



Ronald E Bowman

December 10, 2016

Ronald E. Bowman, 74, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at his home.

He was the husband of Mary L. (Hunt) Bowman, with whom he celebrated 43 years of marriage this past May. Born in Lancaster on July 26, 1942, he was the son of the late Gerald E. and Virginia L. (Cree) Bowman.

A professional photographer for 55 years, Ron's career began with Sperry New Holland, WGAL, and Millersville State College as a photographer in the Public Relations Department. He free-lanced for a variety of well-known clientele including Armstrong World Industries, Curtain Call Costumes, Foltz-Wessinger, Inc. and Wood-Mode, Inc. Additionally, he founded Crystal Light, a multi-media production group, with several colleagues.

In 1999, Ron founded The Shadowlight Group, a large studio specializing in the design, construction and photography of room interiors for clients both national and international, where he served as its CEO, President and Creative Director until his retirement in 2012.

During his retirement, he was a mentor with SCORE -- Lancaster/Lebanon and devoted his efforts to Fine-Art and Digital Art Photography. His Route 66 body of work speaks to his love and appreciation of American culture. He

considered "The Season of Light", a visual/musical interpretation of Lancaster County as well as a tribute to the Amish families who have lived there unchanged for generations, one of his most important works. In addition to photography, Ron loved music, reading, spending time in Avalon and was an avid car enthusiast.

Photography was Ron's passion and his creative eye captured stirring images of people, places and things. While business clients reaped the benefit of having an experienced story teller create memorable photos, his family and friends are left with lasting images that speak to who he was and for which he will always be remembered.

Ron graduated from J. P. McCaskey High School in 1960 and attended Millersville State College (1962-1964), and F&M College (1964-1969).

In addition to his wife Mary, he is survived by his daughter, Lisa A. Hall of Lancaster, his son, Ronald G. Bowman of Lancaster, his, step-daughter Tamara S. Rue of Downingtown; his grandchildren, Joseph Rue, Tori, Hilari, and Chase Bowman, Alexandra Hall, and Courtney Enck Wettrau; his great granddaughter, Khalessi; his brother, Lawrence G. Bowman and former wife, Lynda (Foote) Bowman.

Relatives and friends are invited to Ronald's Celebration of Life at the Bent Creek Country Club, 620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz, PA 17543 on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 5:00PM. The family will be receiving guests following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to UNICEF and the Lancaster County SPCA, 848 S. Prince St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

Bent Creek Country Club
620 Bent Creek Drive
Lititz, PA 17543

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald E Bowman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I need not tell anyone who knew Ron that he was an exceptionally talented photographer. I had the good fortune of working side by side with Ron on many audio/visual projects at Armstrong World Industries. Sometimes, it was just he and I working into the late hours of the night to make the slides and music track become a beautiful story with slides dancing across the screen in a choreographed montage always in sync with music or voice/over track as the occasion required. Not once during the years in those many working sessions do I remember Ron being any less than a gentleman and a team player. He was someone that I could count on to always get the job done and to do so as a true professional and, most importantly, as a friend. He will be missed.*

*Don Dorwart, Retired
Former Audio/Visual Producer, Producers Services
Armstrong World Industries*

Don Dorwart - December 26, 2016 at 08:16 PM

GM

“Helen and I were shocked to learn today of Ron's passing two weeks ago. Mary's card was forwarded from our former address and arrived while we were away for the holiday. It's been probably twenty years since Ron and I last worked together, but his work is still my benchmark for judging photographers. Mary, you have our deepest sympathy. We simply cannot imagine you and Ron without each other.

George and Helen McDermott

George McDermott - December 26, 2016 at 02:18 PM

CS

“Ron was a great Gentleman, Larry and I always had fun when we were out to dinner with you both. And will remember the last time we celebrated his Birthday at the Log Cabin. It was as special to us. Sincerely, Celene and Larry.

celene Swinehart - December 20, 2016 at 09:59 AM

PM

“Mary, Bob and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. I know you had a "soul mate" in Ron. In addition to his creative talents, when I think of Ron I think of his gentle nature with dogs. Wishing you comfort and peace. Pat & Bob Marion

Pat & Bob Marion - December 19, 2016 at 02:26 PM

JT

“I would like to send my sincere sympathies and condolences to Mary and family. I liked Ron and thought he was always a Class Act. He will be missed. Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. Best regards, James Thompson, Collegeville, PA.

James Thompson - December 15, 2016 at 09:47 PM

JW

“ James W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ronald E Bowman.



James W. - December 14, 2016 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ Judy and I send our deepest condolences to Mary and the family. We have been life-long friends with Ron since McCaskey High School, Millersville State College and beyond. We will miss Ron's wry wit, intelligence and great creativity. He and Mary have been part of our small group of friends Ron affectionately called "the Critical Mass"- Ron and Mary, Jerry and Cathy Gehman, John and Diane Morgan and Jim and Judy Brown. We all will miss you Ron and Jerry. Much Love. Judy and Jim Brown

James W. Brown - December 14, 2016 at 09:54 AM

JD

“ Mary, my sincere condolences. Ron was an exceptional human being and I will always remember him fondly. Working with him on the KitchenAid account at Shadowlight was always fun and I loved Ron's passion for photography and for people. Jill DiFranco

Jill DiFranco - December 14, 2016 at 09:28 AM

NH

“ Mary, we are very sorry to hear your husband passed away. The Honmas

Nancy Honma - December 14, 2016 at 07:26 AM



“ *Mary, we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories of good times and thoughts from friends comfort you. Love, Ken and Deb Strubel from USA dance.*

Deb Strubel - December 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM

RL

“ *Mary, I was so sorry to hear about Ron. I am honored to have known him. Call me sometime when you are feeling up to it.
Raymond Laub
627-0714*

Raymond J. Laub - December 13, 2016 at 07:55 PM

MU

“ *Dear Mary, you have my deepest sympathy and I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during these difficult days. To say he was a truly influential force in my life would be an understatement, as he was such a mentor and friend. He will be missed and I will always remember him....may he Rest in Peace. God Bless.. Mark Usciak*

Mark Usciak - December 13, 2016 at 04:15 PM

CI

“ *Mary - You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you!
Bruce and Cindy Carr and family*

Cindy - December 13, 2016 at 03:38 PM

SD

“*Mary,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I had the honor of working with Ron on several occasions and found his knowledge and passion inspiring. I appreciated his willingness to teach others his craft and I personally learned so much from him. His work quickly became the high bar to which I held all subsequent projects. I am grateful to have known him and will never forget him.*
Stephanie Deegan

Stephanie Deegan - December 13, 2016 at 10:52 AM

MY

“*Mary...my deepest and sincerest sympathies during this time. The creative industry is missing a key visionary who left a legacy that will be hard to match! His inspiration, encouragement, and relentless creative vision lives on in many hearts that he has touched along his journey! Keeping you in my prayers...Myra Jewell*

myra - December 13, 2016 at 08:22 AM

RF

Dear Mary...my condolences for the loss of 'your Ron'. Through Ron and the company that he was a shining light in creating, I met you. Together you were a magnificent team and I'm honored to have worked with you both. As time passes the hurt will dissipate, yet the memories will live forever. Treasure them greatly. Stay well, stay strong.
Warmest regards,
Robert Frank

Robert Frank - December 15, 2016 at 10:18 PM

EW

Mary I am so sorry to hear about Ron. You were such a great team. My thoughts and prayers go to you and your family.

Ellen Wascou

Ellen Wascou - December 20, 2016 at 11:17 PM