



Rose Marie Bowen

September 5, 1934 - September 7, 2018

Bastian, VA- Rose Marie (Rosie) Branham Bowen, 84, joined her beloved R.T. in the dance she promised him in his last hours and embraced her precious son, Joe Don once again on September 7, 2018.

One of eleven children born to Mont and Marie (Byrd) Branham, Rosie was born on September 5, 1934, in Bluefield, WV.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, R.T. Bowen; son, Joe Don Bowen; brothers, James, Boyd, Thomas, Mont, Jr., and Everett Branham; sisters, Dora Gearheart and Lou Mayse.

Left to cherish her memory are daughters, Debbie (Ed) Burge, Ruth Ann (Johnny) Lazenby; and son, R.T. (Debra) Bowen, III; grandchildren, Sarah (Michael) Kidd, Heath (Lori) Havens, Jessica (Joe) Nunez, Sherri (David) Mitchell, Nick Bowen, Sara (Moose) Lester and Todd (Tiffany) Lazenby; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Barbara Duke and Mary Bobbitt; brother, Jessie (Beverly) Branham; sisters-in-law, Wilma Barbery and Pat Bowen; a host of nieces and nephews; her special caregiver and "sister", Judy LeMasters; and her dog, Trixie.

Rosie attended Beaver High School where she played basketball and was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corp. She married her "G-Man" R.T. in 1953, remaining devoted to him for 61 years until his death in 2015.

Her career as a secretary included many years at Flat Top Insurance and the Bland County Board of Education. She loved her family dearly and cherished time spent with them, especially the large, loud, and wonderfully chaotic

holiday dinners and celebrations. The greatest heartbreak of her life was the death of her son, Joe Don, in 2002.

Rosie's faith was of great importance to her and she loved her church family. She was a long-time member of Rocky Gap United Methodist Church, was active in UMW, and served in several other capacities within the church. Her life will be honored and celebrated at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, WV on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 with a visitation from noon until 2:00 p.m. and service immediately following at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Rodney Lawson officiating.

Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA where grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations be made in Rosie's memory to Rocky Gap United Methodist Church, 12508 North Scenic Highway, Rocky Gap, VA 24366, or to Appalachian Teen Challenge, 1651 Unity Road, Princeton, WV 24739.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Rose Marie (Rosie) Branham Bowen.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Marie Bowen*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your mother/grandmother. Rosie was a sweet lady. We know she is happy to be back together with RT. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish your memories...*

*Bob and Alva Jones
Sumter, SC*

Alva/Bob Jones - September 11, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ *Much Love, The Dales Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rose Marie Bowen.*



Much Love, The Dales Family - September 10, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ *A wonderful woman. I know she is in a better place than all of us. She was ready to go. I will miss her but will never forget her. Her and RT are together once again. So sorry for the loss of a great mother. Thinking of all of you. Love to all, Pat*

Pat Mitchell - September 10, 2018 at 12:11 PM

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“ Rosie and R.T. were two of the most wonderful people I have ever had the privilege to know. Our hearts are breaking for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie, Ruth Ann, Artie and the grandchildren through this very difficult time. Rosie will always be loved and appreciated and never forgotten.
All of our love, Mark Linda Akers

Linda Musick-Akers - September 09, 2018 at 06:29 PM