



## Richard Velvet Bowden Jr.

March 30, 1959 - May 3, 2020

Richard V. Bowden transitioned to eternal rest on Sunday, May 3, 2020. He was a loving husband, father, and brother. Richard was born on March 30, 1959 in Norfolk VA to Richard and Irene Bowden.

Growing up in Norfolk he received his early education in the public school system. Richard began working at Norfolk Yacht & Country Club as a bus boy. While working here Richard desired to learn to cook; the chef at the country club took him under his wings. To further his career he traveled to New York to attend the New York City Culinary Institute. While there, he became a member of the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

Richard later moved to Northern Virginia and became the Executive Chef at Fairfax Country Club for 35 years. He shared his love for cooking by teaching cooking classes to students at Northern Virginia Community College. After leaving Fairfax County Club he became the Executive Chief at Heatherwood Retirement Assisted Living Community where he worked for 5 years.

Richard loved to ride his motorcycle and enjoyed hobbies such as fishing, working on various house projects, trains, and enjoying his grandchildren. "Chef Pete," as he was affectionately called, was a devoted and loving family man. We will miss him deeply, but God does all things well and we submit our loss to heaven's gain.

Richard leaves to cherish his memory his wife Deborah; son, Bryan (Tia) Bowden; Grandchildren: Bryce, Erykah, and E'Naya of Manassas, VA; brother, Cleydeith (Trina); Sisters: Phyllis, Tracy, Leslie, and Ronette Bowden; brother-laws: Brent, Barry, Billy, Eric, and Lambert. A host of nieces, nephews, all of Norfolk, VA, and other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

# Cemetery Details

## Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 Braddock Road  
Fairfax, VA 22032  
(703) 323-5202  
info@fmpark.com  
<http://www.fmpark.com/>

# Previous Events

## funeral

MAY 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Burial

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *To Chef Pete's family,  
My sincere condolences for your loss. As a fellow culinarian, I've known Chef Pete since 1992 - I was a recent CIA grad, returning to my home in the Virginia suburbs after graduation, and I began participating in the Nation's Capital Chef's Association events. He took me under his wing one day at the old DC Convention Center where he was chairing a Culinary Salon - his kindness was so comforting. Throughout the years, we've spent time together evaluating students at Northern Virginia Community College. My prayers for you and your family at this difficult time. Sincerely,  
Denise Baxter*

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**Denise Baxter** - June 04, 2020 at 02:12 PM

JE

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Jean** - May 18, 2020 at 02:14 PM

MA

“ Dear Chef Pete's family,

*I was sad to hear about the passing of Chef. I had the pleasure of working with him at CCF. Chef Pete was a wonderful person, he always had a smile on his face & could always stop in his office if you needed to talk. He would listen.*

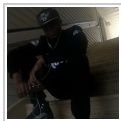
*Chef Pete will be dearly missed.*

*Sending prayers to you & your family at this difficult time. May god bless you.*

*Marcia*

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**Marcia** - May 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM



*Thank you. Uncle Pete was good man. Always visited his family during the holidays and a great role model. We appreciate it.*

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**Rye Bo** - March 21, 2025 at 12:25 PM

DW

“ Chef is one of the best people, I met in my life. He was a good person. He was my mentor and a friend. I miss him so much.



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**Daniel Woldegiorgie** - May 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM

CA

“ Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Richard Velvet Bowden Jr.



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**carolyn** - May 13, 2020 at 12:21 PM

CA

*To Debbie, Brian & family. May God be your comfort thru this difficult time. Peter will truly be missed by so many. Peter was a kind hearted man and very smart man. we didn't see u guys much but the times we were together was always family oriented so much fun. Blessings always love u all,*

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**carolyn** - May 13, 2020 at 12:34 PM

BH

“ To Debbie, Bryan and family,

*Loving friends are one of God's greatest gifts and I am thankful that Pete Bowden, better known to me as " Chef" is counted as one of those gifts in my life. Chef simply loved people and people loved him. I have so many wonderful memories of Chef, but one is of the steady stream of young people whose lives he had impacted in a positive way stopping by the CCF kitchen to visit him and often to thank him.*

