



Eleanor J. Bowen

May 6, 1937 - March 1, 2013

Eleanor J. Bowen, age 75, of Mattoon, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2013, at her residence in Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1601 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL at 9:00 am Thursday, March 7, 2013, with the funeral service following at 11:00. Burial will be at the Melvin Cemetery in Melvin, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, 61938, is in charge of the arrangements. Eleanor was born on May 6, 1937, in Paxton, Illinois. She was the daughter of Lowell and Ruthella (Phillips) Dueringer. She married Phillip G. Bowen on August 25, 1956, in Melvin, IL. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1998. Eleanor was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she enjoyed teaching at Sunday School Nursery class and singing with the Joyful Singers. She also sang in high school and was always involved in music. She was in the 4-H Cloverettes who went to the Congress in Chicago, one of 13 acts that performed that year. Her faith in the Lord Jesus continued to grow throughout her entire life as she fought cancer once in 1978 and again in 2004, before succumbing to it recently. She enjoyed knitting and making many afghans for the new additions in her family. Eleanor cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her three sons: David Bowen and wife Karen of Mattoon, IL, Kevin Bowen and wife Karen of Wilmington, Delaware and Steven Bowen and wife Kim of Sherman, IL. Seven grandchildren: Christina Reynolds and husband James of Mattoon, IL, Joshua

Bowen and fianc' Jessica Burke of Mattoon, IL, Justin Bowen of Wilmington, Delaware, Nina Bowen of Springfield, IL, Blake Bowen of Sherman, IL, Camille Bowen of Sherman, IL and Hannah Bowen of Sherman, IL. Three great grandchildren: James Reynolds of Mattoon, IL, Daniel Reynolds of Mattoon, IL and Wyatt Bowen of Italy.\r\n\r\nEleanor was preceded in death by her husband and her son Keith Edward Bowen.\r\n \r\nMemorials in her honor may be made to Camp New Hope, PO Box 764 Mattoon, IL 61938 or Lincoln Land Hospice, 1000 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938.\r\n\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family. \r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor J. Bowen*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Met Eleanor at the cancer center while with my mother in law. Enjoyed visiting with her. Such a sweet lady.\nPrayers for the family.*

heather brown - March 07, 2013 at 04:22 PM



“ *Steve, Kim, & family,\nWe are so sorry for your loss. Words cannot ease the pain at this time. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do we will be right there to help. Love you all!*

Harvey, Julie, Ashley, & Nick Horton - March 07, 2013 at 02:56 PM



“ *I extend my sympathy to all of Eleanor's family.*

Nada Rowand - March 07, 2013 at 02:00 AM



“ *Hey Steve, what a wonderful lady. I had the pleasure of working with her for several years. I am sorry for your earthly loss but she is pain free today and with Jesus. I always enjoyed her setting the young people straight at work. I will miss her*

Gene Hardin - March 05, 2013 at 08:44 PM

SO

“ I am sorry for your loss, David.

Susan O'Neal - March 05, 2013 at 03:31 PM

BS

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I would run into your mom a lot when in town, Just a few months ago we had a nice chat at the mall! . So hard to lose a parent, my dad has been gone almost five years now.....you were blessed to have her as your mom!

Becky Hastings Styninger - March 05, 2013 at 03:11 PM

TG

“ Steve and Family, I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your mother. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tina Greenwood - March 05, 2013 at 02:31 PM

RS

“ David, Kevin and Stephen, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your mom was an inspiration to me and many. I am privileged to have known her. She will be greatly missed. Ralph and Bonnie Scrimager

Ralph and Bonnie Scrimager - March 05, 2013 at 11:26 AM