



MG (Ret) Emmett Wadsworth Bowers

July 19, 1926 - November 29, 2015

MG (Ret) Emmett Wadsworth Bowers U.S. Army, 89, of Albany, Georgia, died November 29, 2015. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 on Thursday at Porterfield United Methodist Church in Albany with the Reverend Nancy J. Scarbrough and Dr. Roy Alexander Tracy officiating. General Bowers will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

He was born on July 19, 1926, in Decatur, Georgia, to the late Ross and Creola Bowers.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sarah Hammack Bowers, of Albany, sons COL (Ret) George E. Bowers USAR (Susan) of Chesapeake, Virginia; Emmett W. Bowers, Jr. (Penny) of Tifton; Lt Col (Ret) Joseph H. Bowers USAF (Cynthia) of Niceville, Florida; grandchildren Dr. Emmett W. Bowers III (Ashley) of Valdosta; George E. Bowers, Jr. (Dena) of St. Simons Island; Kate Bowers Berryman (Jay) of Watkinsville; Sarah Elizabeth Sunderman (Tim) of Chesapeake, Virginia; Ross Thomas Bowers of Miramar, Florida, Rachel Gerard Bowers of Washington, D.C., Margaret Leigh Bowers and Scott Bradford Bowers of Niceville, Florida; great-grandchildren Elizabeth Tift Bowers, Emma Wright Bowers, Henry Hammack Bowers, James Bowers Berryman, William Fairbanks Berryman, Kinnick Michael Sunderman, Kennedy Elizabeth Sunderman; sister Betty Bowers Gordon of Grovetown. He was preceded in death by grandson Will Hammack Bowers, brother Ross Lee Bowers, Jr., and sister Lillian Bowers Skillern.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he was honorably discharged after serving three years. He then attended Mercer University where he was an ROTC honor graduate and later earned his MBA from the University of Alabama.

During the early years of his career, he served in the Artillery Corps and was wounded in action in Korea in 1952. He served in Europe, first as budget and accounting chief, next as an instructor of financial management, and then as an analysis and statistics chief. After completing the Quartermaster officer advanced course at Fort Lee, Virginia, he remained as a finance and accounting instructor before attending the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following a second tour in Europe, he was assigned as a staff officer in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Washington, D.C. After a year serving as a battalion commander in Vietnam, he became executive officer in the Office of the Comptroller, Defense Supply Agency. General Bowers attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in Washington and was then assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. In June, 1973, he assumed command of the 593rd Support Group, Fort Lewis, Washington, and in April, 1974, was promoted to Brigadier General. He then was Commander of Department of Army Field Activity, U.S. Army Troop Support Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia. He was promoted to Major General January, 1977. Following his promotion, he became the Commander of Department of Defense Field Activity under Defense Logistics Agency, the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His last active assignment was Deputy Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia.

General Bowers was awarded the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, American Campaign Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with one Oak

Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Following his retirement in 1982, he was active in the community through Meals on Wheels, Kiwanis, Porterfield United Methodist Church Alpha Class, and was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the State Ethics Commission. Until his death, he was an associate broker at Murray Webb & Associates.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Methodist Home for Children and Youth, P.O. 2525, Macon, GA, 31203 or www.themethodisthome.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ MG (Ret) Emmett Wadsworth Bowers

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ MG (Ret) Emmett Wadsworth Bowers

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ It has been forty-two years since my late husband, Kenneth A. Schwab, had the honor of serving at DPSC under the leadership of General Bowers. Ken said General Bowers was the most honorable person he had ever known. I also had the pleasure of meeting the General and his dear wife, who taught me that being a stay-at-home mom was probably more important when one is rearing teenagers than little ones. Thank you for that advice! I regret not learning of General Bowers' passing until now, but I hope the family knows how important he and Mrs. Bowers were in the life of one particular Army family.

