

*Howard Doerle*

**Nov. 24, 1930 - Dec. 19, 2025**

Howard Doerle, 95, born in Terra Haute, IN to the late Pearl and Harry Doerle. Having lived in Ohio for 40 plus years, life brought him to Morganton, NC with his wife, Maggie. Although for 25 years, he was a Nazarene Minister, his real passion was helping people work through their pain in therapy. In Morganton, he found his niche at The Life Enrichment Center where he eventually became the Director. In 1998, Howard and his wife, Maggie ventured out to open their own counseling practice, Carpe Diem. For 20 years, until retirement at 88 years of age, he and Maggie labored and loved helping those seeking to find their way. Howard loved Morganton, he loved his clients, he loved his Kiwanis friends as well as all his friends and family.

Howard leaves behind his wife, Maggie of 44 years; four adult children, Melodie, Kim, Kevin, Matt; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces; all whom he loved with his whole heart.

Howard's favorite song was "What A Wonderful World" and he truly believed it was wonderful.

There are no funeral services being planned. Eventually, there will be a gathering of family and friends in his honor to remember him and his remarkable life.

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

Although I never met Howard, I was a friend and fellow alum (Institute of Notre Dame) with his wife Maggie. What a true life of purpose and selfless giving Howard had! He will be missed terribly but I know he touched so many lives.

—Kathleen Barker



We love and miss you! I will miss our conversations on life and the universe and everything, and especially how much fun we had distracting from whatever actual conversation the room was having. You have always been such a good role model and definitely showed me where I get the Doerleness and -isms. Thank you for your constant love and support and for being the best Grandpa!!!

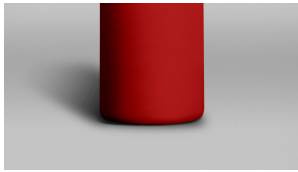
—Sam & Elizabeth

Howard was a dear friend of ours, Carpe Diem me and my husband Harold. Over the years Howard and Maggie would meet us to eat out. Howard would drive Rob to Durham to watch Duke basketball games with him. Howard will be missed as a friend and so many he would council.

—Terri Robinson



To the greatest Christian counselor who helped me to walk through so many storms in my life. God used him as his



instrument to help me to heal from so much trauma I had experienced in my life. Thanks to you and God Howard I too am a counselor now and I could not have done it without you! Love you and I know your with Jesus now.

–Rebecca Smith

We never met Howard, but he was love by his family, and will be missed, His faith was in God, and he will be with him for eternity. Love and Sympathy for the family

–Martie and John Kinemond

What a remarkable man Howard was! I hope that the memory of his love will console and comfort his family and friends. May God welcome you home.

–Kathleen Barker



I am so sorry for your loss to all of his family and friends sending prayers!

–Shannen



Howard, and Maggie ,and I go back many many years of fun, and lots of laughter. Howie was one in a million. I loved him for his witty self. Howard will be missed by many. Thank you Howard for being a Special part of my life.

–Debbie Rhoney