



Joe Van Bowman

June 1, 1941 - August 9, 2024

On Friday, August 9, 2024 Joe Van Bowman took his final flight from this world surrounded by his loving family. A dedicated first-responder and founding member of the Spring Garden Volunteer Fire Department, he spent his last hours cared for by first-responders who had continued his dream for SGVFD. Our husband, daddy, and Gan took two flights on his final day. If you knew Joe Van, you know he would have been impressed by the emergency response provided for him by Spring Garden Volunteer Fire Department, Piedmont Rescue Squad, and Survival Flight.

His final flight took him home to his Lord and Savior where he was reunited with dear friends and loved ones. When his eyes closed on this earth for the last time, they opened with eternal joy as he was welcomed home.

Joe Van spent 58 years married to the love of his life, Ruth Headrick Bowman. He was the proud daddy to Dinah and Darian. His grandchildren Cassie, Christopher, Draevan, and Riley were Gan's pride and joy as well as his great-granddaughter, Landry Kate McGowan-Hernandez.

Joe Van was a dedicated member of Philadelphia Baptist Church where he had spent many years serving. He could fix just about anything and was always working in some capacity in our church. He loved our church and church family and was always in attendance. Instead of visitation and a

memorial service, Joe Van's final request is that you attend church with your family on Sunday. Sit on the porch and share memories with your family.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Patsy Stone Hill lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman*



Patsy Stone Hill - September 03, 2024 at 06:35 PM

KL

“ *Karen Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman*



Karen Ledbetter - August 11, 2024 at 12:33 PM

TP

“ *I'm gonna miss him on that front porch! He was a dedicated man. God less this famiky*



Tonya Tierce Pike - August 11, 2024 at 01:21 AM

TP

God Bless his dear family- miss him on that porch

Tonya Tierce Pike - August 11, 2024 at 01:24 AM

SH

“ *Sandra Baswell Holmes lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman*



Sandra Baswell Holmes - August 10, 2024 at 07:45 PM

CF

“ *Connie Frost lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman*



Connie Frost - August 10, 2024 at 04:07 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fowler lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman*



Kathy Fowler - August 10, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LM

“ *Joe van as always, thinking of others. What a lovely testament to his life, loved ones going to church, and spending time on the porch. Just like he did at his house. I'm so proud to have had him as a part of our family.*

Lisa Moland - August 10, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RM

“ Renee Morgan lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman



Renee Morgan - August 10, 2024 at 03:37 PM

BJ

“ Becky Studded Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joe Van Bowman



Becky Studded Johnson - August 10, 2024 at 03:23 PM

GT

“ It was saddening to learn of Joe's passing. It was always interesting to talk with him. He was a quiet and friendly man that I appreciated!

May God comfort and encourage his dear wife Ruth and all his family and everyone touched by his homegoing. God bless you all.



Gene Tierce

Gene Tierce - August 10, 2024 at 03:01 PM

HM

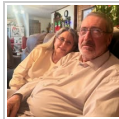
“ Joe has been my friend and neighbor for many years and Im sure I speak for my entire family that you could not ask for any better neighbors, He as well as Ruth and the rest of the family are in our prayers as well as the community as a whole. I will truly miss my friend and feel with confidence that he is resting in The Lords care. Rest in Peace My Friend.

Homer Morris - August 10, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Joe was certainly a mainstay at Philadelphia Baptist Church and a great help to his pastor and all the members. I will forever cherish my 17-year tenure with him and his family.

Gerald Stewart - August 10, 2024 at 12:48 PM



Praying for Ruth and the family. Joe was a wonderful man and faithful to his church. He will be missed.

Rhonda Stewart - August 10, 2024 at 02:02 PM