



Byron Allen "Buddy" Rowan

July 3, 1937 - November 10, 2013

Byron "Buddy" Allen Rowan, 76, of Searcy passed from this life Sunday, November 10, 2013, at his home in the presence of his loving wife, son, and daughter, who are comforted by the beautiful hope he and they share: eternal life in the presence of the Lord. He was born July 3, 1937, in Paris, Texas, to Odessa Johnson and William Holmes Rowan, who preceded him in death. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of forty-nine years, Shirley Williams Rowan; a son, Andrew P. Rowan (Laura) of Little Rock; a daughter, Kimberly S. Atchley (Bret) of Lewisville, Texas; a sister Jane Duncan (Lewis) of Abilene, Texas; three grandchildren in Little Rock: Bennett, Caleb, and Davis Rowan; three grandchildren in Lewisville: James, Rebekah, and Michael Atchley; and many friends.

Buddy served in the Army during the Vietnam War as an auditor in Washington, D.C., and in Alaska. After leaving the military, he was employed also as auditor for the Navy and for NASA. His career path then took him to Parkersburg, West Virginia, to be Bursar for Ohio Valley College. From there he moved to Searcy to become Comptroller for Harding University, where he later became Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, a position he held until he retired.

He was a longtime member of the Downtown Church of Christ, where he served twenty-three years as a beloved elder. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and many friends--and was much loved by them. He was known for his quick wit and infectious laugh. An avid sports fan, he actively

supported his children in their sports activities by coaching them; and he was present for his grandchildren's activities when circumstances permitted.

There will be a private burial at White County Memorial Gardens, Wednesday, November 13, at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at the Downtown Church, Thursday, November 14, at 6 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to Searcy Children's Homes or Harding University.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

BA

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you all in the loss of a great man.

Beverly Austin - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

JD

“ Shirley...we love you dearly and we grieve with you in Buddies loss. We know that the Lord will give you incredible strength right now. Our love to you! Jim and Susie

Jim and Susie DuBose - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

PP

“ Buddy was truly one of a kind. He always had some funny words to say and always, always seemed to enjoy life so much. He was down to earth, friendly and just a wonderful person. I value his friendship and being around such a positive person. He was such a blessing to all of us who knew him.

Paul Pollard - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

DB

“ Praying for your family at this time. We will always remember Buddy for his big smile and sense of humor. Much love- Pat, Donna, Tessa and Taryn Brown

Donna Brown - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

TP

“ I extend my sympathy to Shirley and all the family. Buddy will be missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered as a friendly hard working man who served his LORD well.

Treva Pryor - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

AH

“ I have been so blessed by Mr. Buddy--as a student when he helped me manage my personal finances and set up my student loans; as a newlywed when he and Shirley mentored Greg and I in a newly-married small group; and as a shepherd and mentor at church and through personal happenings over the years. He has blessed me in so many ways, and I will miss his smile, quick wit, and encouragement. I love you all and will keep you in my prayers.

Anissa Harris - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

KC

“ When we moved from Australia to Harding, Buddy was so welcoming and helpful in making the transition easier. He put himself in our shoes and went the extra mile to help us settle in and achieve as smooth a transition as possible. He was always friendly and had a laugh to share.

Keith Cronk - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

TJ

“ Buddy was a good friend and a great worker for Harding University. Please note, Sharon and I are praying for your family.

Tommy Jackson - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

SP

“ What a precious man. He will be missed, but I know we will get to see him again. May God comfort you in a very obvious way.

Sherry Pollard - February 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear. He will be greatly missed.

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