



## Don Bowen

July 24, 1934 - March 7, 2019

Don Bowen, a loving and devoted husband and father, beloved by his family and friends, passed from this life peacefully, on Thursday, March 7, 2019. Don was born in Wichita Falls as the only child of Virgil and Zelma Bowen. His family moved to Oklahoma City, where Don graduated from Central High School. Don attended Abilene Christian College (University) where he met the love of his life, Shirley Sehon. They were married in 1955 and have enjoyed over 63 years of devoted marriage. While at Abilene Christian, Don served as the Student Body President, played basketball and was the recipient of the Board of Trustees Outstanding Student Award. Don received a Bachelor of Science in Education. Don began his career in Fort Worth as a management trainee for Wyatt's Food Store Chain. He was drafted into the army and served his country at Ft. Bliss in El Paso and later in the Army Reserve and National Guard. Don and Shirley returned to Ft. Worth where Don demonstrated his excellent work ethic while he held five jobs to support his growing family. He served on the staff at West Berry Church of Christ, taught at Bruce Shulkey Elementary, drove a cleaning truck and coached youth sports for the Optimist Club while earning his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Don and Shirley then moved to Corsicana. Don served as the Principal of Bowie Elementary for 2 years and as Corsicana High School Principal. Don was then chosen to serve Corsicana ISD as the superintendent. It was during these 5 years, that the current high school was built and all the students in Corsicana attended school together for the first

time. During the next stages of his career, Don served as the Executive Director of the Medical Arts Clinic, helping the clinic to grow in service and locations. The last stage of his career, Don was co-owner of Stewart Motor Company. Civic duty was important to Don. He served as president of the Kiwanis Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and the State President of the Medical Administrators of Texas. He served on the Board of Directors for United Fund, YMCA, Corsicana School Board and the ACU Advisory Board. Don was honored as the Layman of the Year by the Kiwanis Club in 1970. Don's strongest desire was to serve his church and his family. He served as an elder for many years at Westside and then Westhill Church of Christ. He fulfilled roles as preacher, teacher, and song leader. He officiated weddings (including his son and daughter's) and funerals for families. Don loved to attend the sporting events and activities of his children and grandchildren. Many memories were created and miles traveled as he and Shirley traversed the state, making friends all along the way. Playing golf, snow skiing, and cycling were more than a hobby to Don. He had a passion for the game of golf and enjoyed years of friendship with his son and golfing buddies. He also enjoyed skiing with Shirley, his friends and family and taught all his children and grandchildren to ski. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Zelma. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Shirley and their children, Brenda Sandifer and husband Hugh of Abilene, Don Bowen, Jr. and his wife, Sheryl of Humble, Bridget Price and husband Don Allen of North Richland Hills, and Briana Fleming and husband Eric of Keller. Don was a loving and beloved grandfather to Dakota Hall and husband Zak, Madison Sandifer, Collin Bowen, Logan Price, Brinley Price, Ethan Fleming, Rhett Fleming and Zane Fleming. Don's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Allen Jones, Don Ivy, Paul Stewart, Paul Slaughter, Percell Milton, Darwin Thomas, and Phil Smith. The family would like to thank Dr. Kent Rogers for his excellent care, the wonderful staff of Heritage Oaks Retirement Home and the caring Nurses of the new Century Hospice. Memorials can be made to Westhill Church of Christ Benevolence

Fund or Missions Fund (3400 W. Hwy. 22, Corsicana, TX 75110) or to Parkinson's research at [Parkinson.org](http://Parkinson.org). Visitation is planned for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 1 pm at Westhill Church of Christ with the funeral service to follow at 2 pm officiated by Ferman Carpenter. Burial will take place after the funeral at the Hamilton Beamon cemetery. Services are under the direction of Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Westhill Church of Christ Benevolence Fund 3400 west Hwy 22 Corsicana, Texas 75110 or Parkinson's Foundation at [Parkinson.org](http://Parkinson.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Westhill Church of Christ  
3400 West Highway 22  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westhill Church of Christ  
3400 West Highway 22  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Bowen*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Mr. Bowen was my eighth grade math teacher at McLean Junior High, Fort Worth, Texas, 1959-1960. He engendered in me a love for math that caused me to become a math teacher. He was my all-time favorite teacher!*

**Carolina Madrid** - November 06, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *Prayers for Shirley and family today 🙏 Sorry David and I can't be with you to celebrate Dons life. David is not feeling well. Lots of memories of Don coming in the bank visiting with Zane. Now they are back together ❤️ 🙏 Love and hugs, Jaynie Johnston*

**Jaynie Johnston** - March 11, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Don Bowen.*



March 10, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Don Bowen.*



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March 10, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Mr. Bowen was my principal for my senior year. I appreciate his influence on my life. He was a revered and respected gentleman.*

*Lynda Gilcrease Allen  
CHS Class of 1966*

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**Lynda Allen** - March 09, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ *Carol Horvath lit a candle in memory of Don Bowen*



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**Carol Horvath** - March 08, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ *Marinelle Kesinger Szenasy lit a candle in memory of Don Bowen*



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**Marinelle Kesinger Szenasy** - March 08, 2019 at 02:33 PM

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*My thoughts and prayers for the family. Don was a wonderful Christian man .*

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**Carol Horvath** - March 09, 2019 at 07:53 AM