



## Mr. Howard L. Chesbro

March 16, 1938 - June 13, 2019

CLarksbury, MA - Howard L. Chesbro, 81, passed away on the evening of Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Baystate Medical Center Springfield after a brief illness. Howard was born on March 16, 1938 in Clarksburg and was a lifelong resident of that town where he served as a town constable for several years. He was a longtime member of the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Company where he last served as Fire Chief before retiring from service. He was owner of H. L. Chesbro Company Millwrights Machinery Riggers for over 25 years where he was joined by his son Brian until Howard's retirement.

Howard was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was extremely proud of his three grandchildren. Howard was an avid supporter of his granddaughters who played softball for both Hoosac Valley Hurricanes and Herkimer College Generals and his grandson who is a PFC in the Marine Corps Reserves and a member of the Stamford, VT Volunteer Fire Department. He and his wife were also breeders for many years of Bichon Frise and were members of both the Bichon Frise Club of America and the Bichon Frise Club of Southern New England where he served on several committees and also was a current member of the Board of Directors. He especially enjoyed motorhome travel to dog shows all over the country where he successfully handled many of his own dogs to their championship.

Howard is survived by his wife of 55 years, Karen (Anderson), his daughter

Lisa K. Puppolo and her husband Gary and their two daughters, Kali and Madi of Adams, and son Brian H. Chesbro and his wife Denise and their son Benjamin of Clarksburg. He also leaves his brother Carlyle C. Chesbro, and sister Lois Horton. He was predeceased by his parents Harry A. and Isabelle (Savage)Chesbro, his brother Harry P. Chesbro, and his sister Marie Sherman Hibbard.

In accordance with Howard's wishes there will be no calling hours and services will be private at the convenience of the family. Donations are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the BFCA Charitable Trust (BichonRescue.org) or through the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, MA 01220, which is in charge of arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, please go online e to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I loved seeing Howard. Every month I would stop by with my bichon Taylor at the Chesbro's home in Clarksburg so that Karen could groom Taylor (She is the best imaginable at this demanding skill). Howard would meet me and take Taylor from the back seat of my car. He loved Taylor - a champion show dog - bred, raised and shown by the Chesbros. Howard had this "tough guy" attitude, but he was a sweetie on the inside. He had a fantastic sense of humor and was always positive and upbeat. I looked forward to seeing him as much as I loved the beautiful grooming Taylor received, due to Karen's great skill and artistry at this demanding physical and artistic task. Howard was also an skilled sculptural installer for Mass MoCA; several years ago he hung two massive Chinese phoenix sculptures in the museum's immense, football-sized main gallery.

A wonderful, funny, caring, loving person, Howard possessed a strong and powerful personality and character. In his expression, he was ever-youthful and also physically powerful, despite his bantam-weight size, routinely walking five miles a day. He will be missed, but his memory and enthusiasm for life, and specifically for his amazing bichon frise dogs, will live on.

Much love to Karen at this time...

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**Steve Dankner** - June 18, 2019 at 08:27 AM

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“ Dear Karen and family  
I was so saddened to read of Howard's passing. I always enjoyed our little visits when I would run into him at Walmart or the Big Y. Please accept my sincere condolences. He was a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him.

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**Nancy Banas** - June 17, 2019 at 06:29 AM