



John LeRoy Bowman Sr

January 24, 1939 - October 13, 2022

John L. Bowman Sr.

U.S. Army (Retired)

John, age 83, on Thursday (October 13, 2022) passed peacefully during his sleep in his apartment located in North Tonawanda, NY. John was born on January 24, 1939 in Benton, Pennsylvania to Oley and Edith Bowman. He proudly served his country for over 20 years in the United States Army, completed two tours in Vietnam (March 2, 1967 to February 28, 1968 and May 23, 1969 to May 22, 1970). John was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. He retired from the U.S. Army on July 1, 1976 and was recalled John to active duty on February 11, 1991 to serve his country a second time supporting troops during Desert Storm. He was a life time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Grandpa, as he was often called, enjoyed helping others especially his family. He embraced technology and could fix just about anything. There wasn't a project too big or a tree he couldn't remove.

John's beloved wife Angeline (Angie) C. Bowman, of North Tonawanda, preceded him in life on January 13, 2008. Loving and proud father of John L (Late - Laurie Simmons) Bowman Jr of Tonawanda, Marie A. (Late - Jacque) Austin of Tonawanda, Richard E. (Velvett) Bowman of Peru, NY. John is survived by his sisters Drucilla Bancroft, Grace Swank, Eleanor Young; brothers, David Bowman, Dean Bowman, and Oley Bowman. John is the proud grandfather of 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Friends will be received by family on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, between 10:00 AM -11:00 AM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY. We would love for you to join us in honoring his life at 11:00 AM, Wattengel Funeral Home. Interment will be private at Arlington National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Services

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 109 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - October 18, 2022 at 03:46 PM

JM

So sorry for your loss. The Munson family is here if you need anything. Sending our prayers and love to the entire family.

John Munson - October 19, 2022 at 03:05 PM

JW

“ *I will miss you Uncle Johnny. And Thank you for service.*

Jan R Wilhelm - October 17, 2022 at 08:09 PM

TN

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad, Pap, brother, uncle and friend. I loved him very much. Love you all and sending prayers and hugs💜💜 Remember his strength, love, humor and his laughter💜💜*



Tammy Bowman Noss - October 17, 2022 at 05:30 PM

HB

“ Howard and Clara Bowman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John LeRoy Bowman Sr.



Howard and Clara Bowman - October 17, 2022 at 04:32 PM

AC

“ Mr.Bowman(Johnny) I will always remember you being kind , thoughtful and always smiling ! You were a great friend to my Dad , through some 70 plus years, (being the first one at his funeral), your family was and will always be part of our lives growing up and us kids as adults with our own families! Your with your wife now! And I bet you my Dad has beer on tap for you , just like he always did in our living room! You will be missed Andrea Chiodo! The Chiodo's

Andrea Chiodo - October 17, 2022 at 04:01 PM

TS

“ John was a lovely man who always had a smile and a kind thought. He always spoke fondly of his children. His warm demeanor will be missed. Thank God for his service to our country. RIp John.
Jim and Rosemary

The Sirdevans - October 17, 2022 at 09:53 AM

GN

“ You will be missed our friend. You were a kind and gentle person. Something this world needs more of.

Greg & Rene' Newson - October 16, 2022 at 09:42 PM



Sue
Graf

You will be missed, had a lot of fun playing eucher with you Sue Graf

Sue Graf - October 16, 2022 at 10:25 PM



DB

You will be greatly missed by your family ! Such a wonderful Brother !

David Bowman - October 17, 2022 at 12:31 PM



RC

I can not tell you how much I am gonna miss you. There are so many memories and all the fun we had together is unforgettable.. You are one of a kind.. Love you John..❤️❤️

Robin Cwynar - October 17, 2022 at 08:09 PM



LD

Most fun neighborhood Dad who taught us that making time for family is a priority. You will be missed.

Leo Dawson - October 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM