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Howard Jerome Hoess, 75, of Falmouth, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood, Kentucky. Born in Campbell County, Kentucky on December 17, 1934, he was the son of the late Howard Albert and Adeline Marion Hoess. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Jean Hamilton Hoess on October 11, 1994 and his nephew, John Howard Keeler on November 8, 2006. Howard was the current owner and operator of Howard's

Place, a Western-themed restaurant with historic photographs and memorabilia from Pendleton, Campbell, and Harrison counties, which opened in 2005, following a fire which destroyed the Falmouth Dairy Queen, a Falmouth landmark since 1952, which had been owned by Howard since 1989 and restored after the flood of March 1, 1997. In an article published in the former "Kentucky Post" announcing the opening of Howard's Place, he said, "I love food. I love people. I always try to leave a good memory in someone's mind, a good impression. Everyone who comes in here is my friend." Howard was known to many as a true, community-minded humanitarian. On July, 16, 2003, in a public celebration, a highway marker was unveiled naming a portion of U.S. 27, "Howard J. Hoess Highway." On that day, Senator Katie Stine presented Howard with a joint resolution passed in both the House and Senate and signed by Governor Paul Patton on March 18, 2003, which honored Howard's outstanding service to the community..."Whereas Howard Hoess, a native of Bellevue, Kentucky, has become a fixture in the civic and community life of Pendleton County: and Whereas, he has operated a Dairy Queen restaurant in Falmouth for over 20 years; and Whereas, in that time, he has been a tireless supported of youth and school activities, giving time and donations to the 4-H club, local schools and high school athletic teams, and youth sports teams; and Whereas, he also donated time and effort to support the American Legion, and the local Chamber of Commerce; and Whereas he is the loving husband of the former Patty Ammerman, and proud father of two sons, Tony and Jeff, a stepson, Dean, and a stepdaughter, Angie; and Whereas, Howard Hoess should be recognized and honored for a life well lived in support of his community."

He was a U.S. Army veteran. Formerly, he opened and operated the "Creamy Whip" in Bellevue, Kentucky and he worked as a kitchen installer with Sears & Robuck Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Howard and Jean Hamilton Hoess formerly

operated the Loafing Shed, hosting country music barn dances, next to their home on Kentucky Highway 159 in the 1970's. He worked as a kitchen manager at the former Robertson's Restaurant in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, and he was a manager at Truck Stop 338 in Richwood, Kentucky.

Howard was also a Kentucky Colonel, a member of the Falmouth Lions Club, an Honorary State Trooper, and a lifetime member of the Pendleton County Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Patty Sharp Ammerman Hoess, his sons: Tony Hoess of Falmouth, Kentucky and Jeffrey (Ray) Hoess-Brooks of Chicopee, Massachusetts; his stepson, Dean Ammerman and his stepdaughter, Angie Mullins, both of Falmouth, Kentucky; 8 grandchildren: Caitlin (Rich) Balzano of Jay, New York, Ryan Hoess and Olivia Hoess, both of Chicopee, Massachusetts, Christy (Dodd) Hance of Erlanger, Kentucky, Lindsay (Billy) Wehage of Independence, Kentucky, April (Jamie) Meadows, Barry (Monica) Ammerman, and Cassandra Ammerman, all of Falmouth, Kentucky; 4 great granddaughters: Marley Ann Wehage, Alyssia Meadows, Emma Ammerman, and Elizabeth Ammerman; two great grandsons, Blake Meadows and Chase Meadows, and one sister, Juanita "Nita" Keeler of Falmouth, Kentucky.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 AM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Home  
310 W. Shelby St.  
Falmouth, KY

## Funeral

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Sincere condolences to the family. Howard will be missed very much. His smiling face will forever be etched in our minds.

Martha Kelly Lynn - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family. You were truly a blessing to the community! God Bless!

Falmouth Chiropractic Center - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ God Bless and watch over you all

Kim Thornberry - January 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Howard was such a warm, kind and wonderful person. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. We will always remember his bright smile at the Dairy Queen and at Howard's Place. My children always ask to stop by for some icecream when we are visiting in Falmouth. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Brian and Emily Hoffman - January 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Our hearts are heavy for your loss and the loss to all of Pendleton County. Howard was a wonderful man of whom we all have fabulous memories...from Howard's, Dairy Queen and the good ol' Loafing Shed. We'll continue to pray and ask God to comfort you through this difficult time.

Billy and Lisa Arnold - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of need.*

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**Jeffery & Laura Brinkman** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Our prayers go out to all those that loved him. I personally am a better person for knowing him. We will miss him tremendously.*

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**Scott, Jennifer and Samantha May** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OG

“ *Our prayers & thoughts are with the family. Howard will be missed by everyone he touched.  
We will always remember his smile & laugh:)*

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**O.T.& Sally Gillespie** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Howard will not only be missed by his family, but by everyone who had met him. He was just one of those naturally "good" individuals that, unfortunately, there just isn't many of these days.*

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**Glen & Sandy Craddock** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I'm sorry to read of Howard's passing. In 1966 my first job. I had the privilege of having Howard as one of my bosses at Robertson's being a green horn Howard taught me a lot and I've carried this knowledge down through the years. I ended up being in food service for 35 years. Howard was strict on doing the job right, but also had a sense of humor and a way about him you never forgot. In 1989 my husband and I was in Falmouth just out for a drive and decided to get a sandwich, yes you guessed it. A girl took our order I went to the restroom when I brought the key back a man come to get it. I thought Howard and about that time he said I know you but can't place the name with that odd laugh of his. We exchanged old memories. My husband passed away. Then in 2002 I had met the man I'm married to now he's not from this state and I took him to Kincaid Lake. While we were in Falmouth I said we have to see Howard. We stopped at the restaurant and was greeted like family he showed us around his new place, his pictures and mementoes he had collected. We must of spent almost an hour there. The world has lost a great man, but the knowledge and free giving of this man that he passed to others over the years will remain forever. The family will be in my thoughts and prayer. A Greatful Friend Janet Mahnken

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**Janet ( Alexander) Mahnken** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult loss. Howard was a wonderful man and my daughters Megan and Morgan Sydnor will miss him.

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**Arlene Sydnor** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM