



## Raymond Clarence Bowman Sr.

August 16, 1940 - October 24, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Raymond Clarence Bowman Sr.

Raymond Clarence Bowman, Sr, 83, of Woodstock, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Raymond was born on August 16, 1940, to Joseph Frederick and Hazel Marie Epard Bowman in Maurertown, Virginia. He graduated from Toms Brook High School in 1958. Raymond grew up in a large family that included eight children. His siblings were: Harold (Joyce), Chester (Patsy), Johnny, Eva, Earl (Frances), Virginia (Steve), and Sam (Jeanie).

Raymond met Earline when her family moved to Maurertown in 1953. He began pulling her pigtails on the bus. It wasn't until July 5, 1963, Raymond married Earline Dorothy Mason. They had five children, RC (Cathy), Byron (Tammy), Evan (Amy), Lydia (Matt), and Keary (Jennifer). They have 12 grandchildren: Trent, Jade, Kelsey, Destiny, Bonnie, Megan, Dyannie (Brek), Jenna, Peyton, Corbin, Lily, and Braxton. They have 9 great grandchildren: Jasmine, Chad, Hallie, Logan, Kloe, Emma, Sophia, Lillian, and Malakai. They took so much pride in their large family and strong marriage.

Raymond is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph (1953) and Hazel

Bowman (1998), his siblings, Harold (2021), Chester (2014), Johnny (2016), Eva (1970), Sam (2022), and his granddaughter, Jade Elizabeth Bowman (2020).

Raymond began helping his mother haul livestock at the age of 15. He continued to work for his mother's business (Bowman's Transfer) until the age of 23. After four months at Woodstock Eileen, Raymond knew that farming and hauling livestock was what fit him better. In November 1963, he began Raymond Bowman Hauling. He could often be found up before the sun getting ready to take livestock to Baltimore or preparing to mow hay before it got too hot. Raymond made sure he was at the Winchester Livestock sale every week for almost 60 years. His hard-working mentality made sure the work was done.

Raymond was a member of the Winchester Church of the Nazarene until the Woodstock Church of the Nazarene was built in 1973 when he transferred his membership.

Raymond was a lover of country cookin' and socializing. Raymond was also a member of the St. Luke Men's Coffee Club. He enjoyed catching up with the St. Luke fellas over some sausage biscuits and gravy. He enjoyed church fellowship gatherings and the Shenandoah County Fair. Raymond knew almost everyone it seemed and was always willing to catch up on life with them.

Raymond enjoyed long road trips for vacation. He traveled most of the United States this way as well as Canada and Mexico. He managed to navigate the roads with ease each time.

Family Night will be held at Valley Funeral Service on Friday, October 27th from 6-8. His service will be held at Valley Funeral Service on Saturday,

October 28th at 11:00. Burial will follow at Sunset View Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Unit 405, Winchester, VA 22601.

Pallbearers will be: Sam Heishman, Harry Windle, Cliff Wetzel, Larry Richards, Dennis Showman, Curtis Heltzel - Honorary Pallbearer - Matt Wright and the St. Luke Breakfast Club

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset View Memorial Gardens

2677 Fravel Rd  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ So many memories from family reunions..Love and hugs to Earlene and family.

Shirley Young - October 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers sent your way. Mr. Bowman will be greatly missed

Phyllis Hollar - October 26, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Bill Grim and Ismet Nuri are sorry for your loss.

Ismet Nuri - October 26, 2023 at 02:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Clarence Bowman Sr..



October 25, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Clarence Bowman Sr..

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Clarence Bowman Sr..



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October 25, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ Raymond was a great historian and full of knowledge about our family tree. I will miss sitting around Virginia's table where she would have all her siblings in for a meal several times a year since their mother passed in 1998. We enjoyed sharing about the family times and always looked to Raymond for answers. Our table is getting smaller but will always remember those times together.

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**Jeanie Bowman** - October 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM