

Paul “Dewey” Howard

September 19, 1931 to December 18, 2023



In December of 2023 the family of horseshoe pitchers from Michigan and around the world lost one of its longest pitching members. Paul “Dewey” Howard passed away on December 18, 2023. Dewey as we knew him will be remembered as one of the nicest guys you would ever want to meet. He was a member of the NHPA, MHPA and WSHPA for 50 years. In his earlier years he pitched in Class A most of the time. He had a real knack for getting ringers. A real fun competitor.

He served in many capacities over the years including Secretary and Statistician of the WSHPA. He was a member of the Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club and served as its treasurer. He was also the chairperson of the MHPA Hall of Fame Committee for many years. He was inducted into the MHPA Hall of fame in 1986.

Dewey got a chance to pitch in his last NHPA World Tournament in Lansing this past July. He didn't know if he could pitch the entire 15 games over three days but he said he would try. And try he did. He made it through 15 games but as exhausted as he was, he pitched his best as he always did.