



Richard "Dick" Bowen

November 12, 1914 - March 24, 2017

BOWEN, RICHARD SHAFER, of Berkley, age 102, passed away on March 24, 2017. He was born in Buffalo, N.Y. on November 12, 1914, to William and Edith Shafer Bowen. He married Jean G. Wylie on June 4, 1934, and they had two children, Eunice and Bill.

His 38-year career as a Metallurgist with General Motors began at the Tonawanda, N.Y. engine plant in 1942. In 1947, he was transferred to the Chevrolet-Detroit Central Laboratories and retired from there in 1980.

Richard (Dick) served as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. He served his community by delivering Meals On Wheels, as a Red Coat Volunteer at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and as a member of the Gideons.

His first wife, Jean, passed away in 1976. In 1978, he married Ethel Fisk, and they enjoyed a happy marriage until her death in 1994. He is survived by his daughter, Eunice Bitzer (Howard, deceased), son, Bill Bowen (Sally), grandchildren, Susan Graeber (Rich), David Bowen (Yvonne), Robert Bowen (Ginny), great-grandchildren, Christian Bowen, Sasha Bowen, Brayden Bowen, stepson, Victor Fisk (Janice) and their children, stepson, Calvin Fisk, an "adopted" grandson, John Krautner, and a special friend, John Lutz. He was preceded in death by three sisters, a brother, two wives and a son-in-law.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Bridge Community Church, 5700 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48085.

Memorials to the church are appreciated.

Share your memories on the Tribute Wall tab at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bridge Community Church
5700 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48085

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m thinking of Mr. Bowen often. He’s an inspiration to me to take life as a gift and appreciate it. His kindness and warm heart will always stay with me. It was an honor to meet you, Mr. Bowen. I think of you often.

Elena Stahn - April 22, 2023 at 09:25 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. Recall pleasant memories that you shared with your loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life"-John 11:25

M. Tuffy - June 22, 2017 at 06:50 AM

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“ My grandfather - Grandpa Dick - showed true fortitude and strength throughout his life. He experienced hardships and challenges that seemed to only fuel his strength. He lived modestly and one of his greatest attributes was his ability to be content with what he had. He always said he had what he needed to live a full life and that is such a great and timeless testament to a wisdom that is rare. He touched many, many lives more deeply than he may have appreciated and we will miss him very much.

Bob Bowen

Bob Bowen - March 25, 2017 at 08:16 PM