



A. Edward Bowman

November 5, 1950 - May 11, 2024

A. Edward Bowman (Ed), 73, of Penns Grove, NJ, after a 6 month battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in the early morning hours of May 11th. Born in Salem, NJ, on November 5th, 1950, he was the 3rd son of George T. & Louise M.(Rappa) Bowman. He was a lifelong resident of Salem County attending the Pennsville school system and then graduating from St. James High School, class of 1968.

Ed had a diverse background of careers. In his earliest years he worked as a Lab Tech at Salem County Memorial Hospital, he sold cars at various dealerships and many will remember him as the “Master of Music”, spinning tunes at Tom’s Tavern, The Village Center Inn and Tk’s Lounge. But, he was most well-known for the business he opened up back in 1990 with his wife Debbie, Penguin Auto Rentals, where he often referred to himself as the “walking man’s friend”. Ed was an avid golfer and a member of the Sakima Country Club, where he served on the Board of Governors and worked tirelessly as Groundskeeper.

He also had a passion for motorcycles his entire life. He has owned many street bikes, dirt bikes and eventually graduated to a Harley Davidson Trike that he rode frequently with his beloved group of friends, THE HAWGS. His dream ride to Sturgis, SD finally happened just a couple of years ago with this group of “brothers and sisters”.

If you've ever been to The Bowman Home & Resort you would undoubtedly notice the lawn that Ed meticulously tended to every day. That lawn was such a passion of his that he asked, when he died, if his family would spread his ashes over it. He also enjoyed spending time in his workshop and riding his boat and jet skis out on the Delaware. Many family trips were to The Chesapeake Inn for lunch and drinks, and just the pleasure of being out on the water with his wife and all of his kids and grandkids. The Bowman clan was famous for camping altogether in Cherrystone Campground, as well, where "Big Ed & The Boys" first made their debut singing "Sweet Caroline" and have continued doing so for 20 years.

Friends would frequently get invited over by Ed for a cigar & a cocktail (VO) out in the gazebo on his property. It was there that many life conversations took place and happy memories were shared. His family was the WORLD to him. He has a sign hanging in his house that says "No Matter What, No Matter Where, It's Always Home When My Family Is There". Ed also felt it his duty and responsibility to make sure that everyone he loved was well taken care of. That was his job.

This wonderful man was predeceased by his mother, father and oldest brother George, Jr.

Ed is survived by his wife Debra (Maurer), son Edward (Kelly), daughters Lisa Dowell (Johnny) and Chelsea Nuciforo (Frank) and grandchildren Paige, Ali, Nolan, Riley, Marissa, and great grandchild Bailee along with brothers; Bill (Tracey), Ted (MaryJo), Kevin (Phyllis), and David (Janet), a sister Charolette Rizzo, his sister-in-law MaryAnn and his former wife Elizabeth Campana Schulman (Murray), as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Friends and family may pay their respects on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024 at

the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway Pennsville, NJ 08070. The visitation will begin at 9:00am with the service following at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers the family requests for donations to be made in memory of Albert Bowman to: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at CoPay Assistance Program, P.O. Box 12268, Newport News, VA 23612 or online at givenow.lls.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)
740 S. Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070
(856) 299-3366
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Lisa, Ed
I was saddened to hear about the loss of your dad. I know this is a difficult time rite now but please remember all the great times you guys shared together*



Dino Campana - January 04, 2025 at 02:52 PM

RP

“ *There are no words to express how sad we were to hear of Eddie's passing. He was one of our first DJ's at Tom's Tavern, we can still see him walking in with his white scarf draped around his neck ready to entertain the crowd. Eddie was unfailingly kind. Later we became a regular customer at Penguin Rentals picking up a car for our Pennsville visit. Eddie would share his latest golf, travel, and family stories. We hope the love you shared will help you through your loss. God Bless all of you, Ray & Linda Poeta*

Ray & Linda Poeta - May 19, 2024 at 11:02 PM

DB

Thanks for the kind words.

Debbie Maurer Bowman - May 20, 2024 at 11:43 PM

VA

“ Some of my favorite memories from the early 80's are those Friday nights on the dance floor at Village Center Inn. Ed played any dance song that I asked for and always made sure that the dance floor was in good dancing condition.

One night, someone spilled a couple of drinks on the floor and once cleaned up it was too sticky. So Ed had a brilliant idea to make it more slippery by sprinkling grated Parmesan cheese...I can't even describe the smell. It was so bad that after that mess was cleaned up we had to air out the bar. To this day I still laugh about it. Ed always had a smile on his face...he will truly be missed.

