

Howard M. Seymour

Born Johnson City, Broome County, NY

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Howard Michael Seymour lived with his parents on the family dairy farm outside the town of Apalachin, NY until 1945 when his father bought a hardware store in town where the family lived in an apartment over the store. He attended elementary school in Apalachin, graduating as salutatorian in 1955. After school and during the summer, he helped in the store. In 1956 he started high school at Owego Free Academy in Owego, NY, from which he graduated in 1959. He then attended the University of Maryland in College Park, MD, majoring in electrical engineering, and living with his brother Donald and family in Rockville, MD. In 1961, he returned to Apalachin and went to work at the Texaco bulk plant in Willow Point, NY. In 1961 he entered Broome Community College, majoring in electrical technology. He graduated in 1963 with an AAS degree in Electrical Engineering.

In the summer of 1963, he went to work for Defense Electronics in Rockville, MD, and in 1964, he married Emily St. John. The couple then moved to Gaithersburg, MD and Emily went to work for United Airlines at Dulles International Airport outside Washington, DC. In June, 1965, Howard went to work for IBM Federal Systems Division in Owego, NY, and they lived in a 2nd floor apartment in the house owned by his brother, Richard, in Apalachin.

On April 6, 1967, their first child, Eric David, was born. In 1970, they bought a house in Newark Valley, NY, and on Aug. 25, 1971, their 2nd child, Kristin Louise, was born. In 1968, Howard started night classes at Elmira College and graduated in 1973 with a B.S. degree in Systems Analysis and Applications. He continued to work at IBM (Owego) where he was promoted several times, eventually attaining the position of Advisory Systems Analyst in Test Engineering. In 1994, Loral Corp. purchased the IBM Federal Systems Division, and Howard retired from IBM after 30 years of service, but continued his work as an employee of Loral Corp. A few years later, Loral Corp. sold the division to Lockheed-Martin Corp., but Howard continued at the same job until he decided to retire early and did so in September, 1999 at age 58.

Outside of his work, Howard has had many interests through the years, including classic automobiles and their repair and restoration, and a number of collections including antique furniture, old postcards, stamps, coins, models, books, rocks and minerals, tools, marbles, pottery, and antique automobile memorabilia. He enjoys deer hunting, visiting and photographing covered bridges and barns, traveling, auto shows and flea markets. He is also interested in the Seymour family history and has contributed much to the collection of genealogical information.