



Raymond "Bud" Bowman

December 20, 1934 - February 11, 2017

Raymond Allen Bowman, 82, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2017, at Lakeshore Living Apartments in Lac du Flambeau, WI, following a lengthy battle with Lewey Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease. He was born December 20, 1934, in Fifield, WI, the son of Ernest R. and Marie A. (nee Ryan) Bowman. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Lac du Flambeau, where he spent the balance of his life in the Lac du Flambeau/Minocqua area. He graduated from Minocqua High School in 1952. In his early years, Bud lived in a small home next to Patterson Lumber Co. where his father was foreman so, naturally, he spent most of his time around the sawmill, watching logs being turned into lumber and riding in the trucks whenever he could. As a result, he learned to drive at an early age. Bud's dream was to own a small business and, so it was, in 1954, Island City Dray was for sale. With only a small inventory, he knew it would take some time to make it work so, with the help of his family, he made the purchase. Later, when Bud married (as the joke goes), Bud became the pillar and his wife, Beverly, the glue. Times were quite primitive in the 1950's. He worked most of the balance of his life in the same business, until his health began to fail. Bud was truly a family person, as well as special person, in his own way. He had many fond memories and experiences throughout the years...he loved to reminisce stories with his friends, (and also loved to tell them) of his experiences throughout the years. Bud loved the "small" things in life – a hug or a handshake, paired with a joke and some friendly conversation, which would be his definition of a nice day.

He loved his work and his church (St. Anthony's Catholic Church in LdF, WI), which he was active in, and a member of, for 57 years. He had served on the Parish Council and was head greeter---a position he thoroughly enjoyed, mostly for the conversation with the parishoners. He served on the Lac du Flambeau Public School Board for 14 years. At one time, he was in a partnership ownership of the Sunset Memorial Gardens cemetery, which was later donated to the Township of Arbor Vitae. On weekends, a favorite past-time would be to find Bud and Beverly driving through the woods, enjoying the scenery. The two of them enjoyed 61 wonderful years together. Bud also enjoyed hunting, ice fishing excursions to Minnesota, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, bus tours, or any other activity which may take him outdoors. Most of all, however, he loved to spend time with his family and special grandchildren. He would never think of missing any of his grandchildren's activities.

Bud is survived by the love of his life, Beverly A. (Houck) Bowman of Minocqua; brother-in-law, Ronald Houck of Park Falls; sister-in-laws, Janet Hutchinson and Darlene Houck of Park Falls. Also survived by three children, James Raymond (Beverly) Bowman of Harshaw, Jo Ann (Bowman) Wenzlick of Minocqua, and Mark Patrick (Elizabeth) Bowman of Minocqua. He is further survived by seven grandchildren, Benjamin (Jenna) Bowman, Brian Bowman, Angela (Shane) Haling, Matthew (Julianne) Wenzlick, David Wenzlick, Callista Bowman, and Gabriel Bowman and four great-grandchildren, Lila, Tristan, Elliot, and Harper, along with many other nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 – 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Lac du Flambeau, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 or to the Wisconsin Parkinson

Association, 2819 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53208.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

Woodruff, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony's
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony's
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Tribute Wall

JA

“ It is well over 20 years that Bud did grading work for me and when I read his obituary I was deep saddened. I've not seen him since, but my memory of him is very clear. He was an engaging and professional gentleman. That speaks volumes of the truly wonderful and impressionable man that he was. It was my honor to have cross paths with Bud.

Blessings on all of you. May your sorrow be balanced knowing he is so greatly revered.

Most sincerely,

Janet Alesauskas

Janet Alesauskas - February 28, 2017 at 05:59 PM

TM

“ Bud was a great man. He was my Godfather to begin with, and really great to all the neighborhood kid's. When I graduated high school he hired me for my first full time job. Bud was a hard working guy and he expected that out of you also. Yep he could be a hot head but also fun as heck to be around. I look back now and realize the man worked like 24- 7, he couldn't have slept much at all because the job's poured in. When away from work he was like your best friend for real funny as heck. Anyhow hope to see you again Bud. May God give you his peace, and again thank you for all you did for me!!!!



Tim Miesbauer - February 19, 2017 at 03:09 PM

HO

“ *Friends are forever and beyond in our hearts we share the loss of Bud. Spirits of his friendship will always be with us as we look at nature and gods creation of blue skies and rainbows. We are never alone! Howard & Judy Peitsch*



Howard - February 19, 2017 at 06:40 AM

JS

“ *Bev, I'm so sorry to here about Bud, he always had something to say to make me laugh when I ran into you folks, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I'm sorry I won't make the service as I am out of the state but I will be thinking of you. Jerry Solem*

Jerry Solem - February 18, 2017 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Bud" Bowman .*



February 18, 2017 at 12:23 PM

VF

“ Dear Bev: Bud certainly was a people person. When he greeted anyone, he made us feel as if it really made his day to see you. He and my husband, Bob, loved to chat when ever they met. When Bob was ill, Bud made sure our drive was plowed first so I could get him to the Dr. without problems. It's been 27 years but I have never forgotten his care and concern. God grant you courage, bring back cherished happy memories and comfort you with His promise of reunion one day with our loved ones, Vic LaFrenier

Victoria La Frenier - February 17, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond "Bud" Bowman .



February 16, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Bud" Bowman .



February 16, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Bud" Bowman .



February 16, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CL

“ Our condolences and prayers go out to the Bowman family at this time of loss. We remember Bud fondly from the time of Jenna and Ben's wedding and know that he will be missed by you greatly.
Gene & Cynthia Larson

cynthia larson - February 15, 2017 at 08:25 PM

SM

“ Our sympathy to the Bowman family. He was a great man, I always enjoyed seeing him walk with his dog along Hwy. 70. Our thoughts and prayers are will all of you. The Smylie's

Smylie - February 15, 2017 at 07:28 PM

MF

“ He will be missed. Our sympathy to the Bowman family. Gene & Marilyn F.

Marilyn fiddymnt - February 14, 2017 at 06:42 PM

TP

“ Our condolences to your family. Bud was a good man and friend to many, he will be missed. We are very grateful for memories we are able to share with the entire Bowman clan! The Pattersons

TJ Patterson - February 14, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond "Bud" Bowman .



February 14, 2017 at 01:11 PM

PJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Bowman family.

*Pete Jacobsen
Tracey Soulier*

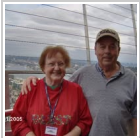
Pete Jacobsen - February 14, 2017 at 11:59 AM

GS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Bev and the whole Bowman family. May the Lord give you comfort in this time of sadness.

Jim and Ginger Schwanebeck

Ginger Schwanebeck - February 14, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ Our condolences to Bev and family

The Wipperfurths

Tom Wipp - February 13, 2017 at 09:47 AM

VB

“ Vonnie Braun lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Bud" Bowman



Vonnie Braun - February 11, 2017 at 11:17 PM

VB

RIP BUD. GOD BLESS!

Vonnie Braun - February 11, 2017 at 11:18 PM

TB

Sorry to here about Bud my condolences to the Bowman family

Tom Bablitch - February 18, 2017 at 05:44 PM

TH

My sympathy to the Bowman family. Bud was just a damn good guy and a very honest businessman. Gonna miss that smile and laugh. RIP

Tom Handrick - February 19, 2017 at 08:58 PM