



## Howard Hayes Schleich

February 8, 1942 - February 4, 2025

Our loving and caring husband and father, Howard H. Schleich 82, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2025

He was born in Canton, Illinois to William and Alice Schleich. Howard's family relocated to Tallahassee in 1956 and after graduating from Leon High School in 1960, he went on to earn his degree in Police Administration from Florida State University in 1963 and became a member of Pi Kappa Phi while at Florida State in 1962. He began his law enforcement career as a patrolman with the Florida State University Police Department and in 1967 was appointed by the Governor to serve as a Constable in Sarasota County, Florida. He went on to serve as a uniformed patrolman with the Sarasota Police Department.

Upon returning to Tallahassee in 1968 Howard joined the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). Howard served in multiple capacities from Special Agent assigned to the Strategic Intelligence Bureau where he investigated organized and multi-jurisdictional crimes to procure criminal intelligence information throughout the state of Florida. Training Specialist where he developed and directed the Economic Crimes Investigation Training Program. He served a two year term as Special Assistant to the Director of Administrative Intelligence providing coordination and evaluation of technologies designed to support intelligence systems. He served as the Florida Intelligence Liaison to the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on

Investigations to assist with efforts to ensure Public Safety during the 1972 national political conventions in Miami Beach. Howard also served as the Bureau Chief of the Uniform Crime Reports and Statistics Bureau. In this role he was responsible for overseeing the maintenance and enhancement of Florida's Uniform Crime Data coordinating with over 400 local and state law enforcement agencies. In this role Howard developed an Incident Reporting and Records Management System and served in state and national advisory roles on UCR development, auditing and evaluation.

In 1980 Howard joined the Leon County Sheriff's Department where he served as Bureau Commander of the personnel, Training and Records Bureau, the Judicial Services Bureau and the Corrections Bureau. Howard led the Corrections Bureau for nearly 6 years and was in charge of the largest command in the Sheriff's Office both in budget and manpower. He was primarily responsible for the design of temporary housing to alleviate overcrowding of the facility and this housing eventually upgraded to a permanent segment of the facility.

While in command of the Corrections Bureau Howard implemented several innovative inmate programs which had a positive impact on the management and control of the detention facility. He was a member of the American Jail Association, the Florida Jail Association and was elected as Vice President of that Association when it was formed. Howard served on several committees established by the Florida Sheriffs Association involving county detention facilities. He was appointed by Florida State Senator Bob Crawford as a representative of the Florida Jail Directors to review the State of Florida's legislative efforts in reducing prison overcrowding.

In 1958 at 16 years of age Howard earned his Barber's license which he kept active throughout his life. In his retirement from Law Enforcement Howard worked as a Barber at Stylish Shears Barber Shop for over 20 years. He enjoyed being at the shop everyday with all of his clients that he called friends.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, William and Alice Schleich. He is survived by his wife Catherine Hunter Schleich, his two children, Allyson Schleich Krause (Matt), and Jeffery Schleich and his granddaughter, Tavianna Schleich.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Road, Tallahassee, Florida on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2:00pm.

Family and friends are invited to join the family following the service for light refreshments and sharing of memories at the fellowship hall at the church.

Todd Wahlquist of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church  
2015 Fleischmann Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

*A reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.*

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I am sorry to hear just 2 days ago of Howard's passing. I don't know how I missed this, as I usually keep up on the local news.

*I first met Howard when he and I started working together at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He and I sometimes traveled together on business. I will never forget the time in the 1970s when Howard and I flew to Boston in the winter and it snowed. Being Florida boys meant we had a lot to learn about driving in the snow! Sometimes we felt like fools, but we did complete our business without an accident.*

*Howard and I later took other jobs in Tallahassee but we always kept in touch. We worked together at the same private company for many years, too.*

*After Howard retired from his other jobs he started being a barber again, as he had done when he was in college.*

*I then went to his shop at Stylish Shears to get my haircuts and we kept up on our lives. It was nice to hear all the talk around that barber shop.*

