



TSgt Bobby Franklin Bowman

July 15, 1932 - December 3, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of TSgt Bobby Franklin Bowman.

TSgt Bobby Franklin Bowman, 91, (USAF Retired) passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. Bobby was born on July 15, 1932, in Edinburg, son of the late Boyd Miley and Virginia Grandstaff Bowman. The funeral service will be held Sunday, December 10 at 2:00pm at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg. Pastor Terry Hendricks will officiate. Burial with military honors by Edinburg VFW Post #2447 will follow in Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg. The family will receive friends Saturday, December 9, from 6-8pm at the funeral home.

Bobby is survived by a daughter, Deborah Orndorff; grandsons, Bradley Orndorff and wife Emily of Edinburg and Brian Orndorff of Maurertown; and great grandchildren, Charlotte, Steven and Lena Orndorff and Haley and Chris Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Barbara Grandstaff Bowman; his parents; and sisters and brothers, Frances Fauber, Joyce Sager, Harold and Billy Bowman.

Bobby was a member of St. Johns United Methodist Church. Bobby graduated from Edinburg High School in 1951. At the age of 18, he joined the USAF service where he was sent into the Korean War. His family and country

are proud of his 20 years of service. In that time, he was stationed in many countries. He was stationed in England, Germany and Libya in Africa. He served in French Morocco, Netherlands, South Korea, Denmark, and Greenland. In the United States he was stationed in Nevada, Indiana, Texas, Maine, North Carolina and Delaware. Along with his family, they were stationed in Japan. Bobby was sent to South Korea again and then to Vietnam for a year. He spent time in the Philippines, Guam, Thailand and then returned to Vietnam for a year again.

In his civilian life he worked for C. E. Thompson and Sons, Northern Virginia Vending and retired from there in 1994. He stayed busy and served his fellow veterans by driving the V.A. van from 1994-2012. He belonged to the VFW Post #2447 as a life member and joined the American Legion at the same time. Other organizations he belonged to were the Mt. Jackson Moose, Vietnam Assoc., the Air Force Sgt. Assoc., the NRA, and the Edinburg Lions Club.

Pallbearers will be Robert Sager, Dennis Fauber, Phil Fauber, Tommy Bowman, Dick Bowman, and Kevin Fauber.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #2447, 100 Veteran's Way, Edinburg, VA 22824 or St. Johns United Methodist Church, 116 S. High St, Edinburg, VA 22824.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cedarwood Cemetery

214 S. Main St
Edinburg, VA 22824

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service
14116 South Middle Road
Edinburg, VA 22824
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Funeral Service

DEC **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby always loved giving hugs at the meetings. I have and always will miss those sweet hugs.

Linda Testerman/ Bill Testerman

Linda Testerman - December 08, 2023 at 06:22 PM

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“ I knew Bobby for a short time since I joined the Lions International recently. He has left me with a great memory of a very sweet and gently man. He will be missed in our group.

Kathy Pietri

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“ Trish Wilkins lit a candle in memory of TSgt Bobby Bowman



Trish Wilkins - December 06, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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“ Me. Bowman was an amazing man. I worked with him at the VFW fair stand for more years than I can remember. Mr. Bowman always went out of his way to help everyone that he met. He was one of the kindest souls I ever met, always putting service above self. I am a better person for knowing him and I know the same is true for all who met him. My prayers go out to his family that they find peace in knowing he will live on in our hearts forever.

Sarah Markel - December 05, 2023 at 06:34 PM