Valerie - May 18, 2024 at 03:51 PM

BK

“ Ed was a very nice respectful man always treated me well, I enjoyed his conversations. As I am shocked as many thank you Ed for your friendship, thoughts and prayers to his great family. Bobby Kleb & Michelle

Bobby Kleb - May 18, 2024 at 01:27 PM

MM

“ Eddie and I were altar boys together at Queen of the apostles and we were also bad boys he he of our growing up Jason girls on Long Beach Island, and getting into trouble here, there and everywhere. We were supposed to get together last summer to crack crabs at my place in Maryland, but it never happened and I was looking forward to hopefully this coming summer putting it all together. Will surely be missed

Michael Michaud - May 16, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. Edward Bowman.



May 16, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ Paul Nuciforo and Jen Stillwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A. Edward Bowman.

Paul Nuciforo and Jen Stillwell - May 16, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ Debbie, I was shocked to hear about Eddie. I can clearly remember him walking in Duke's used car lot on Hook Rd many years and Duke hiring him to wash cars and other misc. things. It turned out to be a wonderful friendship. I know Eddie was kind of angry when we moved to NC. I can't express in words how very sorry I am for the loss you and your family are experiencing. My son, Shaun, wanted me to express his condolences also. Eddie was much loved by our whole family. God bless you all. Betty Sutton

Betty Sutton - May 16, 2024 at 02:27 PM



I tried to call you, Betty, but got no answer. My number is 609-420-7308. Send me your phone number, please.

Debbie Bowman - May 19, 2024 at 01:27 PM

DJ

“ Sending our sincere condolences to Debbie and her family. Our hearts go out to all of you. Ed will truly be missed by so many that he touched in his life. Cherish the memories and find strenght through them. Deb & Ken Jones

Deborah L. Jones - May 16, 2024 at 08:52 AM

KF

“ Kevin Bobb and Bobb family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of A. Edward Bowman.



Kevin Bobb and Bobb family - May 16, 2024 at 06:54 AM

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AL

“Wow so many wonderful times and memories. Our times at Beckett Tavern were probably some of the best, we danced so much we crawled out of there....or maybe that was the liquor. Still one of my all time favorites was the BIG snowstorm in the early 89s and I was stuck at home bored to tears....no one was on the road...that was no one but Debbie and Ed Bowman who came to rescue me. Ed called me “A danzel in distress that he had to rescue”, (sounds like Ed right). Well he did rescue me, we rode all over town playing in the snow and even rode to Pedricktown to pick up my then boyfriend. That was one of the many, many times ED rescued me. Ed dragging me and the chair I was sitting in to the dance floor for the Chicken dance was a scene at most parties we were at together. One of my fondest memories is the day Debbie and Ed became husband and wife. I was lucky enough to be part of the wedding party and was so happy to see my two friends who were so in love vow to spend all their days together in holy matrimony and that they sure did. Ed thank you, thank you for allowing me to be a part of so many good times. You will be missed. 💕💕.

Antionette Logiovino - May 15, 2024 at 09:15 PM

LH

“I don't know where to start. Years ago this man took my cousin Debra J and put her under his wing! They were always together and on the go hardly taking a break. I will never forget the DJ days, the best! They made a wonderful world together and brought up such a beautiful loving family! Their house was our house no doubt about it! They welcomed everyone into their home no matter who it was. This man is going to be dearly missed by all! He earned his wings and is on the right side of our Lord and Savior! Deb, God will take you by the hand and guide you in all things. He knows our hearts and you will have no worries! Sending love, hugs, and prayers to all Ed's friends, family, and everyone who knew Ed. Love you all ❤️ Cousin Lynda Hitchner

Lynda Hitchner - May 15, 2024 at 07:22 PM

CM

“ Carol Molinari-Monks lit a candle in memory of A. Edward Bowman



Carol Molinari-Monks - May 15, 2024 at 07:21 PM

MF

“ I am so sorry. Ed was always great to deal with at Penguin. Such a super nice guy. Definitely one where you can say I just can't believe it.



Melody Fahr - May 15, 2024 at 06:11 PM

EP

“ I have known the Bowman Family for years and I have only known them by their love and generosity. Mr. Bowman was always a huge supporter of the school we went to [PBA/SCCA] and was incredibly generous. I'm thankful for the great privilege in knowing this dear man and will always hold the memories [volleyball road trips!!] with great fondness!! I'm now praying for the family, that you all would be comforted by the Lord and that His peace and love would uphold and sustain you through all your days ahead!❤️

Esther Parks - May 15, 2024 at 03:14 PM

LM

“ Ed was the greatest, kindest Brother-in-law, Mr. Fixit neighbor that I could have asked for. He had plenty to do on his property, but worried about me all of the time. Deb told me that he promised my husband, Roy that he would take care of me. Now, Roy, Ed's Brother, George, and Ed are building houses together. May they all R.I.P

Linda Maurer - May 15, 2024 at 12:06 PM