



David R. Bowman

November 10, 1915 - December 16, 2016

David R. Bowman, 101, resided at Columbia Cottage in Palmyra, and passed from his life on earth to his home in heaven to spend eternity with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. David was preceded in death by his dear wife of 66 years, Della Hershey Bowman, in September 2004. He was born November 10, 1915, the youngest of five children of Cyrus and Frany (Wenger) Bowman, and was the last surviving sibling. Deceased siblings and their spouses are brothers George (Florence Hassler), Lester (Gladys Blauch), Lloyd (Martha Deimer), and sister Selma (Harold) Heilman. Nephews Glenn Bowman and Rodger Bowman are also deceased. David is survived by his children Kathy (Chester) Horst and Gerald (Elizabeth Vastine) Bowman and also grandchildren: Jody Horst (Michael) Artz, Amy Horst (Gregory) Zinn, Jared Horst, John (Ellen Lussier) Bowman, and Mary Bowman (Joe) Behler. Great grandchildren are: Hilary Artz (Jason) Wyse, Zachary Artz, Madalyn Zinn, Jolie Zinn, Jordan Bowman, Annabelle Bowman, Joshua Behler, and Katie Behler. David grew up on a farm in South Annville, attended the local one room school house, and then Lebanon High School. He played a trumpet in the High School Band. Mark C. Hershey, Wilson Deck, and David sang in a trio that performed during intermissions at the Gretna Playhouse, elsewhere, and in competitive singing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Dad loved music and played the accordion and harmonica quite well and had enjoyed singing in the church choir at Lebanon Valley Bible Church where he had also served on the deacon board. He was

athletic and participated in various sports through the years, the last being bowling and golf. He had his pilot's license in the 1940s and 50s and loved to fly his Taylor Craft airplane out of Reigle's Airport in Palmyra. David had a variety of employments from youth through retirement, including work at the Middletown Military Depot during World War II and operation of excavating equipment. For many years he was employed in sales of agricultural products with Farm Bureau and Hershey Equipment Co. He was a faithful, loving husband, Dad, grandfather, and great grandfather. The celebration of life service will take place at Lebanon Valley Bible Church at 1:00PM on Thursday, December 22. Visitation and a time of fellowship for all will be held directly following the service in the Family Life Center adjoining the church. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Lebanon Valley Bible Church, 1482 Horseshoe Pike, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *Kathy and Gerry and families. This was the last of the big four to pass. I have so many beautiful memories of our family times together. Including snow storms.!! What a comfort to know that they loved the Lord. Sorry I won't get to visit with him again. With love*

Virginia Hummer - December 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Kathy Gerry and families, sorry to hear of the passing of Dave .He was a prince of a man our prayers are with you . RIP .*

Carl Grubb - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Dear Kathy, Gerald and families, My last memory of your father was at the LVBH when the Men's choir was singing and he came over to my parents and me to say HELLO. Always remember his smile. Keep the wonderful memories alive! Love to you all. Barbara Longenecker*

Barbara Longenecker - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EY

“ *David R. Bowman*

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HB

“ *Kathy and Gerry, so sorry to learn of your loss with the passing of your dad. I have very very fond memories of your dad's pleasant demeanor and smile. My prayers are with you, and your families during this difficult time.*

Harry Brown - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *So sorry to hear about David's passing. He was a wonderful man! Good humored and sincere, a man of deep faith! 'Well done thou good and faithful servant!' Proud to know him!*

Anne Childs - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *A VERY GOOD FRIEND/CAPTAIN OF HIS BOWLING TEAM,,WE DECIED TO CHANGE THE NAME TO DAVE TEAM WE FEEL DAVE WOULD LIKE IT BETTER WE HOPE SO.I KNOW LUCY N I WILL MISS OUR FRIEND A BUNCH,,BUT THEY SAY GOD ONLY TAKE THE BEST OF THEM N DAVE IS THE BEST..*

STEPHEN POWELL - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM