



Jerry Wayne Bowen, Jr.

April 21, 1975 - August 16, 2024

Jerry Bowen, Jr., 49, of Poolesville, Maryland, unexpectedly passed away on August 16, 2024.

Jerry was born on April 21, 1975 to Gloria Randolph and Jerry Bowen in Frederick, Maryland. He moved to Poolesville in 1982 where he grew up to love skateboarding and playing football. He is known for doing Ollies off the elementary school roof and skating through D.C. with his friends when he was a teenager.

In 1990, Jerry met Andrea in their hometown of Poolesville, Maryland where they became high school sweethearts. Jerry and Andrea got married June 26, 1999. They went on to have three daughters, Cheyanne, Savannah, and Alina. In 2023, Jerry became a Papa when Emmett was born. He had aspirations of taking Emmett fishing when he was older, and getting him his first skateboard.

Jerry enjoyed his free time fishing, hunting, spending time by the river, camping, and listening to music. He loved going to concerts with Andrea. He enjoyed amusement park rides with his daughters, and jumping waves in the

ocean. He especially enjoyed time spent with his grandson, Emmett.

Jerry was predeceased by his sister Jennifer Bowen, Uncle Carl Bowen, grandparents Raymond T. Wolfe and Mildred Wolfe, Aunt Darlene Wolfe, Uncle Joseph Wolfe, and Uncle Donald Wolfe.

He is survived by his wife Andrea, his daughters Cheyanne (son Emmett), Savannah, and Alina. As well as, his mother Gloria Randolph (husband James), father Jerry Bowen, stepmother Carol Bowen, brother Jeremy Bowen, and his grandmother Lois Lewis; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Jerry requested cremation. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the family's GoFundMe page linked below in the Memorial Contributions section.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I miss Jerry 😞 I miss the time I've lost with him. So many years went by with no communication. That time I will never get back. Jerry had a laugh like no other. Jerry was out going and loved being outside. He loved his family. I spoke to Jerry in the last few months before he passed and he would talk about Andrea, saying how much he loved her. Jerry left me a message, and he said at the end of the message \"You're my mom too.\" I wish I had saved that message 😞 I love and miss you Jerry... fly high 💙

Carol Bowen - December 01, 2024 at 07:42 PM

SB

“ Savannah's Speech from the Celebration of Life\n\nHi, I am Jerry's daughter, Savannah. I remember going on my first big roller coaster with my dad. I remember the adrenaline rush we got from the ride, him screaming and laughing and how we bonded over the thrill. When we were little my dad would take us on the scrambler. I would always make sure to sit on the end because as the ride wiped us around I would get smooshed in the corner. I remember gasping for air as i laughed uncontrollably the whole ride. I'll always remember how stupidly funny you were. You were always able to turn anything into a joke and make anyone laugh. We used to all think it was hilarious when we were at the beach and you would go out in the water and randomly disappear under the waves and pop back up standing in a funny pose. I'll miss hearing your loud music playing on the tv and hearing you sing along to them. I hope wherever you are you know how much we all loved and cared about you. I will cherish the happy memories we've made together as a family. I'll miss you forever Dad, I love you so much.

Savannah Bowen - September 25, 2024 at 12:34 PM

CB

“*Cheyenne's Speech from the Celebration of Life*
Hi, I'm Jerry's daughter, Cheyanne.
Today, we come to remember and celebrate a truly special man, loving husband, father, and papa. My dad was born to embrace his role with boundless joy and a uniquely goofy spirit. From the very start, he had a special gift for connecting with his children and grandchildren, always bringing a childlike enthusiasm and a sense of playfulness that made every moment special.
His dedication to his wife and children was unwavering. He would have done anything to protect us. His love was fierce. I could tell so many stories of times my dad raised hell to protect us. My dad loved music. Every day he would have the tv blaring as he sang and bounced around the house. I can only thank him for my music taste, I now have a constant reminder of him.
His life was filled with joy and adventure. Whether it was exploring nature, pushing his girls to go on all the scary amusement park rides, or playing in the ocean with us and doing stupid poses that made anyone near laugh. He had a remarkable way of turning ordinary moments into stupidly funny memories. His laughter was a sense of pure happiness; it was so contagious that even when the jokes didn't quite land, it didn't matter-his laugh alone had us all giggling.
As we say goodbye today, let's remember the love, laughter, and adventure he brought all of us. Though he may no longer be with us, his memories will stay with us forever.”

