



Geoffrey Michael Bowen

July 7, 1987 - April 20, 2016

Age 28, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in Northfield Township, MI. Geoff was born on July 7, 1987 in Ypsilanti, MI, the son of Robert Charles and Wendy Lynn (Dilloway) Bowen. On August 27, 2011 in Ann Arbor, MI, he married Lauren Kowalski, and she survives. Geoff proudly served as a Marine in the United States Military. He loved camping, fishing, hunting, and spending time at Post #46 Hunt and Fish Club. Geoff was a devote Christian who was dedicated to sharing God's word with others. He is loved by his family and took pride in what his family had become. Geoff was a father, son, brother, husband, and friend. He will be thought of daily, and missed by anyone who had the privilege of getting to know him. Geoff is survived in addition to his wife by their son Augie Bowen and their daughter Tanner Bowen. Other survivors include his mother Wendy Bowen, brothers Keith Bowen and Kenny Bowen, his sister Jennifer Smith, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Robert Charles Bowen. Funeral Services will take place on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the Saline First United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Sheeks officiating. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Burial will take place in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lauren Bowen for the purposes of establishing an educational fund for their children Augie and Tanner. Envelopes will be available at the Church where friends may begin calling on Sunday, April 24,

2016 between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. and again on Monday, April 25, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until time of service at 11:00 A.M. To leave a memory, to sign Geoff's guestbook, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/greatlakes.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Visitation

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Saline, MI
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Tribute Wall



“ *Geoffrey Michael Bowen*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Wendy, Keith, Kenny and everyone who knew and loved Geoff. Pat and I have laughed for years over a memory we have from Post46. It was great sport to try to hit golf balls across the pond, road and into the lake. Geoff was about 6 or so and not to be outdone had to take a "swing". Up went the ball, the club and Geoff who did one of the funniest full body flips we've ever seen! Lauren, we don't know you, Augie or Tanner but our hearts go out to you. Love Diane Swanson and Pat Quigg*

Diane Swanson - May 09, 2016 at 05:04 PM

AI

“ I met Geoff during our sniper indoctrination, funny thing is I was one of 2 black guys in a platoon of 42. You needed thick skin to be in the Marine Corps, let alone a sniper platoon. They really hammered us during that time, we were tired, hungry, hurting in every way possible, and just ran through the ringer. But, we wanted to be there, you had to want it or you just washed out. Because the guys that were training you, you were going to be with them downrange, we encouraged each other to push through and all but 2 out of 10 made it. You could see it in his eyes, Bowen wanted it, bad!!! He wanted the title "HOG"(Hunter Of Gunmen) and the Marine Sniper is the best at it, bar none. Bowen was strong and man was he fast, to see him run was to see a bullet take off. The one encounter I had with him and it is has stuck with me since. We were sitting outside our hooch in Iraq and we were down to our last 3 months on our tour, Bowen was leaving the next day to return state side to attend sniper school. I couldn't attend because I was not infantry. But we sat for hours discussing God and the bible and I could here the love for Jesus Christ in his voice, it was awesome. That is my last memory of Geoff and I will cherish it forever.

Andrew Smith III - May 04, 2016 at 11:02 AM

ST

This is extremely well written

steve - February 21, 2017 at 09:37 PM

AT

“ Alexander Tejjido purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.



Alexander Tejjido - April 28, 2016 at 02:46 PM

EF

“ *Lauren we love you so very much and count it a privilege to have known Geoff. You, Augie, and Tanner will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. (Titus, Elizabeth, TJ, Ellie, Emily, and Clara Mae Fox)*

Elizabeth Fox - April 25, 2016 at 11:22 PM

TP

“ *Lauren and family,*

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this traumatic time. As a mother of two former Marines it is hard to see your son come back a different person after being and seeing the things they saw. Lauren you were so loved by your husband and God blessed you with two beautiful children to carry on the memory of their loving, caring and giving father.

