



William "Bill" Joseph Bowers

July 2, 1947 - March 2, 2016

William "Bill" Joseph Bowers, 68, of Beech Grove, passed on to a better life with dignity, strength and honor, while battling cancer to the very end. He went home to celebrate with his parents, Bud and Rosemary Bowers, on their 70th wedding anniversary, March 2, 2016. Bill was a 1965 graduate of Beech Grove High School. He was employed with Beech Grove Fire Department for 35 years, retiring as Battalion Chief in 2007. After retiring from the Beech Grove Fire Department he became a Deputy Fire Marshall for IFD. Bill was also a Safety Supervisor for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for over 20 years.

Bill touched and nurtured all whom he met. He dedicated his entire life to firefighting and life safety. For 40 plus years he was a mentor, friend and father figure to many a firefighter. He also loved his family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, college basketball and Daytona Beach every Fourth of July. He was loved by many, respected by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Susie M. Bowers; children, Jacob A. Bowers and Angelique N. Bowers; stepsons, Jason S. McGee (Stephanie) and Mark D. McGee; grandchildren, Brittany Rose Ludlow, Ashley Jo Rose (Dusty), Savanna L. McGee, Isaac Scot McGee and Alivia M. McGee; great-grandchildren, Elijah O. Rose and Amelia Jo Rose; and sisters, Michelle M. Bowen and Melissa A. Bowers; and brother, Michael L. Bowers (Carla). A stepdaughter, Heather Lynn McGee, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be Monday, March 7, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Rd.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
3333 E. Thompson Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-3315
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Dear Susie and Family,
Most sincere condolences to you at this difficult time- our thoughts and prayers are with each of you - Bill was such a good friend to so many of us and he will be sorely missed, though we know that one day we will see him again ! With Love, Ed, Lynn, and daughters (from Daytona)*

Ed Rahall - March 14, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.*



March 06, 2016 at 08:28 AM

AT

“ *Alton Harvey and US Security Associates, Nat Accts Team purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.*



Alton Harvey and US Security Associates, Nat Accts Team -
March 05, 2016 at 01:36 PM

SB

“ *My husband was a GREAT man. He served is country, his community and his family for his entire life. My life will never be the same. My heart hurts and I don't feel whole anymore without him. I miss him more than words can express. I will honor his wishes to always taking care of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I miss you and my love for you will never die.....NEVER! Your loving wife, Susie (Do).*

Susie Bowers - March 05, 2016 at 10:49 AM

DS

“ *Debi & Dave Sage purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.*



Debi & Dave Sage - March 04, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.*



March 04, 2016 at 02:20 PM

RF

“ Unfortunately I only knew Bill at Beech Grove High School. He was a good friend and great human being who made me laugh a lot. I am happy to see he only improved with time. My sincere condolences to Susie and the rest of Bill's lovely family. Rest in peace my friend.
Bob Foster Class of 65

Robert Foster - March 04, 2016 at 09:22 AM

MC

*I was a classmate of Bills at Holy Name. We played basketball together and his dad was our coach. I remember his dad seemed like a giant. We both went to Beech Grove High School and later in life ended up working for the City. Bill with the Fire Department and I went with the Police. I worked with Bills brother while he served on the MCSD and while coaching track at BGHS I coached Bills son. One way or another for many years I was involved with the Bowers family. Bill was a great guy and I shared many laughs with him. My sincere condolences to the entire Bowers family. Rest in peace Bill.
Mike Curran*

Mike Curran - March 07, 2016 at 07:14 PM

DS

“ Darlene Constantine Daughter Of Merle St lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers



darlene constantine daughter of Merle St - March 03, 2016 at 08:22 PM

NM

“ Sorry to hear this, I knew Bill since 1962. Praying with the family for God's special Grace and Blessing on each of them.

Norman Middleton - March 03, 2016 at 06:28 PM

JS

“ *Joanna (Youmans) Schubert lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers*



Joanna (Youmans) Schubert - March 03, 2016 at 05:45 PM

JS

Bill and I had several classes together. He was such a gentleman, yet a fun student. I enjoyed being with him because he was kind. May God grant peace to his family during this time.

Joanna (Youmans) Schubert - March 03, 2016 at 05:49 PM

GS

“ *Gregg and Judy Summerville purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.*



Gregg and Judy Summerville - March 03, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.*



March 03, 2016 at 03:52 PM

GS

“ With miles we put on our cars driving around the TeePee would could have gone to LA. I will be with Ron Corley this weekend. We will raise a glass to you and take solace in all the good times together. Gregg Summerville



Gregg Summerville - March 03, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joseph Bowers.



March 03, 2016 at 03:02 PM

AD

“ Prayers to the entire Bowers family. Bill was truly one of a kind, and he lived life to the fullest. May he rest in peace.

Alan Distel - March 03, 2016 at 02:44 PM