



## Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III

September 30, 1957 - June 23, 2019

Bastian, VA- Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III, 61, of Bastian, VA, died Sunday June 2, 2019 at his home.

Born September 30, 1957 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Reese Tate Bowen, Jr. and Rose Branham Bowen.

Artie was a member of Rocky Gap United Methodist Church. He was retired from Norfolk & Southern Railroad as a conductor. Artie loved being with his family, and especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter. He was an outdoorsman and liked to ride his Harley. He was on the Board of Directors for Farm Bureau.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Donald "Joe Don" Bowen.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Debra G. Bowen; two children, Jessica Bowen Nunez and husband Joseph of Plainfield, IL and Nicholas Tate Bowen of Lynchburg, VA; two sisters, Deborah B. Burge and husband Edward of Rocky Gap, VA, and Ruth Ann Lazenby and husband John of Bluefield, VA; one granddaughter, Isla Rose Nunez; and nieces and nephews, Sarah Kidd and husband Michael, Heath Havens and wife Lori, Sara Lester and husband Moose, Todd Lazenby and wife Tiffany, and Sherri Mitchell and husband David and their children, Josie and Dawson.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday June 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rodney Lawson officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 12:00

p.m. until the service hour.

Burial will be at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum

Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Debbie,  
So sad to hear of your loss. I remember a lot of good times with you  
and Artie way back when. Thinking about you, and your family at  
this time of loss. God bless.*

*Greg Spry  
Roanoke*

**Greg Spry** - June 30, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you in  
the coming days.*

*Bob and Alva Jones  
Sumter, SC*

**Bob Jones** - June 27, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III.*



June 27, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III.*



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June 26, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ *Debbie I'm so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort now and days to come. Your in my thoughts and prayers*  
*Tammy Francisco Spencer*

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**Tammy Francisco Spencer** - June 26, 2019 at 09:40 PM



*Debbie I am so sorry for your loss. I remember a lot of fun and happy conversations about you and Artie. I'll be thinking and praying for you and your family today.*

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**Thelma Hicks** - June 27, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III.*



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June 26, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ *We have many sweet memoires of Artie and his family...Debbie...Jessie ...Nick and of course the sibilings.....Our love and prayers to all of u....he was a special man !*

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**Tom and Star** - June 25, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III.*



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June 25, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Prayers Rip Artie*



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**Sue Hatfield Ellison** - June 25, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *David Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III*



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**David Whitehead** - June 25, 2019 at 07:15 AM

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“ Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

*The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God.*

*Please know we are praying for you and your family during this difficult time.*

*David & Angel Whitehead*

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**David Whitehead** - June 25, 2019 at 07:13 AM

CB

“ Rest In Peace cousin. You will be missed.

*Clay Bowen*

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**Clay Bowen** - June 24, 2019 at 11:46 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rees Tate "Artie" Bowen, III.



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June 24, 2019 at 04:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Angie Snider (Shaughns fiance&Dougs sis) - June 24, 2019 at 09:48 AM

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“ Posting photos for Shaughn Moore



Angie Snider (Shaughns fiance&Dougs sis) - June 24, 2019 at 01:10 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Angie Snider (Shaughns fiance&Dougs sis) - June 23, 2019 at 06:46 PM

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“ Words can not take away the pain that family and friends are feeling at this time. The stories of RT will always be in my memories and my heart.

Angie Snider (Shaughns fiance&Dougs sis) - June 23, 2019 at 06:43 PM

SL

*Words cannot even begin as to how much pain the family is going through and have been through already. I am so so sorry to hear of your loss and know that I will keep the family in my thoughts & prayers. Artie has always been so nice to me and my family. He will definitely be missed by so many people, even here in North Carolina. Him and his family has always been good to me even when I was divorce out of the family. The Bowen have always been good to everyone and everybody. Artie will be missed by Sherri Bowen (his niece) & Sheryl Lester ( his ex-sister-in-law).*

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**Sheryl Lester** - June 24, 2019 at 03:40 PM

PP

*So sorry to hear of your husbands passing Debra, Sadly met you at PCH ,as Artie was a patient.I too was suffering silently the same scenario you're facing today,I felt your sorrow then. Did not take long to recognize what a nice man he was and your love for him by his side.Sending up prayers for you and your special family.*

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**Phyllis Prout** - June 25, 2019 at 08:41 PM