



## D. Howard Doster

March 20, 1933 - February 13, 2020

DOSTER, D. Howard, age 86, of Waynesville, OH, formerly of W. Lafayette, IN, died February 13, 2020 at his home. Howard lived life to the fullest – What fun!

Howard was passionate about helping Land Grant Universities pursue their original mission to provide public domain research for all and encouraged farmers to contribute financially to help. He was actively working to start a new 4-H Farm Management project to teach 4-H kids and their parents better farm practices. Howard passionately opposed multi-national companies picking site-specific recipes for farmers because of the severe consequences for farmers' independence and for our environment. Helping family farmers was his passion, specifically helping family-owned farmers to maximize yield and profit.

He earned three degrees from The Ohio State University in Agriculture Economics. While at OSU, he played baritone in the marching band and became a proud member of the TBDBITL alumni band. He attended every OSU band alumni game for over 50 years. After 35 years teaching and Extension farm management work, he retired as Professor Emeritus from Purdue University in 2001. Professionally, he helped start and led the Purdue Top Farmer Workshop where he taught thousands of farmers best practices and that "past costs don't count." He developed the Surprise Moment Management farming accounting system to help farmers make timely, effective farm management decisions.

Howard glorified God with his life. He started and ended his life as a member of Jonah's Run Baptist Church, Harveysburg, Ohio, and was a member of The Federated Church in West Lafayette, Indiana. He was a member of the Waynesville (Harveysburg) Masonic Lodge #163. He was active in genealogical research and in many historical societies including the Harveysburg Community Black School Historical Society, and the Wilmington, Clinton County, and Waynesville Historical Societies. Howard loved family and the annual gathering of cousins at the Collett-McKay Picnic. Each year he contributed an article to the Wilmington News-Journal to share stories about who came the farthest for Picnic, the oldest, and the youngest. We will gather for the 155th year in August 2020.

Family-oriented, passionate, impactful, and unpretentious, Howard made friends wherever he went. For 19-years, Doster's Dan-D Acres pick-your-own strawberry patch was the foundation for entrepreneurial training for his four kids and the inspiration for the entrepreneurship textbook he wrote. Howard was a Navy veteran. Back in his Navy and OSU days, he played baseball, including being recruited by the Kansas City Royals. As he grew older, softball became his sport of choice where he played on a National Senior League Championship team. He played competitively nearly 150 games a year until age 83. In West Lafayette, Howard passionately coached several softball teams, including the Purdue women's team. He's remembered for his energetic cheering at his kids and grandkids sporting events.

A friend wrote that Howard could take a complex problem and make it simple. Then he would teach how to analyze it and make it better. If he had written this column it would be shorter!

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Esther Underwood Doster. He is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Barbara; two sons, David (Cindi) Doster and Daniel (Melody) Doster; two daughters, Susan Doster (Rick Mertens) and Anne (Travis) Glaze; eight grandchildren Ashlee (Dan) Wainright, Drew (Francie) Doster, Adam Doster (Fiancée Amanda Schweigart), Bill (Emily) Doster, Jim (Catherine) Doster, Elizabeth (Graham) Bargeron, Nathaniel Glaze, and Eric Glaze; three great grandchildren Quentin, Wesley, and Eloise; two brothers Robert (Mary Lou) Doster and John (Carol) Doster; one sister Jane Strecker; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends 5:00-7:00 PM Monday, February 17 at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville. An additional visitation will be held 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Tuesday, February 18 at the Jonah's Run Baptist Church (near Harveysburg), 9614 W. St. Rt. 73, Wilmington, OH 45177. A graveside service will be held 12:30 PM Tuesday, February 18 at Miami Cemetery in Corwin. A Celebration of Life service will then be held 2:30 PM Tuesday, February 18 at Jonah's Run Baptist Church, followed by an ice cream social with pie. Pastor Roger Hilburt will officiate the services. Condolences at [www.stubbsconner.com](http://www.stubbsconner.com). For Memorial contribution information and to share stories about Howard, go to:

[www.theFunisintheRun.com](http://www.theFunisintheRun.com)

# Events

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**FEB 17** **The Family Will Receive Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Stubbs - Conner Funeral Home

