In Memory of
Dr. Lon Howard
2/25/48—10/27/12

Littleton Regional Healthcare family mourns the untimely loss of colleague and friend, Dr. Lon Howard. Known to hundreds of patients, hospital visitors and staff for his outgoing personality and thoughtful demeanor, Dr. Howard’s presence will be missed by all. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family. May his genuine compassion for all be a lasting memory.

— The Littleton Regional Healthcare Family

When I returned to the area to set up my practice in 2000, Lon was quick to call me into his office and offer to act as a sounding board if I had any questions with regard to the practice of medicine or business. Over the years, he continued to act as a mentor and became a close friend from whom I could only expect an honest answer and with whom I could have an honest debate. He will be missed.

— Deane Rankin, MD

Dr. Howard has always taken the time to stop and thank each and every volunteer he passes no matter how busy he is. He will truly be missed by my volunteer team and by me.

— Charon Sundman

“Not only respectful of his patients, but also of the entire nursing staff; always wanted input from the nurses and listened to them, treating them as professionals”

— Grace Bigelow, RN

It was an honor and a privilege to work with Dr. Howard. The LRH family and the community it serves has suffered a huge loss. His memory will live on forever at LRH.

— Jody Brusseau

I worked with Dr. Howard primarily in his role as a leader on the Medical Staff. I knew him to be fair, kind, caring and compassionate—but mostly— I knew him as a true gentleman.

— Julie Hatley

I joined Littleton Hospital’s Rehab Department in 1988. I remember the excitement of the arrival of “the new orthopedist”. We could never have predicted the impact Dr. Howard would have. It has been a privilege to work with Dr. Howard and to have assisted him in caring for so many of his patients.

— Bonnie Ellis, PT

Rest peacefully, Dr. Howard. You are cleared for takeoff...

— Faith White

Lon Howard has been a leader for the medical community. I have had the opportunity to serve on many hospital committees with Lon and I have always found him to be level-headed and caring for the patient’s concerns and the medical staff concerns. In difficult situations he was always able to guide the committee in the right direction.

— Nil Mukerjee, MD

Dr. Howard: Since starting at LRH you made me feel so welcome and comfortable, always easy to talk with. I will always remember you telling us the story of why you no longer wore ties. Your departure will be felt in our area for many years to come, we miss you!

— Scarlett Denman

Dr. Howard was a kind, caring, generous man. When my husband broke his pelvis (on a Sunday) I called him at home. He didn’t hesitate for a second, telling me “I’ll meet you at the hospital”. He will be sorely missed.

— Robin Hallquist, MD

Lon embodied the spirit and teamwork which makes LRH a special place to care for patients. His memory will live on among those dedicated to fostering a positive attitude in order to provide quality care for patients in the North Country.

— Richard Caesar, Urology Associates

Lon and Kim, along with Emil and Elaine Pollack were the first people we met exactly 16 years ago when we moved to this area. In all encounters since, Lon made a point of reaching out warmly to our family. We will never forget his “Field of Dreams” speech he gave at the old hospital Annual Dinner as Head of the Medical Staff. It was full of hope and commitment to medicine and to this community.

— Howard and Amy Mitz

Dr. Howard, a man with a kind heart and gentle soul. Rest in peace my friend, rest in peace...

— Kim Thayer

Lon was instrumental in my coming to LRH and my life, both professionally and more importantly, personally, has been richer for having known and worked with him. I will miss, but never forget, him.

— Dr. Andrew Forrest

Dr. Howard had a great capacity for love—his faith, family, LRH family, patients, profession and community. He was a doctor who truly cared for AND about his patients. He had a great sense of humor, and I will miss him telling ALL his post-op patients on awakening: “You had a healthy set of twins!”

— Cindy Mitchell & family

I particularly appreciated that Lon served the hospital community in various roles through the years—Trustee, President of the Medical Staff, Co-Chair of Surgical Services.

— John P. Sauter, MD

Dr. Howard was much more than a boss. He was a mentor, an advocate, a protector, always being generous with himself and his time. He was above all a great friend.

No words can describe what we have lost. He treated the whole patient inside and out including the family. The patient came first, always.

He was truly loved and will be forever missed. We were a tight-knit family. His memory will live on forever in our hearts.

— The Littleton Orthopaedics Family: Lori, Bonnie, Sarah, Elaine, Lynn, Mary, Melissa, Sallie, Sonya, Kariann, Bill

Dr. Howard has treated and cared deeply about three generations of our family: George’s mother, Ruth Brodeur, Georgia, and he saved the life of our grandson, Alex Garneau. Lon, Kim and family will be forever remembered in our prayers. God Bless and keep you all.

— George and Georgia Brodeur

Words cannot describe the impact that Dr. Lon Howard has had on the health and well-being of the patients at Littleton Regional Healthcare over the many years of his practice. His presence in the North Country impacted the patients and community in ways that cannot be measured.

— Melody Gianes, RN

Dr. Howard was such a kind man. He never missed an opportunity to thank me for the work I do at the hospital.

— Anne Conner

The last time I saw Dr. Howard he was very sick and fighting for his life. In all of his pain and struggle he asked me how my grandson was because he knew how important my grandson is to me. In a word, “incredible”...

— Sonya Morse, RN

Lon and I were colleagues for almost 30 years. He was an inspiring leader of our medical community with his dedication to his patients, to our greater community and especially to his family. He was always a kind and warm presence. I will miss him dearly.

— Dr. Charlie Wolcott

He was a kind, gentle man with a warm smile. We will miss you Dr. Howard.

— Gay Clark

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