



Howard Lee Miller

June 22, 1967 - February 21, 2026

Howard Lee Miller, age 58, of Lewis County, passed away on February 21, 2026.

Born on June 22, 1967, in Columbia, Tennessee, Howard was the son of the late Donald Lee Miller and Cynthia Miller Kilpatrick, who survives.

Howard was truly the life of the party. A naturally sociable person, he never met a stranger and had a gift for making others feel welcome. While residing at Maplewood Health Care Center, the staff and residents often said that Howard could brighten any room simply by walking into it. So beloved was he that he proudly wore a custom-made badge that read, “Maplewood Health Care Center Official Ambassador” — a title that fit him perfectly.

His mother fondly remembered his mischievous spirit. Howard delighted in sneaking up behind her just to give her a playful scare, followed by his unmistakable grin and laughter. That playful heart stayed with him throughout his life.

Howard had a deep love for animals. As a child, he once found a struggling puppy near a creek and begged his mother to let him keep it. With tender care, they nursed the puppy by feeding it with a dropper, and the dog grew to become Howard’s constant companion and best friend. Many in the community shared stories of driving past the cemetery and seeing Howard lying across his brother’s grave, with his faithful dog stretched out across his back — a quiet image of loyalty, love, and remembrance that few will ever forget.

He was a 1984 graduate of Lewis County High School and had a lifelong love for music. He especially enjoyed listening to KISS and Fleetwood Mac, often singing along and sharing his enthusiasm with those around him.

Above all, Howard was known for his kind and gentle heart. He had a way of making people feel seen, valued, and included. His presence brought warmth, laughter, and light to many lives.

He is survived by his loving mother, Cynthia Miller Kilpatrick (Tom); his sister, Teresa (Richard Hinson) Calvert; his nieces, Tonya (David) Lindley and Nicole (Robert) Posey; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews, all of whom will cherish his memory.

Visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, February 28, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald. Funeral services will immediately follow, beginning at 2:00 PM with Bill McDonald officiating.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

Hohenwald, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

Salem Cemetery
Hohenwald, TN

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Miller



Michael Bates - March 09 at 09:48 AM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Howard Miller



Ronald Gammons - March 08 at 06:47 PM

KH

“ Kolette Herbison lit a candle in memory of Howard Miller



Kolette Herbison - March 02 at 10:56 AM

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Kolette Herbison - February 27 at 01:39 AM

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“ 🙏's for all the family. God Bless each one.



Tommy & Brenda Ferguson - February 24 at 05:04 PM