



Ray E. Bowden

June 14, 1943 - April 1, 2016

Rayford Bowden

1943-2016

Ray Bowden, age 72 of Grantville, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2016 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. He was born June 14, 1943 in Coweta County, GA to the late Firley George Bowden and Ruby Mae Hendrix Bowden.

Ray was a compassionate man who left an imprint on all those who knew him. He was a loving husband to his wife of 51 years and a father who was devoted to his son and daughter-in-law. He was known as "Da" to his beloved grandchildren, and he adored his very special great-grandson. Ray worked as Deputy with the Coweta County Sheriff's Office for many years where he served as a jailor, school resource officer, investigator, and with the drug court.

The memorial service is Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Farr & Sheriff Mike Yeager officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday beginning at 3:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children (office of development), 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 or www.shrinershospitals.org

Condolences can be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo Smith Bowden; son, Allen Ray & wife Alice Bowden; grandchildren, Whitney Rae Kling & husband Max, Ryan Allen Bowden; great-grandchild, Ryker Alex Kling; sister, Kay & L.B. Rooks; brothers-in-law, Paul Smith, Jr., Gary Smith, Sam Whitley; numerous nieces,

nephews, cousins and friends.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
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Service

APR 4. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NT

“ I was so sorry to hear about Ray. We loved him here at SRMS! He was such a gentleman and kind soul. When he needed to be tough, he could be that person also.
I will really miss Ray and his kind heart and great smile!

Nancy Twomey

Nancy Twomey - April 11, 2016 at 09:25 AM

GH

“ My prayers are with you and your family at this time. I have know Ray since the fifth grade. I have not seen Ray since the reunion at the school several years ago. He will surely be missed. Grady Hancock

Grady Hancock - April 06, 2016 at 06:31 AM

JD

“ I am so sorry for you loss. Ray was my dear friend and an incredible person. I will miss him but will see him again one day.

Joe Dumas - April 04, 2016 at 09:30 PM

KC

“ Betty Jo, I thought a lot of Ray, he was a gentle man and he will be missed greatly. I enjoyed working with him at the CCSO during those years and knowing both of you from Moreland. My prayers are with you and the family. God be with all of you.

Kay Craven Cole - April 04, 2016 at 08:28 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Officer Bowden was an amazing man and I thought the world of him. He always had a big smile on his face and he made a wonderful impression on everyone he met. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Amber Crawford - April 04, 2016 at 08:01 PM

DP

“ Betty, Alan, Alice and family. I am so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure talking care of Mr. Bowden and for spending those two days with you all. You truly have an amazing family and are wonderful people and I am so sad that I never got to meet Mr. Bowden as the man you will all remember him as. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dharmika Patel - April 04, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MA

“ Ray will be missed by everyone who knew him. I never saw Ray that he didn't speak and shake my hand, he was a good friend. He cared about the children in this county and elsewhere and enjoyed working with them. My prayers go out to his family, may God Bless your family in your time of loss.

Michael W. Aldredge - April 04, 2016 at 10:43 AM

FF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Ray. I remember when we coached together with Keith Thomas after his son got sick. He was a good man. My prayers are with all the family. I am sorry I could not get by to see all of you. Frank Farmer

FRANK FARMER - April 04, 2016 at 10:18 AM

KB

“ *Kaley Basile purchased the A Full Life for the family of Ray E. Bowden.*



Kaley Basile - April 04, 2016 at 09:14 AM

SR

“ *Sarah Robertson lit a candle in memory of Ray E. Bowden*



Sarah Robertson - April 04, 2016 at 08:55 AM

SR

We Love you guys!

Sarah Robertson - April 04, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ *I loved Ray, he was a great SRO and he taught me a lot when I was just learning what being an SRO was all about. He was a good Friend to my husband Tim, and many others he worked with at Smokey Road middle school. He will truly be missed, but never forgotten. Prayers for his family and friends for comfort and understanding during this difficult time.*



Jamie Hixson - April 04, 2016 at 06:41 AM

FM

I too admired and lived Ray. He was the best of all of us. Everyone will miss him. Truly a good man.

frances miller - April 04, 2016 at 01:23 PM

JW

“ *My prayers are with the Bowdon family. Ray was a good hearted decent man. He will be missed.*

Jimmy Williams - April 04, 2016 at 05:52 AM

LJ

“ *Larry Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ray E. Bowden*



Larry Johnson - April 04, 2016 at 03:50 AM

LP

“ *Very sorry to the Bowden family for your loss, Ray was so good to many people in Coweta County. Many blessings I know he had waiting on him in heaven. I remember hearing about the times with my Dad they enjoyed at the Moreland Ball field. May God Comfort all of you at this time.*

Linda Pike - April 03, 2016 at 10:45 PM

LT

“ *Kay, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. My prayers are with you.*

Laura Thompson and Jason.

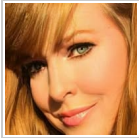
Laura Thompson - April 03, 2016 at 09:10 PM

LT

“ *Laura Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ray E. Bowden*



Laura Thompson - April 03, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ray E. Bowden*



Robin Johnson - April 03, 2016 at 08:13 PM

EL

“ *Steve and I are so sorry to hear about Ray. It has been a while since we have seen you, but we'll never forget the many memories...*

Steve and Elaine Luiz

Elaine Luiz - April 03, 2016 at 02:58 PM

RM

“ *Robin Barron Mann lit a candle in memory of Ray E. Bowden*



Robin Barron Mann - April 03, 2016 at 02:24 PM

AN

“ just want to say I am so sorry. he was a great person. I love him and betty jo very much. I know you are with the lord now. you will be missed.

anita cochran noble - April 03, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - April 03, 2016 at 12:02 PM

RC

“ Betty Jo, I was surprised when I received a message from Gary and Louise informing me about Ray's passing. I didn't see him too many times in the last 45 years since I've been gone from Moreland, but the times that I did, he always seemed cheerful and was full of life. He was a good man. Cherish the memories. May God be with each and everyone of your during this time of sorrow.

Ray Craven - April 03, 2016 at 07:25 AM

BB

“ *...although we were cousins by blood, he was more of a father to me at an early age. I loved Ray and will never forget him. My heart is broken, but heaven is certainly more beautiful now! RIP cuz. Love you more than you'll ever know.*

Bruce Bowden - April 02, 2016 at 05:10 PM