



Robert Paul Bowman

December 1, 1931 - January 9, 2024

Robert Paul Bowman passed away on Tuesday, January 9th, 2023, at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford at the age of 92.

He was born on December 1, 1931, in Niagara Falls, New York, the son of the late Paul and Caroline (Kelly) Bowman.

Robert attended the University of Michigan where he met the love of his life, Lorraine Butler, who preceded him in death in 2011. While obtaining a bachelor's degree in forestry, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Phi fraternity and the University of Michigan Marching Band (playing in the 1951 Rose Bowl). After graduation he married Lorraine before being deployed by the U.S. Army to serve in Japan. Upon his return from service, he began his 38 year long career in forestry with Kimberly Clark (Champion Timberlands).

Robert enjoyed a fulfilling life; he raised three children, was active in the Methodist Church, and was an avid photographer who even developed his own pictures. He was a duplicate bridge Life Masters (with wife Lorraine) in the American Contract Bridge League, enjoyed a home in Spread Eagle, Wisconsin and one in Lake Tahoe, California, and continued to attend Golden K activities until the end.

He is survived by his children, Linda (Dave) Bertola, Judy (Theron) Johnson,

and William (Jean Ann) Bowman; 4 grandchildren, Bryan (Michele) Bertola, Gina (Steve) Tomasino, Maddison Bowman and Alec Bowman; and 3 great-grandchildren, Bo Bertola, Isabella Tomasino, and Juliana Tomasino.

The family would like to thank the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living.

A family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *To The Family of Bob...
We are so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of working with Bob for 14 years. He always had a smile on his face & a very optimistic upbeat attitude. It was so nice to keep in contact with Bob throughout all these years, & a pleasure for us to see him & visit! We hope God's love & all your cherished memories help to comfort you.
Our Sincere Sympathy -
Sid & Janet Dye*

Sid & Janet - January 24, 2024 at 07:58 PM

DL

“ *Dear Linda and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. Sending you hugs and thoughts! Diane Luczak*

Diane Marie Luczak - January 17, 2024 at 07:25 PM

CB

“ *To the Family of our ole chum Bobby. Quit a few other “Twigs”/Foresters, Loggers and Friends spent many hours, days, weeks, months and years working with him thru multiple company ownerships. A Super Great person, dedicated employee, always friendly with a kind sense of humor, team player, with all the gang. He always enjoyed talking about skiing and bridge and spending time with family, plus many forester tales! He probably is stacking the deck right now with Lorraine at his side. God Bless. Corky a Linda Bartosz*

Corky Bartosz - January 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM

DN

“ God give you Linda and your family peace as you grieve the passing of your dad. Thoughts and prayers. Denise Pelletier Nault

Denise Nault - January 15, 2024 at 08:11 AM

MM

“ When I would drive Linda home from MTU Bob would always come out to meet us in the driveway and give me a very generous amount of money saying that she was worth it! Linda, you were loved. May God comfort you and your family with fond memories of his love.
Mike Mlinar

Mike Mlinar - January 13, 2024 at 07:12 AM

CR

“ Bob was an awesome big brother. Family was his whole life. He will be with us in spirit forever.

Carol Rine - January 12, 2024 at 03:46 PM