



James S. Bowker

December 7, 1933 - June 1, 2019

James S. Bowker, age 85, passed away June 1, 2019 at the Linden Square Assisted Living Center in Saline, MI. He was born December 7, 1933 in Dickson, TN, the son of Felix E. and Lorene M. (Dotson) Bowker. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, including a tour of duty in Korea. On July 9, 1955, he married Maxine Hall; and she preceded him in death in September 2015.

James worked hard to put himself through college, and he graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1959 with a degree in electrical engineering. He then began his career with Ford Motor Company, working first in Pennsylvania and then in Michigan. He retired in 1991 after more than 30 years of service.

Surviving are two children, Pamela (Kenneth) Coleman of Saline and Douglas (Marie) Bowker of Ann Arbor; four grandchildren, Thomas Coleman, Daniel (Sheri) Bowker, Denise Bowker, and David Bowker; two great-granddaughters, Makenzie and Aubrey Bowker; sister-in-law, Kay (Howard) Harbison, brother-in-law Wayne (Sherry) Hall; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maxine; his parents; his sister, Jean Estes Arthurs; and his brother, Martin Bowker.

The family will receive friends at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. A private burial

service will take place in Oakwood Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. A special thank you to the staff at Linden Square for their compassionate care.

To leave a memory of James or to sign his guestbook, please visit www.rbfhsa.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Tribute Wall



“ *James S. Bowker*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Saddened to have missed seeing this obituary in a timely manner and not attending the gathering in Jim's memory. Jim and Maxine were wonderful neighbors for more than twenty years, enjoyed sharing our day care experiences, and were a source of support when my husband Matthew was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. As time went on, Jim and I shared a special bond as spouses caring for our mates with dementia. My heart goes out to the entire Bowker/Coleman families as you continue to celebrate the life of your father and grandfather and the example that he provided for your lives.*

Sharon Mischakoff - June 10, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ *Jim was one of my favorite bosses at Ford Motor Company. He was smart, kind and treated women equally. I very much liked working in his department and he instilled in me that no matter what happens, "you gotta have a plan". I carried that advice with me during my whole career. You will be missed by many. God bless.*

Martha Nefcy

Martha Nefcy - June 05, 2019 at 02:52 PM

MM

“ *As a Man and a Leader, few had the respect of Jim Bowker...especially for those of us who had the good fortune to work for him. He will always be a model to me and I still consider the years I worked for him as the best of my career.*

Michael MacDonald - June 04, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ *Jim, You are forever in my memories of a great leader who went buy the book, gave people a start in their professional life, was kind, and knew God. I'll be grateful for that always. Well done Jim!*

Mitch DePerno - June 04, 2019 at 02:49 PM

RH

“ *Few men have had such a profound and positive impact on so many. Jim's legacy reverberates through out the automotive electronics industry.*

Robert Hart - June 04, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James S. Bowker.*



June 03, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James S. Bowker.* ”



June 03, 2019 at 02:21 PM