Again, our condolences,

Michael and Tina Phenev

Tina Phenev - April 25, 2016 at 02:00 PM

UL

“*Lauren, our hearts grieve with yours for the loss of Geoff - husband, best friend, and father to your children. We know that words are a poor substitute for an embrace, a holding of the hands, and a shared grief, but let our words be our embrace to you from across the miles. In death, as in life, our hope is in Jesus Christ and in the resurrection, when we will once again be with our loved ones and all things will be made new. May He be your comfort and your hope, and yes, even your joy in the midst of sorrow. We lift Lauren, the Kowalski family, and the Bowen family in prayer: "Lord Jesus, You who share our sorrows, we put Lauren, the Kowalskis, and the Bowens into your loving hands. We know your hands are loving because they still bear the marks of the nails and the grief you bore for us. Uphold, strengthen, and sustain Lauren and the children and all those whose lives were intertwined with Geoff's. Be their comfort and hope, because only You can bring the light dawn out of the darkness of death. In Jesus' name, Amen."* (from uncle Jim, aunt Liisa, and family).

Uncle Jim & Aunt Liisa - April 25, 2016 at 12:31 PM

LT

“*We are praying that God's peace surrounds Lauren and children and all of Geoff's family during this difficult time. May you feel the Heavenly Father's hand carrying you through all of the sorrow; helping you with cherished memories of all the good things He accomplished through Geoff's life, and clinging to the promise of Eternal Life through His Son, Jesus. We love you! Jim & Liisa ...in Chile*

Liisa Tino - April 25, 2016 at 10:07 AM

JB

“ *Psalm 23:4 “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*

*Geoff will be missed. May God's Love and Grace surround the family and they mourn him.
The Buse Family*

Jackie Buse - April 25, 2016 at 08:22 AM

SM

“ *Rest easy Marine. You won't be forgotten. We send love and prayers to your loved ones and we know you are with Jesus.
With love, from the sister of a fallen Marine*



Sister of a fallen Marine - April 24, 2016 at 04:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.*



April 24, 2016 at 01:51 PM

EP

“ -"Tú, que me has hecho ver muchas angustias y males,
Volverás a darme vida,
Y de nuevo me levantarás de los abismos de la tierra. Aumentarás
mi grandeza,
Y volverás a consolarme." Salmos 71:20-21

Desde Santiago Chile. Misioneros Rautenberg-Poczynok

Ethel Poczynok - April 23, 2016 at 08:30 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott Christenson - April 23, 2016 at 05:54 PM



“ Your family has always meant a lot to our family. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you. ~Rick & Sara Latoszewski

Rick Latoszewski - April 23, 2016 at 03:32 PM

KI

“ Geoff taught me everything I know about the dispensation of grace
period that we are currently in according to biblical history...His
dream was to someday start his own church, one that was
completely in line with the teachings of the Apostle Paul...He was
kind, caring, funny and serious! I will cherish the time that we spent
together..
Kim, former co-worker, SAS...

kim - April 23, 2016 at 03:19 PM

LB

“ *Rest in peace, Geoff. My deepest sympathies to all his family and friends.*

Lois Brokmeier - April 23, 2016 at 11:21 AM

DG

Rest in peace! Go home and rest with Jesus Christ, where we will meet to part no more. Prayers are with the family especially the wife. May God bring you comfort and inner peace.

Dixon Nyan Gbeanquoi - April 23, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.*



April 23, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.*



April 23, 2016 at 11:02 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.*



April 23, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.*



April 22, 2016 at 10:40 PM



“ *ALWAYS, SCOTT NEIMOTH SR purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Geoffrey Michael Bowen.*



ALWAYS, SCOTT NEIMOTH SR - April 22, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *I never had the privilege to meet Geoff but had the opportunity to meet his brother Ken last week along with 2 of Ken's friends. What is evident is that this is a family full of love and faith....I am certain of that. I pray for your family as you pull together through this loss and move forward with each day still loving Geoff while grieving the loss. Trust the Lord that the strength and comfort will come.*

jen johnson - April 22, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Carol Nadasen - April 22, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Geoff, you will be missed. I always loved your quiet intensity! I could see the passion you lived by bubbling just under the surface. Your quick smile always caught me off guard. You were always there for your family the months you stood by your brother's side will never be forgotten. The care that you provide your father was always at the forefront of your life for years. Much was placed upon you at such and early age but you handled it like the Bowen Men always did, Quietly with honor. You will be missed!*

Semper fi,

Coach Leslie

Al Leslie - April 22, 2016 at 08:08 PM

LS

“ *For those sending flowers the church will be open on Saturday to accept them for those utilizing florists who do not deliver on Sunday.*

Lisa Smith - April 22, 2016 at 03:28 PM

LN

“ *Bowen family - I am so sorry. I am holding all of you close in thought and prayer.*

Lori LaRoe-Neal

Lori Neal - April 22, 2016 at 10:25 AM