2025, at the age of 74, John passed away in his home, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and creativity.

As a graduate of Alexander Hunt High School, class of 1968, John served as class president, which set the tone for a life marked by ambition and charisma. He later earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Valley State University in 1972. He then worked as an insurance adjuster in Massachusetts.

He used to ride a Honda motorcycle and the iconic talking car “KITT” 300ZX before trading it for his dream car at the time, a Mercedes. He used to say, “I will know I made it when I am able to get a Mercedes.” He also played the electric guitar with influences from Jimi Hendrix. He had a remarkable green thumb, growing plants that thrived for over 30 years and are still living to this day.

Driven and innovative, John became the first African American to open a one-hour photo studio located in Decatur, Georgia. He captured life through his lens, photographing weddings, graduations, and milestones for generations. He even holds a patent for a lighting attachment he invented called the

“FlashCap”. John was known for always working on his next big idea. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he found a way to keep love going, performing “curbside weddings” at the wedding chapel he founded in Atlanta.

He had a vibrant personality and loved to make people laugh. He was recognized and respected everywhere he went. “Your smile is your calling card,” he’d say, and he knew how to command a room. John never just lived life—he captured it. And though he may no longer be behind the camera, the beautiful moments he created will live on forever.

John is survived by his wife of 33 years, Catherine Howard; his children: Barbara Gibson, Alisha Ezell, Richard Howard, and Tracy Howard; his grandchildren: Destiny Walker, Amos Harris Jr., Nevaeh Howard, and Michael Ezell; his great-grandchildren: Landon Walker, Mikayla Ezell, Mikari Ezell, Mikai Ezell, and the late Kingston Wormington-Harris; his siblings: Lorraine Preston (Henry Preston), James Howard Jr. (Tammie Jones), Carl Perry (Lisa Perry), and Flavia “Ann” Perry, and the late Robert Howard; his aunt Ida Warren; his uncles: Arthur “Otis” Gibson and Lloyd Gibson; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who adored him.

Cemetery Details

Melwood Cemetery

5170 E Ponce de Leon Ave
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Family & Friends Gathering

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Reception

APR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wynbrooke Club House
389 Wynbrook Pkwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30087

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Burial

APR 12 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ ANGELA K. BLANGOR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Howard



ANGELA K. BLANGOR - April 10, 2025 at 04:14 PM

FH

“ Felisa H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Johnny Howard.

Felisa H. - April 10, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny Howard.



April 10, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Johnny Howard.

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“ *Dekalb County Special Education Nurses purchased the Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White for the family of Mr. Johnny Howard.*



Dekalb County Special Education Nurses - April 10, 2025 at 09:41 AM

YH

“ *Yolanda H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Johnny Howard.*

Yolanda H. - April 09, 2025 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Thinking of you and your family and wishing you'll moments of peace and comfort as you remember your husband/father/Son/Brother/Friend. Sending you healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.
Blessings,
Ursula*

Ursula - April 07, 2025 at 05:45 PM