



## Howard J. Lebsock

August 23, 1951 - January 1, 2010

Howard J. Lebsock, 58, of Fort Collins passed away on January 1, 2010 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born in Brush, Colorado on August 23, 1951 to Clarence and Mary Fulton Lebsock.

He was raised in the Fort Morgan area and graduated from Fort Morgan High School. He attended Colorado State University to study business, and then began his lifetime work in the electrical trade with Hamlin Electric Company in Fort Morgan. On April 27, 1974 he married Lynell Naill. They made their home in Fort Collins where Howard worked as an electrician and they raised three sons.

Howard loved sports his entire life. His skills as a player helped him teach his sons, and many others, pure enjoyment in the game of baseball. Howard helped coach several high-level competitive youth teams and many young men have benefited from his fair, consistent, encouraging approach to the game and determination to make it fun.

Howard took great pleasure in gathering family and friends to celebrate the simple and the grand things of life together. He was a tease, whose laughter was contagious and whose friendship was pure.

He is survived by wife, Lynell of Fort Collins; sons, Jeff and Brandon of Fort Collins and Garrett and wife, Kelly, of Sacramento, California; brothers, Victor of Raleigh, North Carolina, Glen of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Lester of Casper, Wyoming, Barry of Ft. Morgan, Colorado; and sister, Cheryl of Overland Park, Kansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Barbara; and brother, John. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 900 E. Prospect. Pastor Dale Williams will officiate at the service. Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church of Fort Collins, or Poudre Valley Foundation, Patient Navigator Program in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

FR

“ *Lynell and family, As my sister and brothers have stated the memories we have with the Lebsocks are very endearing and the smile that Howard always had is something you never forget. I know this is a difficult time for you right now, but with God's comfort and the great memories you have I know it will get better. I hope you know we are praying and thinking of you at this time. God bless Carole*

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**Fred and Carole Rhoads** - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Lynell, I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't get to keep up on Ft. Morgan much, and hadn't heard Howard was ill. I'll keep you and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Dale*

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**Dale Buxman** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Our prayers go out to you at this difficult time. Howard was a strong & admirable man. We will always remember his wonderful smile & hearty laugh - he was a joy to be around & was truly an inspiration to others with his positive attitude toward life. Our sympathy & love to you all.*

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**Rick, Nancy & Bry Carlson** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ I will miss Howard. My brother remembers lifting the chickens to find a prized egg. I remember getting in trouble for chasing them...I guess I may have had a little of the same ornery that Howard had. When I think back on those times I can still feel the warmth and love that emanated to me from everyone in that family. I pray that though we be away from you in this time, that you all feel the warmth and love that is emanating from us toward you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. 1 Corinthians 15:53-55 says this is a time of victory for him. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting?” We celebrate with you in Howard's victory.

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**Mark and Cindy Underhill** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ I as well as my siblings share the most fondest memories of summers at the Lebsock home in Ft. Morgan Colorado. My mother vacationed there for summers as a child and she shared this experience with all of her own children as she faithfully took us to see the Lebsocks as often as possible.I cherish the warmth and the love we were invited to be a part of at each visit and I as well remember Howard's orneriness,humor and the enormous smile which filled a room. He brought laughter and joy and this for me is what he will be remembered for. I love you and am thinking of you prayerfully today. Love, Christine L. Underhill

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**Christine L. Underhill** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Lynell and family, I was sadden to hear of your loss of your husband. You were such an encouragement to me when our lives crossed at MOPS at First Baptist. It is my prayer that you may you sense God's loving arms and faithfulness as your journey through this time of loss. Love, Terry

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**Terry Nelson** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was a classmate of Howards in high school, Ft. Morgan, Colo. We recently celebrated our 40th high school re-union, Class of 1969 It was there that I learned about Howards illness. We all said a special prayer for him. If you knew anybody with the name Lebsock, you knew they were baseball players. And, they were good. Howard, I will always remember you, not only as a fellow classmate, but an individual who shared with me a great sense of humor. My sympathy to the entire Lebock family, relatives, and friends. Mark Schneider

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**Mark Schneider** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are saddened we could not be there with you. The Lebsock family has always been very special to us. I remember the year Howard was born. My brother, sister, and I were spending our summer as usual with our favorite aunt and uncle's family, and while we were there Howard was born. He always had that warm, mischievous smile on his face. My children have fond memories of visits made with this special family, also. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lynell, Jeff, Brandon, Garrett and Kelly and to all the rest of the family. Howard will be greatly missed, but he has left a lot of fond memories. Marguerite

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**Marguerite and Craig Underhill** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We have been and will continue praying for all your family. We are sorry we couldn't be there. Our love Larry and Sue Howell

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**Larry and Sue Howell** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ In youth, my siblings and I had the chance during summer to stay with the Lebsocks. Memories fade over time, but county fairs, running along the levee, the bleating sheep, and lifting chickens to find a prized egg all blend into the happiest of memories. And what boy would not be thrilled at the sight of all those big trucks! At my age, the Lebsock home seemed like heaven. Then there was the large family, sharing their house as if it was our own. And somehow, in my memories, we easily fit! Even with all of us and all of them, Howard's constant smile, easy sense of friendship, good-natured teasing and sense of humor bring him easily to the front of recollections of those happy summers. We spread out across the land don't we, and how many good laughs and good times do we miss out on just because of the distance we live apart? In this time of sadness and hope, miles may separate us, but prayers, strength, and happy memories bring us together. Craig, Belinda, Kyle & Rebecca

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**Craig Underhill** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Throughout the years whenever I'd meet Howard, he'd greet me with the warmest of smiles. His sense of humor would soon poke through our conversations with a laugh that was all his own; uniquely Howard's. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. Jimmie Lebsock

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**Jimmie Lebsock** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Lynell, Jeff, Brandon, Kim, Garrett & Kelly - our prayers are with you at this time. Howard fought a very brave battle and I hope it brings you some peace that he is no longer in pain. I know that in time the good memories will fill the emptiness of your loss. Until then, the love of your family and friends will see you through. With Love - Lori

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**Lori L. Selby** - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Here's to ya Howie, we know you will make them lol up there too. We will miss you and your humor. Lynell and the boys, we wish to send our deepest wishes for your comfort and peace.

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**Crystal & Jim Rowatt** - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Lynell, Jeff, Brandon, Garrett & Kelly our most and warmest thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this time of life. We know it is hard at this time but Howards strong well, strength, desire, smile, happiness he had for each of you will help you thru each day to come. Howard is in Gods hands now and is smiling apond each one of you. We Love you all Dave & Bobbi

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**Dave & Bobbi Lebsock** - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Once we had a chance meeting with Howard at a Rockies game at Coors Field. We got to chatting, and I could tell by the tone of his voice and the stars in his eyes that he truly loved baseball. Even now, these many years later, that's what I remember, the joy of the game that he shared with us that day. Howard was one of the good guys and I know he'll be missed. Our prayers go with you in your time of grief. Patsy Lebsock

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**Patsy Lebsock** - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM