



## Howard K Page

July 9, 1926 - November 5, 2018

Howard K. Page

Howard Kelsey Page age 92, of Eden Prairie, formerly of Dassel, died Monday, November 5, 2018, at the Brookdale Senior Living in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel with the pastor Darren Olson officiating. The interment will be held at the Dassel Community Cemetery following the service.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, November 14th, at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel. A one-hour visitation will be held prior to the service on Thursday at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel.

Howard Kelsey Page, the son of Sidney and Helen (Kelsey) Page, was born on July 9, 1926, in Duluth, Minnesota. He grew up in southwest Minneapolis until age 16 when the family moved to Rhode Island where he graduated from East Providence high school in June of 1944.

Howard enlisted in the United States Army in September of 1944 and served in Europe with the 347th Infantry Division through the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged in June of 1946.

Following his military service, Howard attended Brown University on the GI bill in Providence, Rhode Island where he graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Economics in 1950. He worked for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit Michigan before moving back to Edina Minnesota in 1954. In 1959 Howard moved to Lake Minnetonka. In 1972 he moved his family and business to Dassel, where he lived until the mid-1980's when he moved to Wayzata. More recently Howard spent his winters in Tucson, Arizona and eventually made the move permanent until 2015, when he returned to Minnesota.

Howard was a true entrepreneur with a passion for business. He founded Crest Electronics now known as Crest Healthcare. He also founded and operated real estate development company Greenwood Enterprises in Dassel, moving and building many homes and buildings in Dassel. In 1986 Howard moved the Cokato depot to Dassel and created the Old Depot Railroad Museum.

Howard was a Paul Harris Fellow with both the Cokato-Dassel and Oro Valley, Arizona Rotary clubs. He was a member of Toastmasters in Litchfield, the Dassel History Center and a Masonic Lodge member. He was also a member of the Dassel Development Corporation and the Dassel Commercial Club.

Howard always had a positive attitude and loved working, collecting railroad memorabilia, and walking the golf course in Tucson, Arizona. He loved Dassel and was always working to bring business and other opportunities to town. He had a philanthropic spirit and donated to many causes. He was a mentor to many of the people he worked with and was delighted to see others succeed. He was a family man and took great pride in his family and their accomplishments.

He is survived by his daughters, Kathy (Jeffrey) Baumgartner of Bemidji /

Placida, Florida, Julie (Bryan) Comstock of Eden Prairie, Beth (Dan) Balmer of Bemidji, eight grandchildren, April Ordóñez Baumgartner, William Baumgartner, Max Page, Buc Page, Louie Page, Steven Balmer, David Balmer and Jack Balmer, six great grandchildren, Ariana, Brooklyn, Lucia, Otto, William, and Valentina.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kelsey, his parents, and his wives, June (Whelan) Page, Nancy (Reynolds-Fox) Page, and Kathy (Scanlon) Page, two sisters, Jane Bevier, and Ruth Page.

# Cemetery Details

## Dassel Community Cemetery

23526-23574 County Rd 4,  
Dassel, MN 55325

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home  
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street  
Dassel, MN 55325  
(320) 275-3381  
[jfhdassel@spectrum.net](mailto:jfhdassel@spectrum.net)

## Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
251 Lake St.  
Dassel, MN 55325  
[office@dasselcov.com](mailto:office@dasselcov.com)  
<http://www.dasselcovenant.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ I had the opportunity to meet Howard on many occasions when I worked at Crest Healthcare Supply. He would often pop in when he was in the area to say hi to everyone, share memories, and tell us about various projects he was helping with and his family. It was really fun to listen to him share the history of the business, and his love of the Dassel community. A fascinating and caring guy who worked hard to leave everything just a little better than he found it! My deepest sympathies to his family, blessed be his memory.

Danielle Vander Ploeg - December 11, 2018 at 10:23 AM

ML

“ I first met Howard when we chartered the Toastmasters Club in Litchfield in early 80's and teamed up with him in D/C Rotary! A great guy! Sorry for your loss

Mike Boyle, Litchfield - November 12, 2018 at 03:31 PM

TJ

“ The BeVier girls JoAnna, Lyn, Conny, and Janell purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Howard K Page.



The BeVier girls JoAnna, Lyn, Conny, and Janell - November 09, 2018 at 05:20 PM

MF

“ Mike and Gayle Christensen & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard K Page.



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**Mike and Gayle Christensen & Family** - November 08, 2018 at 11:04 PM

MP

“ Max, Buc, Louie and Barb Page purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Howard K Page.



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**Max, Buc, Louie and Barb Page** - November 08, 2018 at 07:19 PM

DS

“ Howard gave me my first job at Crest Electronics. He always had a smile on his face and was positive and encouraging. He was a great guy to work for and a great guy all around. He did a lot for his employees and the town of Dassel as a whole. He will be missed.

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**DeeAnn Swanson-Gritti** - November 08, 2018 at 06:03 PM

BA

“ In 1993, when I was assaulted on the bike path, after I came home from the Emergency Room, Howard came over to see how I was. He was visually shaken that this horrible event happened. I will never forget that he came over to comfort and sit with me. Barb Page, daughter-in-law.

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**Barb** - November 08, 2018 at 06:03 PM

MR

“ *To the Page Family-  
I started working at Crest in 1981 fresh out of high school. Howard always had a smile on his face and treated his employees fairly and honestly. After the big fire almost 36 year ago to this date, he was working to get employees back to work within days after the building was destroyed. Howard went out of his way to help me grow and teach me the "Crest" way. Even after he sold the company we would pop in to check on me every once in a while when he was back in town. I always looked up to Howard for what he did for his employees and the town of Dassel. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family. To this day I still work for the company he helped to start-hats off to you Howard!! Rest in Peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Mitch Rawlins*

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**Mitch Rawlins** - November 07, 2018 at 12:54 PM

JL

“ *Jeff & Kathy (Entire Page Family)*

*Sorry for your loss. Will keep your family in our thoughts.*

*Jerome Lindquist*

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**Jerome Lindquist** - November 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM

MC

*Our hearts go out to the Page family and our special niece by marriage, Julie Page Comstock.  
Rollie comstock and jane cooper*

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**mj cooper** - November 08, 2018 at 12:15 PM