



J. Clarence Bowers

July 20, 2016

J. Clarence Bowers, 102, of Ronks, PA, passed away on Wednesday evening, July 20, 2016 at Landis Homes, where he had been a guest since March, 2015. Born in Lancaster and a lifelong area resident, he was the son of the late Jacob R. and Mamie F. Getz Bowers. He was the husband of the late Helen S. Bowers, who passed away on January 25, 2002. At the time of her death, they had been married for 60 years.

He had worked in banking throughout his life with the former Lancaster County National Bank which is now Wells Fargo. He was branch manager of their main office on East King St., Commercial Lending Officer and then Assistant Vice President of the Bridgeport office when it opened in 1957. He retired in 1976.

Clarence had served with the U.S. Navy as a Yeoman 1st Class, Petty Officer, during World War II. He was a member of Grace Evangelical Church in Lancaster where he served as treasurer for 45 years, the New Holland Band, Christian Businessman's Committee of Lancaster and the International Christian Leadership Group.

Clarence will be lovingly remembered by his children; Beverly Ann Bowers of Ronks and James Robert, (Patricia Bryant) Bowers of Wayne, PA, his grandson, Neal, (Vicky) Bowers of Ft. Myers, FL and his great grandson Connor M. Bowers and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings; Lester G. Bowers, Ruth Hank, Esther Umble and Edna Rathkey.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Celebrate his Life at Grace Evangelical Church, Shippen at Locust Sts., Lancaster, PA on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Mark Ammerman officiating. Interment will be at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery. The family will receive friends at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., West Orange at Pine Sts., Lancaster, PA on Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Monday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. If desired, memorials may be sent in Clarence's memory to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Evangelical Church
Lancaster, PA

Service

JUL **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Evangelical Church
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of J. Clarence Bowers*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - July 22, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ *J. Clarence Bowers*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I fondly remember Clarence from the years I played with the NH Band before moving to North Carolina. Every time I visited the band after I moved Clarence would greet me "I'm still playing!". What a wonderful example he was to all of the younger musicians. Always loved his enthusiasm and positive outlook on life. Clarence you will be missed here on earth but I know you are playing beautiful music in heaven.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Patti (Brubaker) Lutz

Patti Lutz - July 25, 2016 at 09:28 AM

HF

“ *Bev (Neal & Vicky).... I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father (grandfather). I know how important he was in your lives. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers . Love, Helen Fink*

Helen Fink - July 22, 2016 at 02:23 PM

DW

“ *Dear Bev and Jim:*

Although I have known your father in all too short of time, in that we met in the year 2000, he has been an inspiration to me, in how he lived and conducted his life. Hearing his many stories, enjoying his humor, and just being around him, all the way up through this year when Janet and I had regular visits and lengthy chats with him at Landis Homes. You should be rewarded in knowing that he is loved by many, and will be remembered and missed for a very long time.

With sincere condolences,

Woody and Janet

Dr. H. J. Woody Woodrow - July 22, 2016 at 12:34 PM

LL

“ *To Neal and Vicky and Connor Bowers: We are so very sorry for your loss. Your Grandfather was such a kind and caring soul. Neal you should be very proud he has guided and molded you into the warm and caring man that you are today. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of u. We love you and God bless. Don and Lyn Lenhart*

Lyn Lenhart - July 22, 2016 at 12:01 PM

DJ

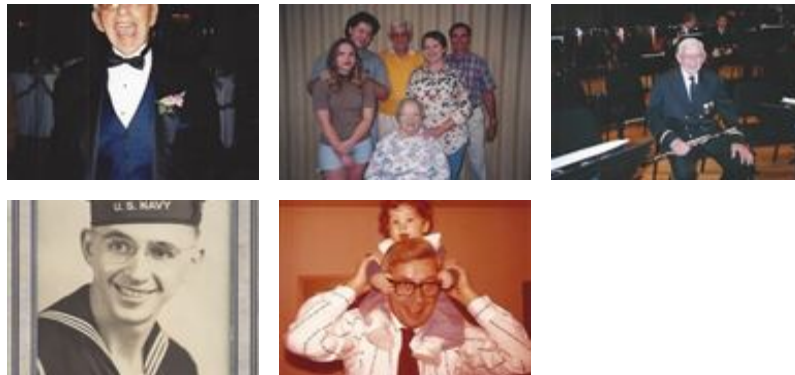
“ Dear Bev & Jim,
Your dad had a significant impact on my life. After I finished university he invited me into his office in Lancaster and counseled me on establishing credit and living debt-free. His good and kind counsel stuck with me. I recall many good memories with your folks. We often spent summer afternoons going to hear your dad play in the band somewhere. Your dad leaves such a wonderful legacy. He was so kind and gracious to all.
May God's peace be with you as you celebrate the gift of his life to everyone he touched.

Don Johns (Frank & Marie Johns' son)

Don Johns - July 22, 2016 at 10:01 AM



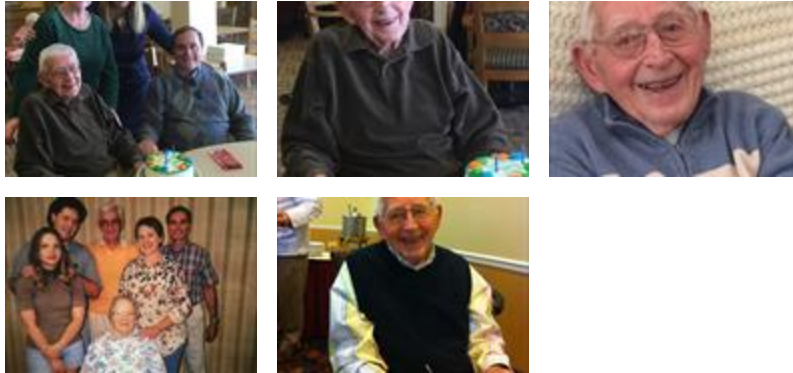
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jim bowers - July 22, 2016 at 09:48 AM

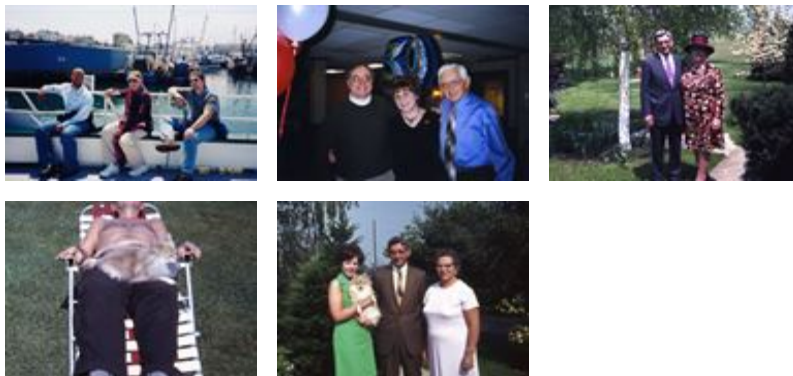
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“ *In loving memory to the best dad ever who is now with God in Heaven. Godspeed, Dad! With love, son Jim*

Jim Bowers - July 22, 2016 at 08:29 AM



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