Barbara Schwab - June 21, 2022 at 03:14 PM

VM

“ I served with Gen Bowes in Vietnam Nam in 1967-68. He was my battalion commander. I can honestly say he was the finest officer I ever had the pleasure of serving with. He was a gentleman, a superb inspirational leader who was easy to communicate with. At the Time i was a captain and he was a lieutenant colonel. When I was returning stateside and leaving the military, he came to see me and offered to help me find a job in D.C. Where he had a friend working. He sent his friend an incredible recommendation. I thought that was an incredible thing to do for me. It showed how human, thoughtful, and generous he was.
He obviously left quite a diverse lagacy. May he rest in eternal peace.
Vince McGrath

vince mcgrath - April 01, 2016 at 10:54 AM

NB

You may have served with my father in law, Max Goodrich. Could you contact me at neilab8@gmail.com

Neil Baumgardner - March 27, 2018 at 09:37 PM

GV

“ Gloria And John Verenakis lit a candle in memory of MG (Ret) Emmett Wadsworth Bowers



Gloria and John Verenakis - December 03, 2015 at 10:48 AM

GV

“ Johnny and I were so sorry to learn of Emmetts death! When I think of him there are three words that come to mind ~ True Southern Gentleman! I am so glad we had the privilege of knowing him and being able to call him our friend. He will be missed by so many. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers! God bless!

Gloria and John Verenakis - December 03, 2015 at 08:46 AM

AE

“ On behalf of the children, staff and Trustees of The Methodist Home for children and youth, please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of MG Bowers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

*Alison Evans, President
The Methodist Home*

Alison Evans - December 02, 2015 at 12:32 PM

CP

“ Ms. Sarah: We are brokenhearted after learning of General Bowers' passing. Both of you have been with us during major and minor moments in our lives. Emmett had a heart of gold. He was one of the finest people we have known.

Herbert and Connie Phipps

Connie and Herbert Phipps - December 02, 2015 at 12:20 PM

GB

“ *General Bowers was a tremendous gentleman who made you feel special every time you saw him. He was warm and friendly and never failed to give those he knew a hug or kiss on the cheek. I instantly liked him the moment I met him. His strength and character was sincere and never ending. He will be missed by his wonderful family and friends. God Bless you all.*

Ginger Brodie and family

Ginger Brodie - December 02, 2015 at 11:49 AM

ML

“ *Sarah, our hearts were saddened to hear about Emmett. He was always so kind and never failed to share a smile. We have warm memories of the years when we were your neighbors. Please know that we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. With Love, Marcie and Jerry Lollis*

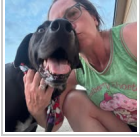
Marcie Lollis - December 02, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of MG (Ret) Emmett Wadsworth Bowers.*



December 02, 2015 at 07:40 AM



“ Ms. Sarah and family, I am so saddened to hear of Mr. Emmett's passing. I have such fond memories of growing up next door to Mr. Emmett and Ms. Sarah! You were both so kind to me, and I will always cherish those memories. Sending you my love and sincerest sympathies.
With love,
Jennifer Lollis



Jennifer Lollis - December 01, 2015 at 07:02 PM

LP

“ To the family, we will never forget Emmett he was a wonderful person and a great friend. He and Ms. Sarah was and treated us like family. They were always there when we needed anything. God has a great Angel sitting with him now. We Love you Emmett.
Linda, Mike and David



Linda Lord Mike White and David Pilgrim - December 01, 2015 at 05:04 PM

MC

“ The General was always such a gentleman and always had a kind word for everyone. He will be missed by many! Mrs. Bowers and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ann Cox - December 01, 2015 at 04:25 PM

JC

My thoughts and prayers are with coach Bowers and his family on their loss. Mr. Bowers was a true gentleman, and treated everyone around him with so much respect. He will be missed.

jason cottle - December 02, 2015 at 06:18 AM

MB

“ *General Bowers was an inspiration to me and many, many others. As a Mercerian I was very proud to learn we shared something in common, and he was always supportive of our University. I am grateful for many wonderful conversations we shared. In coelo quies est.*

Michael S. Meyer von Bremen - December 01, 2015 at 09:33 AM