



Bruce Eugene Bowers Sr.

October 28, 1934 - August 13, 2022

Bruce Eugene Bowers, Sr. passed away in his Front Royal, Virginia home, Saturday, August 13, 2022. Bruce was born on October 28, 1934, in Trenton, New Jersey. He was the eldest son of Wallace and Edna (Johnson) Bowers. He was married to the love of his life, Ann Patricia (Pat) O'Brien Bowers for 64 years. In addition to Pat, he leaves behind his five children and their spouses: Kathleen Messier and her husband Aaron, Bruce Jr. and his wife Wilma, Kevin and his wife Rosalyn, Jeffrey and his wife Leili, and Jennifer Lussier and her husband, Frank. He was incredibly loved by his 18 grandchildren: Matthew Messier (Lisa), Annemarie Sines (Daniel), Elizabeth (Marcus) Barber, Kathryn Perry (Chris), John Messier (Michelle), Joseph Messier (Ashley), Veronica Johnson (Andy), Mark Messier, Madalyn Messier, Sade Bowers, Mary Bowers, Patrick Bowers (Chelsea), Bridget Price (Derring), Kelsey Bowers, Shaylin Bowers, Ariana Bowers, Cullin Bowers, and Roya Bowers. His life is also celebrated by his 30 great grandchildren and four brothers: Ed Bowers (MaryAnn), Bob Bowers (Stephanie), Barry Bowers (Carol) and Craig Bowers (Carol)...and his many beloved cousins in New Jersey, Delaware and beyond.

Bruce is remembered as a hard-working man with a strong love of his family, his country, and his Christian faith. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served his country with pride. After the Marines, he was recruited to a national security position working with the Central Intelligence Agency. After retiring from the CIA, Bruce returned to a craft that

he loved, carpentry, and worked with his eldest son, Bruce Jr. providing a steady hand as he started Bowers Design Build. Bruce worked in carpentry until his retirement, moving to the coast of North Carolina where he lived until his recent return to Virginia and a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains that he loved. Bruce always found fellowship in the choral groups at the United Methodist Churches where he lived and extended his faith by volunteering in his community. Bruce always loved staying busy whether it was working in his pristine yard or helping his family and friends. While his physical presence will be missed, his family is comforted by the fact that he is now at peace and most likely, picking up a hammer and staying busy.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Bruce E. Bowers, Sr. Memorial Fund at St. Jude's Hospital for Children. The link to donate is:

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=7615896&pg=personal&fr_id=39300

Celebration of Life will be held at:

Sudley United Methodist Church

5308 Sudley Road

Manassas, VA 20109

Friday, August 19, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Burial to follow the service at the church cemetery.

Reception at the Church Fellowship Hall immediately following the burial.

Cemetery Details

Sudley Methodist Church Cemetery

5308 Sudley Road
Manassas, VA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sudley United Methodist Church
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Manassas, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Eugene Bowers Sr..*



August 17, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Eugene Bowers Sr..*



August 17, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *The J.D. Simmons Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bruce Eugene Bowers Sr..*



The J.D. Simmons Families - August 17, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Eugene Bowers Sr..*



August 16, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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“ Dear Pat and family,
So very sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. I so enjoy the time we met
at Bill Bower's home. We talked of our days from many years ago.
My thoughts and
prayers go out to you and your beautiful family. Love, Nancy
Strassheim

Nancy Strassheim - August 15, 2022 at 05:02 PM

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“ Dear Pat and the whole, wonderful extended family,

Pat and, by extension, Bruce brought light and life to me in our short
acquaintanceship before the move to the mountains. I was, and still
am, enriched by the laughter that punctuated their love, and the
stories which indicated a deep, true love. Their presence at the
many church-related functions, both individually and as a couple,
was a sign of the universality of God's presence in our lives. Bruce
will be missed! Jean and I send our love and heartfelt condolences
via this message since we no longer travel. May the family be at
peace knowing they have a special saint to whom they can now
pray. Shalom, Fran Salone-Pelletier-Pelletier and Jean Pelletier

Fran Salone-Pelletier - August 15, 2022 at 01:53 PM