Cheyenne Bowen - September 25, 2024 at 12:32 PM

“*Andrea's Speech from the Celebration of Life*
Good afternoon, I'm Jerry's wife, Andrea. Thank you so much for coming today to celebrate Jerry's life with us. Jerry and I met in the Fall of 1990. It was right before my 17th birthday. We were pretty much inseparable after that. You might call us high school sweethearts... For thirty four years it was Andi and Jerry... We have a lifetime of memories together. He was my soul mate, and I loved him with all my heart.

When I was 19, we drove to the Outer Banks with hand written directions, in a piece of junk Honda, and camped in a 2 man tent on the beach for a week. I don't know how we made it, but we had a blast... even the night it stormed so hard we thought we were going to get blown away, struck by lightning, or washed away by the waves. That was the first time he'd been to the ocean in years, and he loved jumping in the waves. I remember thinking he was like a little kid digging up the little sand crabs and running out to the ocean full speed and diving in. Well, that never changed. He was still like that this summer. He'd run straight out to the water and dive right in no matter how cold it was.

Jerry loved music. Sometimes to the point where we'd yell at him to turn it down. We started going to shows early on. We waited in line for hours to get tickets to Grateful Dead and Pink Floyd shows. For one show we got in line when it was still dark, and he stayed while I went to my classes. He was still waiting when I returned. In the last few years, we saw Motley Crue, Poison, Metallica, Guns and Roses, and Kid Rock. I will miss having him as my concert partner, I can't even imagine seeing another show with him not by side. We also loved going to amusement parks in the summer. We would get summer passes so we could go every weekend. We'd run from roller coaster to roller coaster all day long.

We got married June 26, 1999. We celebrated 25 years of marriage this summer. Our wedding was the best party with lots of dancing. Over the next few years our family grew. Jerry gave me three beautiful daughters; Cheyanne, Savannah, and Alina. We made a lot of memories going on fun vacations over the years. Our favorites always included the ocean. We also loved Bushkill Falls and the beautiful waterfalls there. We found this treasure on our honeymoon. We went back a few years ago, and did the longest

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hike they have. \nJerry loved our grandson Emmett. We were blessed with him a year and half ago. I would call Jerry Papa J. When I was going through his phone I found a bunch of selfies of him and Emmett. He dreamed of taking Emmett fishing when he was older, teaching him to skate, and to play football.\n\nJerry's laugh was one of a kind. You couldn't help but laugh when he was laughing... even when we didn't think it was funny. I will miss hearing the sound of his laugh for the rest of my days. Jerry is the love of my life, and I will miss him always.\n\nI know Jerry's with Jennifer jamming to some music up in heaven with our dogs Jake, Bella, and Ellie snuggled all around him.\n\nI was supposed to spend the rest\n of my life with you\nAnd then I realized... you spent the rest of your life with me\nI smile because I know you loved me\nTill the day you went away\nAnd will keep loving me...\nTill the day we're together again.\n\nI will love and miss you for the rest of my life...\nRest peacefully

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - September 25, 2024 at 12:25 PM

NA

“ *Jerry, you were the very first next door neighbor we ever had that we actually liked. You were a friend to us in a time when we needed it, and I'm not sure we ever expressed how much that meant. I wish we could be there today to celebrate your life, you had one heck of an adventure.\n\nAndrea, Cheyanne, Savannah, Alina, we are so sorry for your loss and wish you the very best.*

Nicole & Alex - September 14, 2024 at 02:32 PM

SL

“ *Thanks for making me Laugh Jerry we had the same twisted sense of Humor between “I’m Rick James B*+^%” and Clayton Bigsby I could always get a rise out of you. Sam, Andrea, Cheyanne, Savannah, Alina and Emmett I’m very sorry for your loss*

Susan Longo - September 14, 2024 at 12:17 AM

BP

“Wow what a loss. Jerry bro you were an amazing guy. All the struggles you went through to come out on top the way you did, I know was not an easy thing to do. Fly high my brother, I'm praying for your wife and children. You and Jenny are back with each other... watch over us all, bro. You will be missed 😭 I hope everyone remembers that crooked smile lol. No matter what was going on, you were always smiling. I wish more people were able to do that!

Brian Pack - September 06, 2024 at 09:10 AM

LS

“I will never forget the night Jerry met the love of his life, my BFF! Jerry always made me laugh!

Lisa smith - August 29, 2024 at 05:50 PM

AG

“Our beautiful family...

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - August 27, 2024 at 07:43 PM

AB

“I remember when we went to the skate park and you fell and broke your hip. I also remember going on rides with you at the fair and Hershey Park. I miss and love you, daddy.

