



Robert J. Bowen

June 28, 1931 - March 5, 2013

Greenland – Robert J. Bowen, 81, a resident of Greenland since 1995 and a former resident of Rye, died suddenly on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Portland, ME June 28, 1931 the son of the late John J. and Ethel J. (West) Bowen.

Robert was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the US Marine Corps and was the recipient of the Purple Heart.

After graduating from the University of Maine, he took a job with Burrows in Aroostook County Maine for 6 years. He later worked for Dunfey Hotel Corporation and retired from Omni Hotel Corporation as the Support Service Manager for Corporate Headquarters after 25 years of service.

He moved to Rye in 1965 where he embraced his new hometown by becoming involved with the Little League program. He was also treasurer of The Parsons Field Group that raised funds used for the purchase of the field located in Rye Center. Parson's field was then donated to the town of Rye and is currently known as Parson's Park. He also served on the Rye school board.

Bob's second love after family was sailing.

He was the husband of his high school sweetheart, Nancy L. (Leeman) Bowen for over 60 years.

In addition to his wife, family members include his son, Dean S. Bowen and his wife Allison of Nottingham, his two sisters Hazel Knuti of Mission Viejo, CA and Gwen Jodrie of Portland, ME, many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, John Paul Bowen, his sisters, Mildred Jacobski, Jacqueline Waugh, Ethel Morrill and Francis Quarrington.

Services will be held at 2 PM on Monday, March 11, 2013 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home -Cremastory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. The family requests there are no visiting hours. If desired, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Bowen*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Deano, It was a wonderful service today. I now understand where you got your fine qualities as a gentleman and compassionate man. I enjoyed the story you shared with us all. It gave us a little peak into a very private and honorable mans life. I know he was smiling with great pride as you were telling us the story. Your father did very well in teaching you what is important in life. Let's remember to live life as our fathers champions and enjoy all the blessings we've been given. It's been a hard 3 years and I have no doubt we will be better people because of facing all the challenges that have been thrown at us and I just wanted to quickly say that I couldn't have gotten through the rough times without your support. Let me know how you're doing and always remember to never hesitate to reach out if I can help you and your family in any way. Give me a call when it all settles down and we'll get out for a reuben and a cold one. Greg*

Gregory Cole - May 08, 2013 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dear Nancy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful person. I will be thinking of you in the coming days. I will let my mother know. love, Peggy (Pillsbury) Schlayer*

Peggy (Pillsbury) Schlayer - May 08, 2013 at 09:49 AM

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“ Dear Nancy & Dean and family, I am so sorry to learn about Bob's passing. Wonderful write-up in the newspaper. Sometimes we learn parts of people's lives too late to talk with them about; like receiving the Purple Heart. Bob was a sweetheart with a ready smile and always a willingness to help. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

Lori Larson - May 08, 2013 at 09:49 AM

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“ To the Family, Last week I walked in Kinkos and went right to the desk to ask for "Bob". They told me he no longer works there. I said "what am I going to do now" I had this family picture I wanted to enlarge. I struggled thru and walked out. In the car I looked at the picture, I had made a mess. Where was Bob? He has always been there he had always been there for me when I needed him. Oh well, I shrugged it off and said I hope he is enjoying retirement, tho I felt retirement isn't Bob. Then a few days ago I saw the obituary and felt very sad that I would know longer have him for my friend. He would do anything for me to get my bills printed the way I wanted or fool around with some lady's picture she couldn't get right. Now I can't go into Kinkos without looking for Bob, although I know he won't be there. Such a nice man, a nice write-up too bad I hadn't known him long enough. Signed, Lee Pearl

Lee Pearl - May 08, 2013 at 09:49 AM

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“ 91456 such a dear friend who created so many wonderful memories in my life. He will always be in my heart.

sandra kent - May 08, 2013 at 09:48 AM