



Donald "Bow" Bowman

July 1, 1949 - January 22, 2025

All men die, but not all men really live!

William Wallace 1305

Donald "Bow" Bowman checked out while in the loving arms of his wife Debra, comforting him during his last journey on January 22, 2025. He was seventy-five years old. Cancer sucks! His father Lloyd, his mother Martha (Deemer) and his brother Rodger have preceded him in death. Left to carry on his legacy, besides his wife Debra (Cooper) Bowman, are his children Ted, Ellie, Danielle, and J, his grandchildren Sebastian, Luke, and Audrey and great granddaughter Finnea. His sister Marilyn and brother Tim also remain to tell the wonderful stories of the life of their brother Bow.

As a youth, he was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and a swimmer on the Annville-Cleona and Hershey Aquatic Club swim teams winning numerous medals. Don raised guinea pigs just because he enjoyed their squeaking. He played trombone in the Jr-Hi band until he was asked to leave. Don was a 1967 graduate of Annville-Cleona High School where he excelled in playing hooky, he was also very active in planning and attending his class reunions. Don was employed since the age of fourteen in many areas, however retired in 2015 after thirty-two years as a sales rep for Lorillard/ITG. His expertise was being a professional amateur. Don was a lifelong fan of Penn State Football, We Are! He was also an adventurous motorcyclist, having ridden in all 48 lower

states and thru six Canadian Providences. A trip to Hawaii was planned, but they never built that damn bridge. As for Alaska, snow chains did not fit his motorcycle. WTF!

Don attended many motorcycle rallies, the last being "The Republic of Texas Rally" in Austin where he and Debi honeymooned in 2014. He is a life member of Lebanon Valley Motorcycle Club, American Motorcycle Assoc and the National Rifle Assoc as a membership recruiter. He and his wife loved motorcycling, ocean cruising, traveling to ten countries, crashing weddings and beach parties. Bow will also be remembered for his outstanding firework displays during 4th of July parties. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, hiking, camping, bar hopping, magic, practical jokes, and dancing on tables.

Sorry, but there will not be a viewing or funeral. His wife Debi and his kids will be throwing a Celebration of Life "White Out Wake" kick ass party on February 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm at the Mount Gretna Fire Hall for all relatives and friends. Please join us to celebrate the fun filled life of Bow!

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, <https://www.cancer.org/> or to the Lebanon Valley Motorcycle Club, 11 S. 22nd St., Lebanon, PA 17042.

Death smiles at us all, all a man can do is smile back!

Marcus Aurelius 180 AD

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 5:00 PM (ET)

Mount Gretna Fire Hall
41 Boulevard Avenue
Mount Gretna, PA 17064

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband Michael and I share our deepest condolences to Donnie’s family! Myself and my family were more than just childhood friends growing up just a few houses away! Good times will always be remembered fondly!

Cynthia Cannavo - February 12, 2025 at 01:01 PM

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“ Donny was in my class. He was a really fun guy. Could always make me laugh. He will be missed. Condolences to the family 😭

Jill Bucks - January 29, 2025 at 05:33 PM

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“ Sending condolences to Bow’s family from the Annville-Cleona Alumni Association.

Rachel Noll - January 25, 2025 at 11:57 AM