



Raymond Allen Bowen

August 14, 1944 - August 5, 2021

Raymond Bowen, resident of Augusta, Arkansas was called to his Heavenly home on Thursday, August 5, 2021. He was 76 years old.

Raymond was born in Augusta on August 14, 1944 to Chester and Agnes Gipson Bowen Jimerson. He attended his school years in Augusta Schools and returned upon graduation from Arkansas State University to begin his teaching career in the fall of 1966, where he taught mathematics for 38 years. It was a career chosen by accident and one that he thoroughly enjoyed. He had a love of teaching and watching their “little minds grow.” He would want them all to remember, “Cheaters Never Win, and Winners Never Cheat!”

Raymond married Barbara Fitzpatrick on March 24, 1967. They have one daughter, Melissa who resides in Houston, Texas; two grandsons, Michael in Houston, Texas and Matthew in North Las Vegas, Nevada; four great-grandchildren, Ahmad, Maddox, Michael, Jr. and Milli. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Josie Fitzpatrick; sister-in-law, Lottie Bowen; nephews, Bobby Bowen (Joy Lynn) and Larry Bowen (niece, Brenn and nephew, Slade); niece, Olivia Anderson, Kaitlyn and Carly and special Gipson cousins with whom he enjoyed many fun times together.

His brother, Lloyd Bowen pre-deceased him in 2015.

Raymond was a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Augusta for 42 years and taught Sunday School at various times throughout the years. He had a love for his Lord, family and people. His family, former students, faculty and friends have blessed him beyond measure throughout his life; especially “Remembering When” and Augusta Days.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Augusta Memorial Park with Bro. Jason Whitmire, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Raymond’s nephew, Bobby Bowen, will share personal comments.

The family requests all attendees wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Woodruff County.
www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Augusta Memorial Park

Augusta, AR 72006

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Augusta Memorial Park
Augusta, AR 72006

Tribute Wall

AW

“ Where does one start? A man that epitomized the Christian attitude that we all strive for. I have told others, Mr Bowen was a father figure to me and I am sure to countless other young fatherless men that came out of Augusta High School. He showed us how to be good Christians(full of grace-especially for me), good fathers and especially good husbands. Think of all the students he touched and what they have become--teachers, preachers, lawyers, doctors, accountants, business folks, mothers and fathers. What a legacy!! He lives on through us and our children.

Tony Williams, Class of '83

ANTHONY WILLIAMS - August 12, 2021 at 08:11 PM

DR

“ *My sincere condolences to Barbara, Melissa and the Family!*

Mr. Bowen was an awesome math teacher and an inspiration.

I will always remember his warm smile and kind words of wisdom in the classroom and riding on his bus route Fitzhugh to Augusta once upon a time!

I saw him last about 10 years ago while speaking @ August High School.

He was glad to know I had a degree in Civil Engineering, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and was having a great career in engineering and transportation.

To God Be The Glory for the gift of Mr. Bowen's life who touched and inspired myself and many others. He was a shining light!

*Dorothy Woods Rhodes
Augusta High School Class of 1982*

Dorothy Rhodes - August 12, 2021 at 10:15 AM

TF

“ *The Matlock Family purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Raymond Allen Bowen.*



The Matlock Family - August 10, 2021 at 09:28 AM

BH

“ Barbara I am so sorry for your loss. Our camping times together rewarded us with 4 very special friends, the other 2 are Michael and Matthew. Memories are so wonderful. Keep those memories close they will help you tremendously.. You will never stop missing him but you just grow accustomed to his absence. I am as close as the phone. Call me anytime - it doesn't matter the hour. I love you Barbara.. May God help you in your grief

Brenda holloway - August 08, 2021 at 09:10 PM

RL

“ My memory will be that he and Barbara were true Christians, with absolutely no concern about where his soul is. That makes me so happy.
Rosetta Lockhart

Rosetta Lockhart - August 08, 2021 at 01:14 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond Allen Bowen.

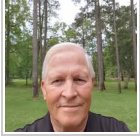


August 08, 2021 at 12:23 AM

LC

“ Raymond and Barbara were more than friends and teacher. They were my second family. He was my best man in my wedding, my computer consultant and all around great person. I know he will be riding his scooter and drinking Mt Dew in heaven. Prayers for Barbara and the family.

Louis Chalfant - August 07, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ *I am so sad because you have lost your life long best friend. Prayers for you and all the family.*

Noel Gregory - August 07, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Mr. Bowen was a great man, teacher, and mentor to me! He made everyone feel worthy regardless of their background. He challenged his students to be the Best! He made Math fun! I will forever miss him but I cherish such great memories. Prayers, peace, and comfort to you Mrs. Barbara and the rest of the family.*

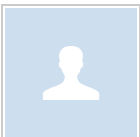
Jennifer Winberry McMullen - August 07, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Sending condolences to the family and to all those whose life he touched.*

Class of 1974

Nancy Anderson - August 07, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Allen Bowen.*



August 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *R.I.P. Our Friend, Such a Fine Man, Co-Worker and Neighbor. Butch worked a UofA Coop Extension Service as Cotton Scout Supervisor with me back in the 70's and 80's in Woodruff County. He and Barbara and Melissa were our Neighbors, Fellow Sunday School Class and Church Members, and really Good Friends, He helped us find the right house to purchase and did so much for his Community. Praying for All.*

Tommy Thompson - August 07, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Mr. Bowen was always one of the most positive and uplifting people in the lives of his students. He always inspired us to want more, to be better. "Cheaters never win and winners never cheat" will forever be etched in our hearts and minds. The stars will shine a little brighter with him up there. #classof91*

Wyndi Mullins - August 07, 2021 at 09:21 AM

CB

“ Carrie Bowling: This wonderful man is the reason I became a teacher!! He drove my bus from elementary til I started high school. He was my favorite and most remembered teacher!! My own daughters have always enjoyed talking to him at our many run ins at Subway. He always made me feel that he respected me as much as I did him. I truly do not remember any bad moments in his classroom. We loved earning those algebucks or advanced math bucks and getting to spend them in candy. He always included us in his lessons, math problems, and teaching. When I got my car my senior year he developed a problem based on the tire and speed and distance that we had to go out to the parking lot to work. I'm so glad I got to be a part of that 38 years cause he brought me just as much joy as he got from teaching. I have and always will use his words in my class: cheaters never win, winners never cheat!!! I will truly miss seeing and talking to him about teaching!!! Very, very special!!!



Carrie Bowling - August 06, 2021 at 10:16 PM

MM

Such a good kind man. Prayers for this family

Maxine Mccue - August 06, 2021 at 10:52 PM

KJ

“ Sending condolences to the family and to all the lives he touched
#Classof 2004

Kashanna Jackson - August 06, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *I will always remember how he and Barbara worked to make our family reunions special. He had a special sense of humor... true to the Gipson bloodline!* ”

linda jackson - August 06, 2021 at 06:36 PM