



Richard Manuel Bowman, Sr.

February 12, 1928 - October 30, 2014

Richard Manuel Bowman, 86, departed this life Thursday, October 30, 2014. Born February 12, 1928, he was the fourth son of the late Joseph Spencer and Carrie Lewis Bowman. He also was predeceased by his brothers John F., Joseph S., Ottoway C. and Charles F. Bowman.

Richard graduated from Ruthville High School June 1945 and served honorably in the United States Army from June 1945 to February 1947. He retired from federal employment at U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA in January 1983.

He joined Little Elam Baptist Church September 1949 and has served as Deacon, Trustee, Treasurer, Moderator, and Adult Sunday School Teacher, as well as a member of the Christian Education and Budget & Finance Ministries. Richard worked tirelessly in the community having served as member and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Charles City County; Golden Heritage Member of Charles City County NAACP; as well as a member of: Charles City County Civic League, American Legion Post #61, Charles City Progressive Lodge #297 Free and Accepted Masons, Ruthville High School Alumni Association and the Charles City Center for Local History Advisory Commission. He also has served as Moderator of the Dover Baptist Association, member of the Board of Trustees, Dover Association and member

of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

His real passion was history and genealogy, which earned him the unofficial title of “Local Historian.” He spent many hours poring over court records and other documents to find the ancestors of anyone who asked him and then shared his personal memories of people and events long forgotten by others. His personal family history was recited to all on a regular basis.

Richard is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marian Wallace Bowman; seven children: Daryl B. Robertson (Melvin), Sandra B. Johnson (Linwood), Richard M. Bowman, Jr. (Sherry), Mildred B. Adkins (Chauncey), Rhonda B. Gardner (Charles), Shirlette B. Squire (Rayfield) and Rowena M. Bowman; eight grandchildren: Michelle Stidwell (Andrew), Dionne Robertson, Damon Johnson (Toni), Morgan Johnson, Candace Bowman, Matthew Robertson, Jordan Bowman and Kari Squire; three great-grandchildren: Alexis Johnson, Andrew Stidwell III, and Mikayla Stidwell; sister: Anna Bernice Bowman; five sisters-in-law: Lutitia W. Jones, Lorene Jones-Bell, Gloria W. Jones, Carol W. Jones and Ruby M. Bowman; brother-in-law, Howard A. Wallace; niece “like a daughter”, Angela C. Bowman, niece Deborah B. Gray; many other devoted nieces and nephews; several cousins, including devoted first cousin B. Wardell Bowman, Sr. and countless friends.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

Cemetery Details

Little Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

8840 Church Lane
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

viewing

NOV 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

NOV 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Elam Baptist Church
8840 Church Lane
Charles City, VA 23030

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Manuel Bowman, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Richard, I know you know your father is now in a perfect place and it's not so much as a "good-bye", but a "see you later". May you and your family find great peace in that knowledge. God blessed you with a special earthly father and you will cling to the memories until you meet again. David and Jule Rook, Allen, Texas*

David and Jule Rook - November 05, 2014 at 09:54 PM



“ *Richard, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. May the peace of the Lord be with you and your family. Bridgette Jackson*

Bridgette Jackson - November 05, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ *Richard,*

We are deeply saddened by the news of the death of your father. Our prayers go out to you and your family. May your dad rest in peace!

Peace and blessings,

*Eric and Wanda Oldham
Sugar Land, Texas*



Wanda Oldham - November 05, 2014 at 10:44 AM

LH

“ *I was saddened to hear of the loss of your Father. May GOD bless you and keep you and your family.*
Lena Hurst

Lena Hurst - November 05, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KS

“ *Richard,*

What a wonderful life your dad has lived! I am very sorry to hear of his passing and my prayers are with you and your family. After reading the obituary, I can see where you get all your wonderful attributes. I know he is very proud of you!!!

With much love,

Kyleen

Kyleen Stennett - November 04, 2014 at 12:13 PM

MP

“ *Special thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.*



Michael Pauley - November 03, 2014 at 08:08 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Candace Bowman - November 03, 2014 at 02:10 PM

GP

“ *Richard:*

I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the love around you help you through the days ahead and may you find peace in the the memories. Garry Polson

Garry Polson - November 03, 2014 at 11:54 AM

AR

“ *To the Bowman Family,
Sorry to hear of the passing of your love one. May the thoughts and prayers of others comfort you in the days ahead. Cherish the sweet memories and know that God will ease your pain. Weeping may endure for the night but joy comes in the morning.*

*Albert Rice
Richmond, Va.*

Albert C. Rice - November 03, 2014 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Albert C. Rice lit a candle in memory of Richard Manuel Bowman, Sr.*



Albert C. Rice - November 03, 2014 at 10:47 AM

PP

“ *Richard:*

I am very sorry for your loss. I pray for peace for you and your family in this time of sorrow my God bless you and keep you in his arms. Peggy Penland

Peggy Penland - November 03, 2014 at 07:39 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - November 02, 2014 at 12:34 PM