185 North Main Street, Waynesville, OH, US, 45068

**FEB 18** **The Family Will Receive Friends** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Jonah's Run Baptist Church

9614 State Route 73 West, Wilmington, OH, US

**FEB 18** **Graveside Service** 12:30PM

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Miami Cemetery

6379 Corwin Ave, Waynesville, OH, US, 45068

**FEB 18** **Celebration of Life Service** 02:30PM

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Jonah's Run Baptist Church

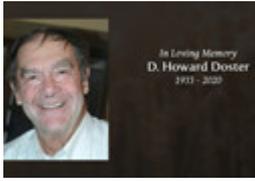
9614 State Route 73 West, Wilmington, OH, US

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home** - February 17 at 03:52 PM

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“ I knew Mr. Doster through the Waynesville Historical Society. He was such an interesting person to talk to. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. So sorry I missed the service.

**Betty Staggs Shaw.** - February 19 at 09:37 AM

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“ I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Howard on a few stories for Farm Journal. He was a giant in his profession, a joy to be around and a shining example of how to live one's life.

Darrell Smith

**Darrell Smith** - February 18 at 08:33 PM

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“ My husband and I send our deepest condolences to the Doster family.

I am saddened that I never got to meet Howard personally, but it was through him that I became involved in my own family history. I am distantly related from my Oglesbee side of the family (my great grandfather lived in nearby Lumberton) which married into the McKay side long ago. I got to meet his beautiful wife Barbara and daughter Susan a few years ago at their historic home while searching our roots.

I grew up in Dayton and now live in Arizona and would someday love to come to the annual picnic. I wish I could have met Howard. He seemed an amazing family man and such a large part of his community. I am proud to have a small part of his DNA in my blood.

Kay (Oglesbee-Kester) Opper and Gary Opper  
Mesa, AZ

Kay Opper - February 18 at 12:33 PM

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“ Howard's passion for agriculture, innovative spirit, servant leadership and his zest for life have improved the lives of many folks, including mine. Howard's legacy will live on for generations to come. Prayers and hugs to Barbara and family. -- Charlene Finck, Farm Journal

Charlene Finck - February 18 at 12:30 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 18 at 12:23 PM

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“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 18 at 08:26 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Doster Family. What a life well lived! You have such wonderful memories. My Mother Carolyn Edwards Wengler is a cousin - Her mother was Lila Inwood Edwards.  
Kathy Wengler Thacker

Kathy Wengler Thacker - February 17 at 02:06 PM

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“ Your BSF Admin Team purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of D. Howard Doster.



Your BSF Admin Team - February 17 at 01:42 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 17 at 11:55 AM

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“ wow did not know all these facts about howard, great that he was so involved in farming , so little effort for the small farms today, he was always smiling even during his illness, only knew him on the ball field, played with & against him, he had a full life doing some very meaningful tasks, did not know about the baseball , but he did mention something about playing & I thought it was ohio state. dick pavlak, a senior teammate

richard pavlak - February 17 at 11:04 AM



“ Howard was my cousin and I didn't know all of this! Very interesting life!

Scott - February 17 at 04:49 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 17 at 10:53 AM



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“ OSU ATZFarmHouse Alumni Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of D. Howard Doster.



OSU ATZFarmHouse Alumni Association - February 17 at 10:45 AM

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“ Dear Barbara & Children,  
With special thoughts, memories at Federated Church & prayers.

John & Barbara Amos - February 17 at 10:43 AM

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“ Dear Anne and Family,

Your dad sure was a special guy! I feel so fortunate to have met him and your mother as they returned from a trip and stopped by the Mason Campus to check in with you. Though you were not there that day, I had the fortune to meet them and visit for a few minutes. They were so excited about the warm welcome they had received from your mother's former students, that they -- especially your father -- could hardly contain themselves! It was an endearing and special moment.

Surely, your father will be sorely missed -- such a vivacious and learned man. His contributions to the world long outlive him, and my brief moment in his shining light will last forever in my memory.

My best to you and your family during this difficult time of loss,

--Madeline Iseli

Madeline J Iseli - February 17 at 10:28 AM

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“ From: Your friends at ProChain Solutions purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of D. Howard Doster.



