

Howard F. Curry



As a young man, born and raised on the east side of Akron, Ohio, Howard Curry never thought that God would take him to the levels that he has attained. God blessed him with parents who instilled in him the drive for excellence insisting that no setbacks would deter him but, to let life's lessons be his steppingstones towards success. They made sure that Christian principles were very important in his life.

His mother took him to a neighborhood church, the Robert Street Church of GOD and there he was taught about Jesus, and he observed adults who modeled Christian attitudes and behaviors.

Howard's education included attending Akron Public Schools and graduation from Akron East High School. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronic Technology Engineering. from the University of Akron. After 45 years as an Electronic Specialist, Howard retired from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and Omnova Solutions.

Being an athlete from his youth, Howard took his love of sports to becoming an official in basketball, football and volleyball. He officiated football beginning with the Pee-Wee level to the National Football League. His professional officiating career includes over 250 Division I football games in the Big East, ACC and Big Ten. Howard's career was highlighted with 2Army/Navy Games, 15 Bowl Games and 2 NFL Games. He was honored to be inducted in 2014 into the Summit County Sports Officiating Hall of Fame.

Giving back to his community and the church, Howard has served as a:

- Trustee Emeritus of Greenleaf Family Services
- Presiding Judge for Summit County Board of Elections
- Teacher of the ACOG Seasoned Adult Sunday School Class
- Volunteer math tutor for middle school students
- Volunteer Tax Preparer for low income and senior citizens
- Current Member of the ACOG Diaconate Board for over 40 years
- Chairperson for the ACOG Visitation Team
- Chaplain of the Eta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.

Howard has been married to the love of his life, Johnnette, for over 53 years. Together they raised three children Howard, Lesley-Anne and Alexis and the family also includes three grandchildren William, Carter and Faith

Howard will tell anyone that he has been truly blessed and wants to be remembered as living the Christian Walk in such a manner, that God will one day say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."
(Matthew 25:21)