

~ Obituary ~

Robert Franklin (Bobby) Bowman – Bentonia, MS

Bobby entered into his eternal rest on Wednesday, August 03, 2022. He was born on August 20, 1935 to the late Robert Curtis and Eunice Robertson Bowman in Bentonia, MS; being the eldest of seven children.

Bobby was a graduate of Anding Highschool of Bentonia, completing it in three years, and was voted "most likely to succeed." He was married to Olivia Allen Bowman for 56 years, whom he loved dearly. They had two daughters, Melissa and Holly. Bobby was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, where he was in Officer's Candidate School, and a Typist for his Commanding Officer. He became a Telegraph Operator at age of 18 years old for Illinois Central Railroad, living and working in New Orleans for many years. After retirement, he joined Mid-South Railroad. Bobby was a Genealogist spending many years researching his family's heritage, dating back 5 generations, and writing two books on ancestry. He was an avid Facebook user having hundreds of friends to keep in touch with. He was also a wonderful chef, having attended cooking school. Bobby delighted in sharing his shrimp gumbo, crab cakes, etc. with family and friends. Bobby and Olivia both enjoyed traveling and they once spent two weeks together in Ireland.

He had a generous spirit, almost to a fault and loved helping anyone in need. He and Olivia once provided housing for several people who had lost everything due to Hurricane Katrina. He always enjoyed watching church services from Parkview Church of God.

In addition to his parents, Bobby was preceded in death by his wife, Olivia, and their daughter Melissa (Chuck) Griffin. Sisters and their husbands, Katie (Buddy) Clark of Jackson and Faye (Harry) Garverick of Marion, Ohio. Brother-in-laws, Tommy Alexander of Mendenhall, Robert Churchwell of Madison. Bobby leaves to cherish his memory with his daughter, Holly Barrett and son-in-law David Barrett of Bentonia. Son, Robert V. Bowman. Grandchildren and great grands including Carrie (Brian) White, Briley & Haisley of Yazoo City, Hannah (Dustin) Williams, Mabry & Cohen of Bentonia. Two sisters, Ruby Alexander of Mendenhall and Shirley Churchwell of Madison. Two brothers, Curtis Dale (Della) Bowman of Brandon and Riley (Judy) Bowman of Yazoo City. Numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. He also leaves a very special, dear friend, whom he thought of as a sister, and worked together at Illinois Central Railroad for many years, Ann Wert of Hazelhurst.

Funeral is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th, 2022 at Scott Memorial Funeral Home in Yazoo City. Visitation will begin at 1:30 pm and the Military Service will begin at 2 pm. Interment will be at 3:15 pm located at Central Holmes Cemetery on Dover Road in Bentonia, MS. Officiating the services will be Brother Ken from Parkview Church of God. Pallbearers are Austin Barbour, Stephen Bowman, Jason Churchwell, Preston Churchwell, Allen Swayze, Dustin Williams, and Brian White. Music will be performed by Jennifer Bowman and her daughter, Madison Downs.

Scott Memorial Funeral Home
1401 Broadway ~ Yazoo City, MS 39194 ~ 662.746.0046

In Loving Memory



Mr. Robert Franklin "Bobby" Bowman

August 20, 1935 – August 3, 2022

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 — 2:00 P.M.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

SCOTT MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

1401 EAST BROADWAY — YAZOO CITY, MS 39194

INTERMENT:

CENTRAL HOLMES CEMETERY

DOVER ROAD — BENTONIA, MS 39040