Alina Bowen - August 27, 2024 at 06:17 PM

CR

“ I spent most of my childhood hanging out on this green box. 90% of those memories had Jerry in them. Even though he typically walked into town & home on his own, way too young looking back- he was always there. Always the rebel & always good at the things he tried. Sending my deepest condolences to Andrea & his beautiful girls, thinking of you all. xoxo

Carey Rice - August 24, 2024 at 11:30 PM

SW

“ I did not know Jerry as well as some other folks, but I will never forget his kind spirit. \n\n\nIn the brief time that I lived in Poolesville, Jerry once came in the middle of the night to help me when I had car trouble, even though we were complete strangers and a mutual friend asked him for a favor. He helped me fix my truck enough to get it back to Damascus. Even though we did not know each other well I always appreciated his genuine spirit and sense of humor. May he rest in peace!

Sam Westbrooks - August 22, 2024 at 11:10 PM

MI

“ Jerry Wayne Bowen, Jr.

Marina Ivanova - August 22, 2024 at 10:49 PM

KI

“ Jerry you were with us for so many years at Kristopher's! You always made us laugh even when you were pissed off and had to make a gyro platter! Even though you left us a few times, you always came back. It's going to be very sad knowing you're not coming back this time. We will miss you, Jerry!

Krum Ivanov - August 22, 2024 at 10:39 PM

AW

“ I remember being on the boardwalk and you had wanted to go on the big slingshot ride with me but I was too scared. I wish I had gone with you. I have a lot of good memories of that trip with you, Andrea, and Savannah. When we got to the beach and we started walking in the sand you ran straight for the water and dove right in. I'll miss your laugh, it was one of a kind. You will always be missed.

Aiden Wittwer - August 21, 2024 at 10:53 PM

CB

“ Growing up my dad was always my roller coaster buddy. Savannah and Alina would be a pair and I would always have my dad. He was the person to take me on my first roller coaster, and he went with me on my last ride. He always pushed me to go on the fast and scary rides. I'll always remember going on the new ride at Hersey Park and a chunk of your long hair wrapping around the harness and your loud laughter. I'm gonna miss you daddy❤️

Cheyenne Bowen - August 21, 2024 at 07:26 PM

AG

“ Jerry loved the river. He took this beautiful picture a while back, and was super proud of it.

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - August 21, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AG

“ Senior Prom 1992... I sure loved that dress. Jerry and I went to concerts often. When I was in college we went to Lakeforest Mall to wait in line for Grateful Dead tickets. He stayed while I went to my classes, and then I came back to wait with him. Since then we've seen many shows together... Pink Floyd, Motley Crue, Eagles, Metallica, Kid Rock, Guns and Roses, and more. We always had fun. I've lost my concert partner...
We loved amusement parks too. Before the kids a "date" could be a trip to Kings Dominion for us. For my 50th birthday, Jerry took me to Medieval Times, and we had a great day.

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - August 21, 2024 at 05:39 PM

AG

“ I called him Papa J... LOL
He loved this little boy so much. He was so excited to have a little boy in the family. He wanted to take him fishing and camping when he got older.
We will make sure Emmett never forgets you.

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - August 21, 2024 at 04:31 PM

AN

“ Some of Jerry's fondest memories of childhood involved him skating with his friends and playing football. To say he was proud is an understatement when Alina started doing tricks at the skate park. She's athletic and gutsy just like him. Notice neither of them wearing helmets!

Andrea - August 21, 2024 at 08:00 AM

SB

“ During all of this, I will choose to remember all the good times we had. The times that we all spent smiling, laughing, and happy together. I remember going on my first big roller coaster with you and how we bonded over the adrenaline and rush we got from the ride. I used to love going on the scrambler with you, Cheyanne, and Alina. I used to think it was so funny how I would get squished on the side of the cart by you, Cheyanne, and Alina as we whipped around. I'll always remember how stupidly funny you were. You were always able to turn anything into a joke and make anyone laugh. We used to all think it was hilarious when we were at the beach and you would go out in the water and randomly disappear under the waves and pop back up standing in a funny pose. I'll miss hearing your loud music playing on the TV and hearing you sing along to them. I hope wherever you are you know how much we all loved and cared about you. The happy memories we've made together as a family will help keep you and your memory here with us. I'll miss you forever Daddy, I love you so much.