*About 2 years ago my wife Jeannette and I moved into a Tallahassee senior retirement facility - Allegro. I gave up driving around that time and was unable to drive to Howard's barbershop, which was about ten miles away. Howard called me and said he would bring his barber gear and come to Allegro to cut my hair. That was so very kind of him, but I took the easy way out and started getting my haircuts in the barbershop/hair salon in Allegro.*

*Last Saturday I saw one of my sons and he told me about Howard's passing.*

*Howard and I were always close friends, and I am sorry to hear of his passing from this life.*

*Sincerely, Bruce Buckley*

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**Bruce Buckley** - March 26, 2025 at 08:36 PM

MK

“ *I just recently found out about Howard passing away. What a loss! Howard cut my hair for about 15 years. As a member of the Army Reserve, I used to come by to get my haircut prior to drill weekends. He made sure I looked my best! It was pleasure to chat with him and enjoyed the bond we developed over the years . I recall sending him a postcard from Afghanistan when I was deployed there and he got a kick out of it. Unfortunately, when my baldness didn't make sense for haircuts anymore, I lost contact with him. Last year, I reestablished that relationship when I started taking my grandson to Stylish Shears for haircuts. I am so glad I was able to get a picture of him and Scott with my grandson on our first visit. I will miss him!*



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**Michael Klump** - March 11, 2025 at 01:17 PM

NR

“ *Howard, and Howard's dad, were my grandfathers barber, my father's barber, my barber, and he gave my son his first haircut. Howard was my friend and someone that I always looked forward to seeing. We shared some hilarious moments in his barber chair that will live on in stories at stylish shears forever. Scott knows what I'm talking about! You will be missed my friend.*

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**Nathan Roberts** - February 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM

JG

“ Knew Howard when he was with FDLE. Worked cases with him. He was a fine agent and family man. Great sense of humor. John Guemple.

john Guemple - February 21, 2025 at 12:48 PM

WL

“ My condolences Allyson on the loss of your dad.

Winfred Langley - February 21, 2025 at 08:24 AM



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

February 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Howard Hayes Schleich.



February 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM

TM

“ The MacNamara-Taylor's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Hayes Schleich.

The MacNamara-Taylor's - February 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

TM

“ *The MacNamara-Taylor's purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Howard Hayes Schleich.*



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**The MacNamara-Taylor's** - February 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

CF

“ *The Faircloth family enjoyed three generations of men in Howard's barber chair. He was a kind and gentle giant to our three young men and I will always carry a small light in my heart for him.*  
*Nancy Faircloth*

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**Chuck and Nancy Faircloth** - February 18, 2025 at 11:15 AM

BS

“ *Sending the deepest condolences to my cousin Cay and the Schleich family on the passing of Howard. Fond memories of the few times spent together (especially at the “Bradford Blues Club” in 2018 – our 50th anniversary trip). Bob & Donna Stanek, Virginia Beach, VA (pic included)*



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**Bob Stanek** - February 15, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Hayes Schleich.*



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February 13, 2025 at 01:23 PM



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

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February 13, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Hayes Schleich.*



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February 13, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Jim, Michelle, Taylor & Jackson Smith purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Howard Hayes Schleich.*



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**Jim, Michelle, Taylor & Jackson Smith** - February 13, 2025 at 07:53 AM

JS

“ Jim, Michelle, Taylor & Jackson Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Hayes Schleich.

Jim, Michelle, Taylor & Jackson Smith - February 13, 2025 at 07:53 AM

RF

“ I worked with Howard both at FDLE and LCSD. I considered him as one of my very best friends. It is with great sorrow that I learned of his death.  
Roger Fields

Roger Fields - February 08, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JS

“ Allyson, my prayers are with you and your family in the passing of your dad. Losing a parent is really hard , but we know this life is only temporary for us all. 🙏❤️🙏  
Love , June Stivers.❤️

june stivers - February 08, 2025 at 08:55 AM



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

February 07, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard Hayes Schleich.



February 07, 2025 at 10:51 PM