



George Packey Howatt Jr.

July 6, 1942 - July 10, 2018

Of St. Paul, MN Passed away unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on July 10th 2018. He was in the company of his wife Cynthia and granddaughter Khloe. Packey was born July 6th 1942 in Yakima, WA. He was a graduate of The University of Washington and received his Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Packey is preceded in death by George (father); Norma (mother); Karen (sister), and Jean (sister). He is survived by Cynthia (wife); sons, Damon, Derek, and Clayton; daughter, Yvett; daughters-in-law, Kristin and Elizabeth; son-in-law, Kham; and grandchildren, Kayla, Kiersten, Grant, Khloe, Frannie, and Luci. Packey spent much of his time during his formative years in the Cascade Mountains. This instilled in him an awe of the natural world that remained with him his entire life. It was where he also met his first wife, Vivian (Wierman) Howatt. They moved to St. Paul so that Packey could continue his education. There they raised their three boys. He married Cynthia (Nabablit) in 2004, and gained a daughter in Yvett. Packey was an avid wood worker that was kept constantly busy by his children and grandchildren requesting one of his beautiful creations. He was a man of deep love and compassion. He had one simple desire in his life, for the people he loved to be to be happy, nothing more. He will be greatly missed. Memorial Service 11 AM Friday, July 20 (visitation 10-11AM) at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave. W., Roseville MN.

Tribute Wall

CT

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Packey's passing. He was a true pleasure to work with at Optum. I will always remember his kind and jovial nature. My condolences and prayers to the family.

Chris Toussaint - July 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Packey was maybe one of the most wise people I have ever known, and I deeply appreciate how giving he has been to everyone around him. He was a joy to work with, a close personal friend, a great role model, and someone that lived life making others happy. A great listener, he once said, first, I'm going to tell you what I will tell you, then I will tell you, then I will tell you what I told you - every day he would share wisdom like that with us. I will miss you dearly great friend!

Aaron Wacker - July 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ It is very sad news, a day before he was having a daily call with all of us, Packey was a very technical person & very humble. We will miss your voice in our daily call. I pray to God to take care of his family.

Anup Kumar - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Packey was a wise man and a good friend. He was very accepting of people regardless of where they came from and who they were. It is sad to lose such a kind soul because our world could use more people like Packey. Rest in Peace my friend!

Afshan - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You were my husband's best work friend. Thank you Packey for the many lunches that you shared with him. The stories about both of us that you know. The couple of times that I talked with you. Your deep insights.

Tricia Figura - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Packey was my colleague and friend. We have worked together for few years now. Packey and I will have conversations every day when he will be having his lung at work. He was always smiling and sharing great advice. He used to love sharing details about his next woodwork assignment that he was doing for his grand daughter(s). He and I used to have conversations on multiple topics - work, places, woodwork and general advice that he would give to me. He was a great person and a great friend. I still see him sitting at a table that he normally always sat to have his lunch. He will be surely missed by many of us here at work.

Charu Chadha - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Packey and I had a close working relationship. He and I have sitting opposite to each other for last 4 years. During these years, the way Packey represented himself is summarized accurately in his Obituary. He only desired people he loved to be happy and nothing more. He will sure sorely be missed. One can count on their fingers if Packey was not in the office by 07:30 AM CST. Until he leaves for the day, he used to focus on his tasks with dedication and with technical excellence. He provided guidance to many, including myself on several occasions. He also was a very practical man and never treated people any different, regardless of color or religion or region. All were same to him and all were treated with compassion, dignity and respect. Packey, my dear friend, we all will miss you dearly, but, we will be happy to note that you are in Lord's company and may your great soul cast the light on all of us. Please rest in peace. You worked relentless for 50 years; it is time for you to stop working and start taking rest.*

Sreenivas Malladi - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Packey. I worked with him on several projects when he worked on Careone M&V and knew I could depend on his for answers and suggestions. He was one of the most genuine and talented people that I worked with. I know this is a great loss to his family and community and he will be deeply missed. Ann*

Ann Hurder - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ It indeed came as a shock after we met the day before in the office, but I am sure you are now in a much better place. Just want to say I truly enjoy our deep conversations on philosophy and software development, and I have also learned much from your sharing of the beer making process and of the Washington state landscape. Rest in peace, and see you later, Packey.

Danh Lam - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ A nicer man would be hard to find. Meeting Packey when I joined United Healthcare as a consultant in 2014 made that move out of retirement one of my best decisions.

Mike Burkey - July 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM