



Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr.

March 26, 1939 - November 12, 2019

Melvin Aubrey Bowen, Sr. of Ozark, Arkansas died on Tuesday, November 12th in Ozark. He was a retired shop foreman from the Arkansas Highway Department in Fort Smith where he worked for 20 years. He was also a veteran of Desert Storm and retired from the Arkansas National Guard 142nd Field Artillery in Ozark as a Staff Sargent after 23 years. Aubrey was a deacon of the Altus First Baptist Church and a member of the Ozark and Coal Hill Masonic Lodge. He also served as mayor of Denning for 4 years and on the Altus School Board for 13 years.

Aubrey was born on March 26, 1939 in Mountain Top, Arkansas to Melvin Eli and Leola Jane Ellison Bowen. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Melba Bowen Phelps of Joplin, Missouri and Rosalie Bowen Harrison of Springdale, Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Connie Jo West Bowen of Ozark, a son Melvin Aubrey Bowen, Jr. and wife Karan of Altus, daughter Vickie Bowen Baker and husband Daniel of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, daughter Angela Bowen Harris and husband JaRon of Ozark, one sister Ruth Bowen Blevins and husband Doyce of Afton, Oklahoma and one brother Charles Bowen and wife Judy of Alma. Aubrey is also survived by 10 grandchildren including Brandon Bowen and wife Nicole of Altus, Krystal Bowen of Altus, Adam Bowen and wife Jenny of The Woodlands, Texas, Kortnee Trent of San Antonio, Texas,

Rylee Trent of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Whitley Stewart and husband Derek of Ratcliff, Abby Gibson of Ozark, Bailey Pettis and husband Zach of Ozark, JaRon Harris II (Bub) of Ozark, and Jensen Harris of Scranton. He has 8 great grandchildren as well including Katlyn Holzman and husband Colby of Ozark, Brandon Bowen, Jr. (Bubba), Levi and Lilly Bowen all of Altus, Wyatt and Camryn Bowen of The Woodlands, Texas, Silas Wilson of Ratcliff and baby Pettis of Ozark on the way.

Family will visit with friends from 6-8 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home on Thursday, November 14th at 2315 W. Commercial St. in Ozark.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 15th at Altus First Baptist Church with Brother Robert Nuckolls officiating and burial at Belt Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers are Brandon Bowen, Adam Bowen, Derek Stewart, Zach Pettis, Brandon Bowen, Jr. (Bubba), and JaRon Harris II (Bub). Honorary pallbearers will be "The Breakfast Club" which includes David and Linda Aitchison, Rusty Cagle, Walter 'Punkin' King, Mac Bornmann, J.T. Harris, Ray and Dianna Cotton, Loyd Grigsby, Rick Cline and Bill Brockett.

Cemetery Details

Belt Cemetery

Low Gap Road
Ozark, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

NOV **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Altus First Baptist Church
Altus, AR 72821

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I was in the National Guard with Aubrey for 20 years. He was a fine soldier and gentleman. I appreciated his kindness. We were also neighbors in Greenwood Community for some time. He will be missed by many.*

Bob Brashears

Robert Brashears - November 23, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *aubrey was my cousin . his sister rosalie was not only a cousin but we were good friends and i remember spending the night at their home and we would all go to the movies.
aubreys grandfather mart boen and my grandfather joe boen were brothers.
my sympathy to all the family. may god wrap his arms of comfort around all.
josie venneberg bentonville arkansas*

josie venneberg - November 15, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr..*



November 13, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr..*



November 13, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr..*



November 13, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ *You will always be remembered and loved Aubrey RIP my love and prayers for all you guys*

sharon rice farnam - November 12, 2019 at 06:59 PM



RIP my dear friend I loved you dearly.I feel so blessed to have known you and your family fly high with your new wings and we will see eachother again my thoughts and prayers are with you all..Love you guys very much

Sheila Smith - November 13, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr..*



November 12, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Bobbie Penix and Family purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr..*



Bobbie Penix and Family - November 12, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Glenda Warren and family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Melvin Aubrey Bowen Sr..*



Glenda Warren and family - November 12, 2019 at 02:34 PM