



## Douglas A. Bowman

January 27, 1947 - November 20, 2020

Douglas A. Bowman, 73, of Bluffton, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 20, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also a man of quick-wit and friendliness. Doug never knew a stranger.

Doug was born in Wabash, IN on January 27, 1947. He graduated from Wabash High School before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1965, where he proudly served our country in Vietnam. Doug shared a deep connection and gratitude to anyone who served in the military.

After returning home from Vietnam he began employment at Sterling Casting Corporation, where he worked for 35 years. After the closing of Sterling Casting, Doug joined the Peyton's Northern Distribution Center Team located in Bluffton, IN where he eventually retired.

During retirement, Doug enjoyed gardening, spending time with his wife and family, and spending winters in Lake Placid, Florida. He had a passion for genealogy and ancestry research.

He was a member of Sonlight Wesleyan Church, The Bluffton Genealogy Society, The Wabash Genealogical Society, and The American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton.

Doug is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Barbara Jo Bowman, and his six children: Megan Bowman Alberding (Chris), Decatur, IN; Jennifer Bowman (Twyla Kendrick), Mishawaka, IN; Laurie George White (Kenny), Bluffton, IN; Angie George Welter (Jack), Elkhart, IN; Dana George Holmes (Tony), Wabash, IN; Sam (Luanne) George, Lenexa, KS. Also surviving are his brother, Bryan Bowman of Wabash, IN and sister, Marilyn (Jim) Stokesberry of Kokomo, IN, along with 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren who loved him very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas William and Jean Rita Bowman.

A memorial service will be held at Veterans Park, 725 S. Main St., in Bluffton on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 4 P.M. with Rev. Lyle Breeding and Pastor Dave Dignall officiating. Military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard will take place.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton, IN or The

American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard in Bluffton, IN. and should be sent to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Bowman family at <http://www.thomarich.com>.

# Comments

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“ Barb, Laurie, and the rest of the crew: I am so very sad to hear of Doug’s passing. He is a part of some of my favorite memories as a teenager, and I only knew him with a big smile. You have been - and will continue to be - in my thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace. Lean on one another, but most importantly lean on Him. Much love,  
Delora “Scotty” Hartsock

**Delora Hartsock** - November 27, 2020 at 02:09 PM

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“ Doug was always willing to do anything for everyone. He had a great heart & was the best brothers

**marilyn rittenhouse** - November 27, 2020 at 07:52 AM

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“ Doug and Barb were neighbors of ours in Florida. I looked forward to their arrival every winter. We were full time residents. I enjoyed talking to Doug and Barb. I hope he knew how much he meant to me. I would occasionally take a jar across the street for him to open for me.  
I will miss both Doug and Barb as we no longer live in Florida.  
My condolences to the Bowman family.

**gerry may** - November 26, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Doug passing away. He was one of the good guys. Thinking of all of you!



**Mindy Monticue** - November 26, 2020 at 02:56 PM

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“ Barb and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Doug was such a great guy. It was such fun to see him in church with his outstanding personality. He will be greatly missed.  
Janet Rogers

Janet L Rogers - November 26, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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“ I remember meeting Doug and Barbara at Emma's birthday party. He and Barbara were engaging to talk with. He had the nicest and sincere prayers when we came together as "Family" to celebrate birthdays. He seems too young to be gone. So sorry for your loss.

Becky Ringger - November 25, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ Dear Barb & family, we were very sadden to learn of Doug's passing. We have enjoyed seeing him at Church, along with his smile. Doug was with Pastor Dave Terhune one Thursday evening during soul winning night, 1984. They made a visit to our home. I personally was told about salvation thru Christ for the first time in my life. My husband Doug and I, both gave our lives to the Lord that very night. For years after, on that day, Doug would make an effort to tell us "Happy Birthday". Doug has rewards in Heaven are truly special. We are praying for peace & comfort for the family, and rejoicing with thoughts of Doug with Jesus. Doug & Kim Anderson

Kim Anderson - November 24, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ Bowman Family - May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss. We will miss Doug attending our Wabash County Genealogy Society meetings; he always had a special comment to share about his latest find and a hearty special laugh. In Deepest Sympathy, Wabash County Genealogy Society Members.

Barbara Jean Amiss - November 23, 2020 at 01:14 PM