



Mark Lynn Bowman

August 28, 1966 - February 12, 2026

On February 12, 2026, the Lord called home one of His own—Mark Lynn Bowman, age 59, of Monterey, Tennessee. His story, like many great stories, was filled with adventure, struggle, love, and ultimately, redemption.

Mark was born August 28, 1966, and was raised by his proud parents, the late James Harold Bowman and Bobbie Sue Stevens Bowman. As a child in a military family, life was rarely still. Alongside his siblings [Bayron (Chris) Botkin of Vacaville, CA, Regena Murphy of Cookeville, TN, Johnny (Penny) Bowman of Monterey, TN, Joey (Angie) Bowman of Ward, AR, and Candy (Aaron) Degnan of Jacksonville, FL], Mark travelled all across the United States. Each new Permanent Change of Station (PCS) brought new landscapes, friends, and stories. In those formative years of constant movement, Mark developed the qualities that would define him: a friendly spirit, a servant's heart, and a deep desire to help others.

Following in the footsteps of the life he knew, Mark continued his own service in the military. Later, he worked in construction and logging, jobs that reflected both his strength and his willingness to do the hard work others might shy away from. No matter where life planted him, Mark had a way of building more than structures- he built community by gathering people around him and turning friends into family wherever he landed.

He was a father to the late Gerald Smith, Wesley "Cooter" (Holly) Smith, Brad Wilson, Logan Bowman, Jada Bowman, and Austin Bowman, all of Monterey, TN. He leaves behind cherished grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews who were honored to call him Uncle Mark. To many, he was more than a relative- he was a storyteller, a helper, and a reminder that love does not require perfection.

Mark's life was not without struggle. His battles were real, and at times they created distance between him and those he loved most. Yet even in his hardships, his heart remained tender toward God and toward the youth. His compassion led him to encourage others who wrestled with addiction, because he understood the weight of those chains. Though he often felt defeated, he never stopped believing in the grace that could set a person free.

Today, Mark rests in that grace. He knew without a shadow of doubt that God died for our sins and that mercy triumphs over failure. He is now welcomed Home- not only into the presence of his Savior, but into the embrace of his mother, father, grandparents, and his beloved son Gerald.

If you are battling addiction or facing struggles that feel too heavy to carry, please reach out for help.

Rest in peace, our beloved brother, father, uncle, and friend. Your story continues in the hearts of all who love you.

No services are scheduled at this time; a Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date.

Arrangements and Care provided by D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Rachel Barnes & Brad Tayes lit a candle in memory of Mark Lynn Bowman



Rachel Barnes & Brad Tayes - March 17 at 12:15 PM

JT

“ Jeannie Templeton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Lynn Bowman



Jeannie Templeton - February 21 at 02:43 PM

DT

“ I am sorry to hear of Mark's passing. A lot of memories with Mark and the rest of the family came flooding back today. Praying for all of you.

Donna Pierce Thrasher-Mull - February 19 at 03:59 PM

CB

Thank you for your prayers Donna!

Candy Bowman - February 22 at 09:34 AM

DP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mark's passing!!! It had been so long since I had seen him. I remember he always had a smile and that laugh. I remember when he moved back and lived with Grammy Treva for a bit. I'm thankful for fond memories of him!!!!




Debra Parker - February 19 at 01:36 PM

CB

We love you debra, thank you.

Candy Bowman - February 20 at 11:46 AM

 Christian Boman

“ Christian Boman lit a candle in memory of Mark Lynn Bowman



Christian Boman - February 19 at 09:32 AM

AW

“ My love and prayers are with each one of you. I know you all will miss Mark. He was a man with a good heart. Praying for His peace and comfort.



Angie Woolbright - February 18 at 06:06 PM

CB

Thank you Angie for your prayers.

Candy Bowman - February 22 at 09:40 AM

BN

“ Prayers for Candy, Johnny and Marks kids.



Beth Norrod - February 18 at 12:15 PM

CD

Thank you so much Beth 🤍

Candice Degnan - February 18 at 01:54 PM

CA

“ You were my fiercest warrior on my front line. When I was worried about everyone else, you were worried about me. I feel like my shield is gone and I'm left here in this world vulnerable and somehow I'm just supposed to go on. I'm very jealous of you that you get to be with mom and dad. For you just a moment will go by and I'll be there with you but for me I'm stuck here missing you. I have loved you all my life and I still do and that will never change. I will make sure you stay alive in our family. The last thing I told you was that you are my hero, you will always be. That is the way you will be remembered. I thank God for the blessing of giving you to me as a brother and I praise Him for your life and allowing me to be in it. You are one of the greatest blessings I've ever gotten. Just goes to show how God spoils me. You were always asking about zeppelin, even on your death bed. When it's his time, I'm going to tell him to run straight to uncle Mark. Take care of him for me until I get there and make sure your cabin is next to mine! Until then, I'll be here missing you, crying for you, and loving you.

Candy - February 18 at 11:33 AM

BW

“ Brent Walker lit a candle in memory of Mark Lynn Bowman



Brent Walker - February 18 at 11:20 AM

TB

“ Mark we had some good times together. Rest in peace.

Troy Bowman - February 18 at 09:34 AM

RS

“ Mark I will miss you brother I never forget how much u helped once I was released from my 4 year jail stay no close no were to go and u Daniel and sis took me in clothed me feed me talked me threw hard times we also had so great talks just riding around sometimes cause we was bored of setting on the porch also I never forget the days we worked together out in the yard our on vehicles from me and Alicia a.k.a. the one you call sis love you and be forever missed

Russell Swallows - February 18 at 05:18 AM

JA

“ Mark took me into his home many of nights..And I'll always remember that!! He always had a story to tell... He made the world a better place...

Jackson - February 17 at 10:45 PM

BW

“ Hey old man, I'm going to think of you everyday. Im gonna miss you like crazy. Im thankful for the last little bit of time we had in the end. I wouldn't take the entire world for the memories I have, I'll never forget the things you taught me and I will forever sing your praise. I love you old man, ill be seeing you one day!!! "You better stop and look ahead, whats done is dead and gone. There ain't no wisdom in that whiskey, only sadness in your song"

Brad Wilson - February 17 at 10:31 PM



“ Mark Walked my wife down the aisle to me at my wedding I miss you bro



Mark Wilson - February 17 at 06:54 PM

JA

I was there!!.We had a crazy night the night before at Bowman's apartment!

Jackson - February 17 at 10:42 PM

TA

“ Tammy Reed Abston lit a candle in memory of Mark Lynn Bowman



Tammy Reed Abston - February 17 at 04:20 PM

CB

“ Johnny and Penny, I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. May you and all of the family have comfort in knowing that the Lord loves each of you and will be with you as you adjust to Mark being on the other side.

Carolyn Boardman - February 17 at 03:32 PM

CD

We appreciate that Carolyn ❤️

Candice Degnan - February 18 at 01:58 PM