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**H**oward R. Crawford .

age 81, of Pleasant Hills. Son of the late Roy and Bernice (Schick) Crawford; brother of the late Larry Crawford; beloved husband of 56 years to Jacqueline H. Crawford; loving and caring father to Michael (Renee) Crawford; cherished and proud Pop-Pop to Emma and Gavin; also survived by many friends, nieces, and nephews, and will be greatly missed by his dog, Macy.

Howard graduated from Lock Haven University in 1959, and was an active member of the Thomas Jefferson School District. He was a Social Studies teacher at the Thomas Jefferson High School from 1959-2000, Athletic Director at Thomas Jefferson High School from 1985-2000, Head Coach of Thomas Jefferson High School's Wrestling team from 1970-1985, a 2015 WPIAL Hall of Fame Inductee, and a WPIAL Wrestling Steering Committee member for 34 years spanning 1975-2019.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 21, 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, 15236. A Funeral Service will take place Friday, Feb. 22, 11 AM, at the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Jefferson Memorial Park. Condolences may be left at [www.jeffersonmemorial.biz](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.biz).



## Tribute Wall

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BR

**Bruce Reber** posted:

My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends. May you find some comfort in the promise found in Revelation 21: 3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 4:14. Knowing that there is an opportunity to be reunited with loved ones.

February 22 at 12:07 PM

AR

**Arthur** posted:

My condolences to the Family at this sad time. But know that he is safe in Gods memory awaiting for the time when Jehovah God will instruct Jesus Christ to fulfill the words of that he had spoken in John 5:28,29 about a time when he will resurrect ones like him back to life again. Amd then after he is brought back, he will rhen be able to live the real life, an endless life, that Jehovah God has promised us in the Bible book of Psalm 37:29 which says: T he righteous will possess the earth and they will live forever on it. So may these words bring some real comfort in the future when all pf you will be able to wrap your arms around him in Jehoah Gods new world. So go to JW.org to find out what other promises about the future.

February 22 at 10:29 AM

EK

**Edward And Beatrice Kuchta** posted:

Howie and Jackie have been our neighbors since 1983 when we purchased the house next to theirs. Howie was always friendly guy and always willing to do whatever he could to help others. He seemed to be a man of many interests and many talents. I have never seen him lose his temper, talk out of turn, or misbehave in all the years we have known him. What a great guy. God will have good company. Enjoy Heaven, Howie. You will be missed in the neighborhood. Our sincere sympathies go out to his wife Jackie, to Michael and Renee, and to PopPop's favorite two grandchildren. With love and in Christian love, Ed and Bea Kuchta.

February 20 at 10:12 AM



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RM

**Randall S Meadows** posted:

Coach Crawford took over the TJ wrestling team in its second year of existence. It was November of 1965. He guided us through our first true varsity season against upgraded competition, and we had our first sectional finalists that year. Coaching is truly a labor of love, and it had to be. We had injuries that sent us to wait at the North Hills hospital, guys that misbehaved, buses that got hung up at 10pm on hairpin turns in Elizabeth township, and near brawls when the ref called a slam against Denny Peterson's opponent and we won the match against Beth Center. Coach Crawford was upbeat through everything, and got after us when we deserved it. And he was truly happy for us whenever we had success. The team got better every year. It's a testament to his character and love for his students and the sport that he continued to work in and around it his entire life. He took time to come to the services for my father and mother several years ago, and I really appreciated it, and enjoyed talking to him immensely. My condolences to Jackie and Michael Randy Meadows TJ wrestler '67

February 19 at 5:11 PM

DM

**Deacon Richard Moser** posted:

Howard Crawford was my mentor in so many ways. He was also the best man at our wedding. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace good and faithful friend. Deacon Richard Moser

February 19 at 4:55 PM

BL

**Bill Lewis** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Crawford family and friends. I had the pleasure to serve with Mr. Crawford on the WPIAL Steering Committee and have the utmost respect for his commitment to the Thomas Jefferson School District and the wrestling community. He was always a gentleman who represented WPIAL wrestling with dignity and integrity. He will be greatly missed! With much respect and sympathy, Bill Lewis

February 19 at 11:58 AM

DM

**Donna Baxter McCallum** posted:

My Sincere Sympathy to Mike, Renee and kids, and Jackie. Howard was a very nice man and I'm sure he'll be missed by many! Love to you all! Donna McCallum

February 19 at 10:44 AM



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