*Chef was so proud of his family and loved to talk about them. We all thought he was just going to burst with joy when Bryan came along. So, because it gave him joy, we were happy.*

*I know that my friend is with our Savior and I just know that he's singing in the choir with his wonderful booming voice and smiling face.(I told him once that he should be in a choir) I can only imagine how glorious it is for him.*

*Debbie,Bryan, grandchildren, brothers and sisters my prayer is that the God of all grace will pour out His love and comfort on you in the coming days, weeks and years. Bryan, your dad left you a wonderful legacy.*

*Betty Hollis  
Friend and Sister-in-Christ*

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**Betty Hollis** - May 12, 2020 at 10:39 PM

MC

“ 40 minutes ago  
To Debbie, and family,

*May God's grace, and love continue to bless and keep you.*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believed in Him shall not perish, but have  
everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

*I am so grateful that God placed you, and Pete in my life along this  
journey.*

*Rest peacefully in God's arms Pete.*

*Marvette and Family*

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MC - May 12, 2020 at 09:32 PM

JV

“ Mr. Peter was a kind & respectful man. He was a role model to my son in every way. He was a dedicated & devoted Pop-pop. I remember one day, when Bryce began talking, he was touched that Bryce couldn't say "Grandpa" but instead said "Pop-pop". He said, that's what I used to call my Pop-pop. He even got it sewn on his motorcycle vest. He was always very supportive & proud of Bryce. That's his "best bud" as he would say. His bo-ddy, his tippy-tie (because of the way he would run on his toes as a toddler). I'll always make sure Bryce remembers the good moments he shared with his Pop-pop.

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Jessica Vasquez - May 12, 2020 at 09:04 PM

EW

“Pete was a devoted husband, a devoted father, and a devoted brother not just to his own siblings but to mine as well. Thank you Pete but taking care of my sister for over forty years you are a great man. You will be missed but never forgotten until we meet again my brother rest in heaven



*Eric Walker*

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**Eric Walker** - May 12, 2020 at 05:59 PM

FA

*To the family of the late Chef RICHARD Bowden, he will be missed on this side of heaven, I could never forget my friend and mentor, rest on chef in your eternal home. 🌸🌸🌸*

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**Fran Acquah** - May 12, 2020 at 06:35 PM

LD

*Chef Pete was a friend, brother, and business partner for more 20 year. We had so many conversations about life and family. Not only was Chef Peter a man of god, he loved the lord and most of all his family. I will miss you brother. Rest with angels.*

*Lawrence Davis*

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**Lawrence Davis** - May 12, 2020 at 08:17 PM

TJ

“My brother was the Patriarch of our family. Pete as we called him was a humble, gentle giant. He loved the Lord and his family first. We are going to miss him so very much but he's with our parents, siblings and grandson resting n the arms of our Heavenly Father. Until we meet again big brother! Well Done ❤️ .

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**Tracy Bowden Jones** - May 12, 2020 at 05:32 PM

JS

*So sorry to hear of Chef Pete's passing. I will miss him. So enjoyed his Sunday demonstrations here at Heatherwood. Joan Simpson, Resident*

**Joan Simpson** - May 19, 2020 at 08:41 PM

DW

“ *Pete was an AWESOME Man! Lamont II, Daja and I will miss him dearly, but we know God needed him more. Heaven has received an Angel.*



*Dawn & Daja Walker*

**Dawn Walker** - May 12, 2020 at 04:42 PM

MC

*To Debbie, and family,*

*May God's grace, and love continue to bless and keep you.*

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John 3:16*

*I am so grateful that God placed you, and Pete in my life along this journey.*

*Rest peacefully in God's arms Pete.*

*Marvette and Family*

**MC** - May 12, 2020 at 08:50 PM

SA

“ *Second Irongate Community Association purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard Velvet Bowden Jr..*



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**Second Irongate Community Association** - May 12, 2020 at  
04:25 PM