



John L. Bowden

March 2, 1927 - December 23, 2007

John L. Bowden, 80, of Delmar, died Sunday, December 23, 2007 at his home in Delmar, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 2, 1927 in Salisbury, a son of the late Thomas and Marie Layfield Bowden.

Mr. Bowden proudly served his country in the US Army from 1945 to 1953, where he earned his Korean Service Medal and various other commendations. He was a Life Member of the Delmar VFW, Post 8276. He worked on the railroad as a fireman for more than 11 years. After leaving his job on the railroad he worked as an over the road truck driver for Hearn's Produce and Triglia's Transportation and developed a passion for truck driving. He loved fishing and was an excellent cook. He looked forward to planning and hosting the annual Labor Day picnic with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elfriede M. Bowden; 5 children, John H. Bowden and his wife, Barbara of Laurel, Monica Wheatley and her husband, Thomas, Thomas B. Bowden of Delmar, June Adkins and her husband, Maurice of Delmar and Penny Nichols of Salisbury; 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren, and three expected to be born soon; 2 brothers, Ernest Bowden of Parsonsburg and Roland Bowden of Delmar; 5 sisters, Mary Lee Smithers of Delmar, Lottie Neil of Pocomoke, Nettie Thomas of Princess

Anne, Carrie Lecates of Newark, MD and Mildred Lane of Salisbury. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 28, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Short Funeral Home, Delmar, where family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Reverend Sam McWilliams will officiate. Interment with military honors will be held at Springhill Memory Gardens in Hebron.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, Maryland 21803.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Service

DEC **28**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John L. Bowden*

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“ *Ms Vetta and Family...*

We are so sorry for your loss.. Mr Johnny was a wonderful person... I have know him my whole life..but for the past 3 years I have had the pleasure of seeing him and his little dog come visit at Tirglia trucking... I will miss him He is with our Lord in his Heaven above... God Bless You Love Charlotte###imported-begin###Norris and Charlotte (Neill) Melvin###imported-end###

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“ *To my loving grandfather. No words can express how much you mean to me. You will be missed dearly. My child will know who his great grandfather was and what a wonderful man you are. I know you will be watching me from heaven and looking out for Desi and I. I will be able to go on knowing that I will have many wonderful memories of you to keep you alive in my heart. I will take care of mommom just like everyone else. I love you and I always will.###imported-begin###Cindy Wheatley###imported-end###*

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“ It's hard to believe such a wonderful man and hero can be gone from my life. I know you're looking down on me now and passing strength to me in your own special way. I will miss your French Toast, I will miss your peanut crumbs, but most of all I will miss your kisses and I love you's. Damon misses his "Big Pop-Pop" and will ride his gator in memory of you. I will take care of Mom-Mom along with the rest of our loving family. Smile Pop-Pop...you're at peace now. Love, Nicole##imported-begin##Nicole Nichols##imported-end##

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“ Dad There is not enough words to tell you how much I will miss you. You were my hero. You took Tommy under your wings and loved him as your own. And he in turned loved as his own Dad. You took Desi and welcome him into our happy family and Jennifer too. So rest Dad for you sent me the sign and let me know you were ok. I love you and mom will be ok.
Monica and Tommy##imported-begin##Monica and Tommy Wheatley##imported-end##

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“ It seems like time flies by so fast and each day becomes a distant memory....which I will always keep near and dear to my heart . I am so glad that my children Gavin and Olivia got the chance to know you and and share the precious time they had with you...you were their "Big POP-POP" and it was always funny to hear what they had to say. now they have you as an angel watching over them....thankyou for everything...I will miss you and keep you in my heart..I love you..Mom-Mom i love you too....Iam always hereand will forever be...##imported-begin##Jennifer Bowden-Hales##imported-end##

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“ Our world stopped when you left us on Sunday evening, December 23, 2007. Even though the pain is unbearable we know you suffer no longer. Mom, along with Tommy, Monica, June and I surrounded your bed and as each of us touched your body I kept telling you it was okay to go. But being the fighter you've always been you waited three seconds longer until Johnny put his hand on your foot and when I said my final "it's okay to go, we're all hear now and will take care of Mom" you took your last breath. Our love for each other grew even stronger at that very moment. I know you're looking down at us now with the proudest grin because you are able to relax now that you can see Mom will be taken care of and that you are in good hands. When things calm down we know you'll be over our shoulders as we toast your love of life by having a steak dinner and ice cream for dessert. Love you and miss you Daddy.##imported-begin##Penny Nichols##imported-end##

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“ *To Aunt Vita, and all the family:*

I loved Uncle Johnny very much, and will miss his laugh, his smile and his great sense of humor. He was always a great friend to me, and I will miss him terribly. I know that no words can comfort you at this time, but just know that he is resting now in the loving arms of Jesus, and you will see him again one day. My love and prayers are with all of you and I hope you know that I am here for you if you need me.

Love Always,

Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Twilley##imported-end##

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