



Ralph Clinton Bowers

October 27, 1935 - January 4, 2019

Ralph Clinton Bowers of Lansing passed away January 5, 2019. Ralph was born October 27, 1935 in Elizabethton, Tennessee to the late Ola and Margaret (Colbaugh) Bowers. He was a decorated Marine Corp Vietnam Veteran. As a result of Ralph's courageous efforts during the Vietnam War, he received a Bronze Star with Combat V and was also awarded a Purple Heart among several other decorations. After serving with the Marines for 22 years, Ralph retired and began a second career at the US Postal Service where he worked for another 30 years. He was a member of the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church and the 40&8 Voiture in Lansing.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sandra K. (Shirey); sons, Retired Colonel Michael (Laurel); Benjamin (Holly) and Christopher (Krista Dittenber); grandchildren, Margaret, Elizabeth, Kathryn (Knyle) Bird, Sebastian and Felicity; daughter-in-law, Jill Bowers; brother, Larry (Sharon) and sister, Lois Williams and many nieces and nephews. Ralph was preceded in death by son, Mark.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church with Reverend Hillary Thurston-Cox, officiating. Interment with military honors will be Wednesday at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Tuesday at the church from 10-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions in Ralph's name may be given to the Wacousta Community UMC, 9180 Herbison Road,

Eagle, Michigan 48822(https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9OpY-5FqHFA3dt5nnBOgyRTNb4y6ZSw7v3KSUpatyRmmW7Bjhh_IzQZ3zAB_PMpBdbo7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx3hDyoLPRBCt6uNFQczkkRpk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn5ug84X4LatDDu0UR3pkHik=&ver=3) or the Capital Area Humane Societ, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>) Click links above to give online.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

Visitation

JAN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wacousta Community United Methodist Church
9180 Herbison Road
Eagle, MI 48822

Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph; it was a joy to work with him when I was detailed to the Lansing PDC. May the grace of God comfort his family during this time of bereavement.



Linda F. Adams (Postmaster-Merrill/Breckenridge) USPS

Linda Adams - January 09, 2019 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ Sandy - I was deeply saddened to hear of this, my condolences to you and your family.

M Weber, MDA - January 09, 2019 at 10:06 AM

AL

“ Hello My Name Is Art Lewis I work at the Us Postal Service Kalamazoo Mi. Hub. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to The Family of Mr. Ralph Bowers. I met Mr. Bowers when I was assisting my Maintenance Manger Dan Maley at the Lansing MI U.S.P.S Plant Where Mr.Bowers was the Maintenance Manager and from that moment I was very impressed and I immediately felt Respect and Honor for him. As I looked around his office I saw that he was a Decorated Marine of the Vietnam War. I said to myself "I knew there was something about this man as to why I admired him immediately". I am a Veteran of the United States Army and I was a Drill Sgt. The Esprit De Corps was immense that day for me. I went to his plant on another occasion to work an assignment for him and he was a joy to work for. He will be missed and I Salute You Marine. Semper Fi.

arthur lewis - January 08, 2019 at 03:49 PM

DB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Ralph about 40 years. The 30 years at the old PO was a delight filled with his insight. (we both enjoyed keeping the bosses honest) I also got to know Ralph, Sandy, Chris and Ben when my mother, Jackie Bullion, was a nanny for Chris and Ben. Mama always said those were some of her most joyful days, being a part of their family! I will always remember and be thankful that I knew Ralph! Rest in peace old soldier. Don and Deb Bullion

Donald Bullion - January 08, 2019 at 10:43 AM

TP

“ My condolences to Ralph's family. He was a good man and indispensable in the years I knew him in the USPS. He will be missed.

Tim Park - January 07, 2019 at 08:23 PM

GW

“ One of the best supervisors at Collins Road: firm, fair, funny and got the job done. A man who served his country with honor and dignity. A man of great respect. Sorry to see him pass but am proud to say I knew him.
gordon wilson

gordon wilson - January 07, 2019 at 04:06 PM

 Nancy Stephens

“ So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. We remember him well from our "Postal" days. You are in our prayers. Nancy & Bob Stephens

Nancy Stephens - January 07, 2019 at 11:10 AM

PW

“ Our sympathy at this sad time to your family!! He was a blustery kind hearted and funny man!! We pray your family will share the many great Ralph stories in the years to come. He will be missed
Roger & Pam Wyrick USPS Lansing

pam wyrick - January 07, 2019 at 11:08 AM

MI

“ Michigan Millers Mutual Ins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Clinton Bowers.



Michigan Millers Mutual Ins - January 07, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ condolences to Ralphs family, without a doubt the BEST supervisor I had in 33 years at the Post office. Ralph could be stern, but he could always say Im sorry too. Lots of laughs with his jokes God Bless Pete

Peter Gatteri - January 07, 2019 at 10:22 AM

TG

“ So sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tammy Gradowski - January 07, 2019 at 10:09 AM

TS

“ Sorry to hear about Ralph, our prayers are with you and the family.
Terry And Nancy Saxton Beaver Island Mi.

Terry,Nancy Saxton - January 07, 2019 at 09:47 AM

MF

“ Sandy, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this heartbreaking time. God bless.

Myra Foster - January 07, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Clinton Bowers.



January 07, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Clinton Bowers.



January 06, 2019 at 09:11 PM

CB

“ 99 files added to the album Memories Album



Chris Bowers - January 06, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Clinton Bowers.*



January 06, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ *With Love, Beth and Ralph Wang purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ralph Clinton Bowers.*



With Love, Beth and Ralph Wang - January 06, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Clinton Bowers.*



January 06, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Michael Bowers - January 05, 2019 at 06:05 PM