Savannah Bowen - August 20, 2024 at 10:10 PM

SW

“ Hey my dear son I remember you use to love too listen to the song Jamie's crying over and over you would dance which made me laugh your blonde curly hair bouncing around your face oh how I will miss you forever my sweet son

Sam Wolfe - August 20, 2024 at 07:51 PM

MZ

“ When I got to seventh grade we were in the auditorium and the music teacher Dr. O'Brien told us a story about an older kid who was being mischievous and climbed up into the rafters, and when Mr. K went up to get him down, he literally hung by his hands from the rafters! Two years later I met Jenny Bowen and we started dating. The first time I met Jerry was the first time I went to Jenny's house. He had a tie dye shirt on and long hair. Jenny mentioned that story and I said WAIT, THAT WAS HIM?!?! My first real relationship and HE was her big brother! Needless to say, I was scared 🤔 he came downstairs and we said what's up. That was 31 years ago. In the end he was always cool to me and we would even hung out now and then years later. Much like his sister, I'll remember his laugh as it was unique and very genuine. I will definitely miss running into him, he was a good dude.

Michael Zajdel - August 20, 2024 at 06:24 PM

RB

“ We had some good times brother it doesn't seem real I'm going to miss you drink one for me up in heaven I love you

Ron Buffington - August 20, 2024 at 09:30 AM

TE

“ Jer you were loved and you will be missed

Terryl - August 20, 2024 at 09:20 AM

CH

“ Man I still have no words! I may have no words but I have a life time of memories. Rest easy brother!

Chad - August 20, 2024 at 08:31 AM

TH

“ Jerry we go back a long way I was heartbroken when I heard about your passing, I remember we played our first year of little league football together I was the QB an you was our star RB #36 to be exact, nobody expected you to be as fast as you were you was the fastest on the team an tough as nails but always smiling you was good an I remember always trying to get you to play when we got to high school you'd just smile an say naaaa 😂 it was always fun to see you around town it was always smile an jokes when we saw one another then I found out you could cook I'd call in a order an always ask is Jerry working an when you'd hear extra crispy wings you'd say tell Tony Helms I got him an they was always just how I wanted them I couldn't wait to get there to pick them up so I could talk sh** well y'all get what I'm sayin.. sure wish I could hand off the ball to you one more time but I can't but you will always be remembered so until we meet again #36 it's never good bye but I'll see you later RIP buddy your friend Tony Helms 🙏❤️

Tony Helms - August 19, 2024 at 08:05 PM

GJ

“ Man Jerry my mind has been all over the place thinkin about the times we had growing up. Little did you know, that I always wanted to be just like you. You always knew all of the latest boards and bikes coming out. You were just a few months older than me and you,me,Jeremy and Kenny seemed to always be running around together. I cherish every memory! I came home and dug out these pictures of the 2 of us ripping up the driveway on a sketchy homemade ramp! I remember we both ate blacktop a few times before we actually launched into the shed doors. 😂😭😂 I've known you and your family for 45 of my 49 years. I'm glad I got to talk to you and catch up last year. We laughed a lot in the phone conversation. You will definitely always be in my thoughts and prayers. Rest easy bro and look after my 2 grand babies up there in heaven. Get vertical on that half pipe in the sky bro!💔😭😭 Andrea Lynn let me know if you need anything.

Gary L Ward Jr - August 19, 2024 at 07:58 PM

SW

“ I will always miss you my son rest in peace I love you

Sam Wolfe - August 19, 2024 at 07:46 PM

KE

“ RIP Jerry. You were the badass that on class picture day, you wore a bud light shirt. You will be missed.

Kelly Ernst - August 19, 2024 at 03:00 PM

CE

“ RIP Jerry! What a truly singular, amazing person. My god, the stories I could share! ...mostly inappropriate here. He will certainly not be forgotten.

Carl Eklof - August 19, 2024 at 12:24 PM

GS

“ Rest easy, Jerry. I will miss hanging out with you at family gatherings. You will be missed.”
Gary Shuey

Gary Shuey - August 19, 2024 at 11:59 AM

AG

“ I love and miss you so much, Jerry.

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - August 19, 2024 at 11:55 AM

DS

“ Rest in peace, Jerry. You will be greatly missed.”
Love,
Dede Shuey

Dede Shuey - August 19, 2024 at 11:44 AM

AG

“ Jerry and Andrea's Wedding Day
June 26, 1999
What I think about when I remember this day, is that it was just the best party ever. We had so much fun dancing and being with friends and family. The cake cutting is also a funny memory. I remember acting like we were going to be nice and not make a mess. Well, I got him good and smashed the cake all over his face. He missed my face completely, but some did go down my dress. The pictures captured it perfectly. I love you so much Jerry. I hope you are at peace. I am going to miss you for the rest of my life. I hope Jennifer and the dogs are giving you love up in heaven. I'll never stop loving you.

Andrea Grifone-Bowen - August 18, 2024 at 07:37 PM

AJ

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Jerry Wayne Bowen, Jr. - August 18, 2024 at 01:19 PM