



Joe A. Bowden

May 18, 1943 - March 16, 2021

Joe Allen Bowden, 77, a lifelong Fort Gibson resident, was born May 18, 1943 in Boynton, OK to Edward and Eva (Brantley) Bowden and peacefully passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at his home with his loving family by his side. Joe received his education at Wainwright Public Schools. He spent ninety-one days in the 11th grade and then enlisted in the United States Army on March 24, 1961. Joe proudly served his country and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant E-5 on February 28, 1967. On September 16, 1963, Joe married his best friend, Mary Elizabeth Walters, in Fort Gibson, OK. In 1966, together they established their family-owned business, Bowden Pest Control, where they both worked side by side in the business for forty-eight years. It is now presently owned by their grandson, Lance and his wife Lauren Bowden, who have carried on the Bowden legacy since 2014. Joe enjoyed and faithfully attended the car races locally and nationally most of his life. He was a self-taught master mechanic, successfully fixing anything with a motor. Joe never met a stranger and had many stories to tell. He was a lifelong paid in full member of the Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20 in Fort Gibson. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Elizabeth Bowden; son, Ronnie Bowden; siblings, Irene Bowden, Melvin Bowden, Lucielle Turney, E.K. Bowden, Bonnie Arnold-Phillips, James Bowden; and great granddaughter, Maven Russell. Joe is lovingly survived by his daughter, Helen Soto of Heavener, OK; grandchildren, Bethany Russell, Lance Bowden, Jennifer Voyles, Santos Soto, III, Cecelia Soto, and Katelyn Jochims; 12 great

grandchildren; his sisters, Joyce Steveson and Wanda Cook; brothers, Lawrence Bowden and Bobby Bowden; extended family and many friends. A visitation will be held Sunday, March 21, 2021 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends 1PM-3PM. A Celebration of Joe's life will be held 10AM Monday, March 22, 2021 at the Citizens Cemetery Pavilion in Fort Gibson, OK. The family of Joe Allen Bowden has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Citizens Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Joe A. Bowden*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Sending prayers of condolences to the family. I have many memories of Joe & I know that he is in the arms of his loved ones.*

Sonya Muskrat-Horn - March 20, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *sorry for your loss lance*

Kenneth Lish - March 20, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ *Jim and Yolonda Killebrew, and all the Killebrew's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe A. Bowden.*



Jim and Yolonda Killebrew, and all the Killebrew's - March 19, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe A. Bowden.*



March 19, 2021 at 04:54 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Joe A. Bowden*



Eunice Brown - March 18, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MB

“ *Mickey & Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Joe A. Bowden*



Mickey & Eunice Brown - March 18, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JW

“ *Jeanine Craig West lit a candle in memory of Joe A. Bowden*



Jeanine craig west - March 17, 2021 at 07:55 PM

AC

“ *Amy Mosteller Clinkenbeard lit a candle in memory of Joe A. Bowden*



Amy Mosteller Clinkenbeard - March 17, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JF

“ *Jeanie Beavers, Lavada Jennings And Fami
lit a candle in memory of Joe A. Bowden*



Jeanie beavers, lavada jennings and fami - March 17, 2021 at 01:09 AM