



# Maurice Dale Bowman

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## **Maurice Dale Bowman**

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**B**ig Rapids - Maurice Dale "Butch" Bowman, 70, of Big Rapids, passed away on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at home while in hospice care, after a lengthy illness. He was born July 8, 1945 at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon, the son of Maurice D. and Violet L. (LaValley) Bowman. Butch was raised on a dairy farm in Big Rapids and attended Morley Stanwood Schools. After graduation in 1963, he went on to attend Ferris State College and graduated with a degree in electronics. In 1968, he began his career at Ferris as a Television Engineer while he pursued his master's degree. In 1984, Butch was hired at Central Michigan University as a Maintenance Supervisor for Public Broadcasting where he worked until he was forced to retire for health reasons in 2001. Butch was a Colfax Township board member and Treasurer for the NABET Union at CMU. He enjoyed spending time with his family. In spite his arthritis, Butch loved doing things with his hands such as woodworking, pottery and lapidary. He could fix any computer or television problem, and also enjoyed bowling, hunting and fishing. Butch was able to enjoy his retirement by spending winters in Arizona. In 1971, Butch married Janet L. Pettit, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Kimberly ( Mike) Bowen; 2 grandsons, Kyle and Evan Bowen who were the lights of his life; two brothers, Marvin (Irene) Bowman, Larry (Dianne) Bowman; one sister; Sally (Chuck) Wolverton; one brother-in-law, John (Mary) Pettit; 3 sisters-in-law, Joyce (Ben) Kinser, Sandra (Tom) Laus, Susan (Seldon) Ross; and many nieces and nephews. Butch was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m., today (Monday), December 21, 2015 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with Pastor Mike Harrison-Haefner from Heartland Hospice officiating. Butch's family will greet friends at the funeral home beginning at 12:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice or the Arthritis Foundation, with envelopes available at the funeral home.



## Tribute Wall

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CH

**Chris And Dale Hampel** posted:

We want to send our condolences to Janet, Kim and family. You were our first neighbors, and we couldn't have picked a better one. Butch always made sure we were plowed out when it snowed with that blue Toyota truck he had. He always had a smile and lending

December 21 at 8:00 PM

DH

**Dick Hawkins** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Butch. We were on a bowling team for a number of years and also worked at Ferris at the same time. Please know that the family is in my prayers.

December 21 at 8:00 PM

PO

**Patti Olson** posted:

Janet: You and your family are in my prayers. May God's strength help you during this time.

December 20 at 8:00 PM

SG

**Sue Gross** posted:

Denny & I are in Florida living, but just saw the obituary. We are so sorry and our prayers are with you. Denny & Sue Gross

December 20 at 8:00 PM

CS

**Cheri Stump** posted:

Janet, Don't know if you remember me, but we were neighbors 20 years ago. I want to send my condolences to you. God Bless.

December 20 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Marv & Irene Bowman** posted:

Butch and Janet both showed tremendous love and strength. Always amazed by your ability to keep on keeping on against all odds. Love to all!

December 20 at 8:00 PM



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MU

**Mark Underwood** posted:

Butch, We have been the best of friends since kindergarten and have shared many good times and memories together through grade school, high school and during our college years. I so recall the memorable summers when I stayed with you on the family farm

December 20 at 8:00 PM

JW

**John & Donna Woods** posted:

We'll miss Butch. He was a good friend and co-worker. We enjoyed our time together.

December 20 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Mel & Gayle Clouse** posted:

Janet & Kim & family. I am sorry to hear about Butch. He was a good neighbor, co-worker & friend.

December 19 at 8:00 PM

BG

**Barb Grant** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family in their loss. I knew Butch from school He was a great person.

December 19 at 8:00 PM



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