From: Your friends at ProChain Solutions - February 17 at 09:50 AM

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“ What a wonderful man ! Just met Howard and Mrs. Doster (as I always referred to her that way while in school at Purdue....Class of '86) during October, 2018 and he cast such an impression on me as someone who took so much care of his wife. Very rare indeed !  
Full of life and a great sense of humor. Please accept my deepest condolences and strength to Mrs. Doster to be able to bear this loss

May his soul rest in peace !

Bharat Aggarwal  
Mumbai, INDIA

Bharat Aggarwal - February 17 at 03:43 AM

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“ Susan and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I will remember you all in my prayers.

Judy (Treece) Klimek

Judy Provo-Klimek - February 16 at 10:54 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 16 at 06:58 PM

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“ The Brown Family from North Carolina purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of D. Howard Doster.





“ I am so sorry to hear this news. He was a good man and I have many fond memories of him and his work with the Top Farmer Workshop. He will be missed

**Scott Mitchell** - February 16 at 04:05 PM

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“ Howard Doster left a legacy that few others can pass on to family and friends. He was so proud of his family and their many worthy accomplishments, he was very dedicated to his profession and its value to mankind and he exuded his love of FUN in life. His pride for his partner in life, whom he referred to as B, was sincere and overwhelming.  
We will all miss Howard so very very much.  
Jon and Marj Hazelton

**Jon and Marj Hazelton** - February 16 at 03:09 PM

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“ Mary Nelson lit a candle in memory of D. Howard Doster



**Mary Nelson** - February 16 at 03:06 PM

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“ Howard is a friend, yesterday , today and forever. We played on a number of softball teams together. He was always upbeat, cheering us on, coaching at first or third base, taking his place in the field or batting line-up. After his sickness, he wanted to play, but could not. So he asked me if he could coach. In one game we were in the last of the seventh and losing by seven runs. Howard was coaching first base and cheering each batter. We got hit after hit and Howard was sending them from first to second, one after another, or telling men to "Take two!" we scored seven runs and then went one more for the win! Howard then wrote a report on "The Greatest Game I Never Played in." He read his story at the Softball Christmas Party in 2017. Robert Obach

**Robert Obach** - February 16 at 02:01 PM



“ Barbara, so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayer.

**Paul Baldrige** - February 16 at 11:03 AM

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“ WHAT FUN!! My memories of playing softball with and against Howard will never be forgotten. He was the 80 year old Pete Rose on any team. He was someone that loved to win and loved the game. I was fortunate to have been able to communicate with Howard until his ultimate reward.....WHAT FUN!!!! Your teammate, Ken Cline

**Ken Cline** - February 16 at 10:51 AM

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“ Dear Dave, Cindi, and the whole Doster family,

I am so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to get to know Howard in our old softball games. He was the only player who was as intense as me! It was really cool when he would come and have a beer with us after a game. Susan and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Randy and Susan Gerhart

**Randy Gerhart** - February 16 at 10:02 AM

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“ Love to you in your loss, Barbara.  
Betty Stoddart

**Betty Stoddart** - February 16 at 09:19 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Barbara Doster Deppner** - February 16 at 12:43 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 15 at 07:25 PM

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“ ENJOYED playing with and against Howard for many years Cuny Zink Senior Leagues

Quite a neat and Great guy We will miss him and Barbara

**Donald E Burgess** - February 15 at 05:51 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 15 at 05:37 PM

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“ Dr. Doster and I crossed paths on two fronts, and he just recently sent me a message! I am sorry I did not see him at the Fish Fry to give him a hug. He had a great zest for life and much kindness. I am glad I got to know him a little bit over the past 15 years.

Kay Kiehlbauch Nannet, Crawfordsville, IN

**Kay Nannet** - February 15 at 04:02 PM



“ Hugs and prayers to you Barbara and family! Hard to say goodbye to our loved ones. Enjoy and treasure your special memories! Bev Babcock Bartz

**Beverly Bartz** - February 16 at 11:02 PM

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“ Dr. Larry H. Hageman purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of D. Howard Doster.



Dr. Larry H. Hageman - February 15 at 01:45 PM

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“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of D. Howard Doster.



February 15 at 10:19 AM