



## James Robert Bowles Obituary

May 24, 1948 - September 6, 2005

James Robert "Bubba" Bowles, 57 of Mitchell County, died Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at his residence. The funeral service will be held at 2 PM Friday, September 9, 2005 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with interment to follow in Floral Memory Gardens. Rev. Chris Hall will officiate. Mr. Bowles was employed with Georgia Pacific for 37 years and was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willis Oliver Bowles and Ever Gray Bowles; a brother, Hughey Bowles; and a sister, Joan Bowles. Mr. Bowles is survived by his wife, Jan Houston Bowles; two sons: James R. "Robby" Bowles, Jr. and his wife Amy, and Wade Oliver Bowles and his wife Traci; four grandchildren: Lindsey Bowles, Logan Bowles, Hunter Bowles and Payne Bowles; a brother, Willis Oliver Bowles and his wife Madelyn; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors on Thursday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM. Those desiring may make memorials to: American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1201, Albany, GA 31702; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 775 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Albany, GA 31705; or to Albany Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bubba's death. I knew him to be a man of good character who loved his family. I pray God's peace for all of your family.*

**Vickie Lewis** - October 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karen know that you and your family are in our prayers.  
Al & Linda Barge*

**Linda Barge** - September 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Well Bubba, I know you can hear me so I'll just say Highland School was our beginning. Riding down Gordon too fast over "Thrill Hill" and sneaking in the watermelon patch and stealing a watermelon was as bad as we ever did. I cherish the memories, as Mark Slappey clearly stated to be absent from the flesh body is to be in the spirit body with GOD, now go with God and we will see you again one day. Your friends and family will surely miss you but we have been promised a better place so save us a seat. God be with your family. Much Love

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Linda Maloy Metze - September 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I grew up with Bubba, I lived at 1318 Edgerly Ave, Bubba was one block away, I was at his house all the time. He had a best friend named John Stewart, John and Bubba and I were very close. We all went to steal watermelons several times at night in a field over around Colquitt Avenue or somewhere out that way. We thought we were doing something so exciting. We got out of the car and went into the field and got the watermelons and ran back laughing and thinking we were so slick. I am so sad Bubba is gone and had been looking for him after going home for my 40th class earlier this summer. I asked several people if they knew where Bubba was, I wish I could have found him sooner. A good friend that was on the watermelon run with us wrote me and told me she saw his obituary. Her name is Linda Maloy, she also lived on Edgerly. I pray he's in heaven, but my heart is breaking. God bless all of you in the family and keep you safe. I think Bubba had twin's when he was young, we both married young. I live in Atlanta and have been here 30 years, but much of my family is still in Albany. I will be going to Bubba's grave as soon as I get back to Albany. I loved him very much, he was a good friend all those years. I knew Hughey well also. I would love to hear from a member of Bubba's family. I wish you all well, please take care.

*Love to all of you, and please be happy, I know you will miss him so much. There is no promise of tomorrow.*

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**Diane Medlock Dishman** - September 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I also grew up on Edgerly Ave. What a wonderful neighborhood to grow up in! Bubba was my first boyfriend and Jan, I am so sorry. I did not know of Bubba's death until Friday night. I would have been there. So many memories came rushing back....of he and Hughey...also Mark Slappey and Diane Medlock. I remember burying birds that Bubba would shoot with his BB gun. I cooked my first meal and made he and Hughey sit in the dining room of my house and eat it. God bless them both! I remember the first time I met him...walking to Highland school,hearing him come up behind me, thinking he was a bully and going to beat me up! My love to you and your family. I certainly loved Bubba. I can't believe he is gone. He will always be a part of my life... one of the wonderful parts.

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**Gay Lynn Williamson Adler** - September 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ wILLIS,ALL OF the McDowell family sends you their sympathy. Tommy, Carol, David & Kathy

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**Martha Fort McDowell** - September 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ The service yesterday was beautiful. When you are up for it, go to this website. <http://www.andiesisle.com/imagine.html> It is the song that was sung at Bubba's funeral. It is such a good song. I think you will enjoy it. We will come and see you soon, after you have time to be alone for a while. I know you all need some rest. I am glad you have each other right there to lean on. We love you....The whole Tucker family!

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**Ronda Tucker** - September 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jan, my heart goes out to you & your family. Love to all, Martha Fort McDowell

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**Martha Fort McDowell** - September 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I am sorry to hear about Bubba but know he is in a better place. I kept up with his illness in Sunday School from Eleanor Banks and have been praying for the family.

Mary "Russell" Anderson

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**Mary "Russell" Anderson** - September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We are here for you if you need anything, but more importantly you know that Mr. Newsome is now with God and he and Him are watching over you and the family. We love you.

John11:25-26

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**dan and betsy mccann,and children** - September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God bless each of you at this difficult time.

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**Mandy Newsome** - September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I know words are insufficient at times like this. I hope you will accept my sincerest sympathy over Bubba's passing. He was a fine person and will be missed.

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**Larry T. Duke** - September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Willis: I am so sorry to hear about the death of your brother. God bless you and your family at this difficult time. Dan Brooks

Dan Brooks - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My prayers are with you. Grandbubba was a very special person to me, he was always so sweet to me. Your family has a special place in my heart. I love you grandkids, just wanted them to know that I care.

Lisa S. Baker - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP EACH ONE OF YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME IN YOUR LIFE. WITH ALL OUR LOVE, RANDALL,STEPHANIE & KALEIGH BRADFORD P.S. WADE & TRACI--- IF YA'LL NEED ANYTHING PLEASE DO CALL ME--LOVE YA'LL

STEPHANIE M. BRADFORD - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My heart is filled with sadness-but I take comfort in knowing that Bubba was saved and in what Jesus said {to be absent from the flesh body is to be in my presence }Bubba has a new body now and is in a place where there is no sickness -his spirit lives on in all his friends and the memories of him will never fade -Jan , Robbie,Wade and Willis may God give ya'll comfort and strength -if I am ever needed please call -the friendship we have that started in 1954 will never end and although physically he is gone in my heart he is still my friend

Mark Slappey - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jan, this morning I read with great sadness about the death of Bubba. He and I went all the way back to Highland School too. I also worked with Joan at M&M/MARS for several years. My deepest sympathy to you and family. As Mark Slappey said, to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. May that thought give you peace. God bless you all - my prayers are with you.

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**Jan Giles Weathersby** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Willis, Twila and I wish to express our sympathy to you in the loss of your brother. Bubba and Sherman ran some together and I recall how tough Bubba was. We will be thinking about you during this time.  
Harvey

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**HarveyWillis** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Traci & Wade, Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May God Bless and keep you and your family.

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**John & Terrie Swain** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I only met Mr. Bowles a couple of times. But his wife taught my son in school and I work with his daughter-in-law, Amy. You could tell that there is alot of love in this family and I know he will be missed by them and the community. My Prayers are with you all. Janet

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**Janet Adams** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Jan and Family - We are sending our prayers your way. Bubba will certainly be missed. We are here if you need us. God Bless.*

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**Fain and Shannon Sutherland** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *To the Bowles Family,  
I did not know Mr. Bubba very well, but I can say he was a wonderful man to have the kind and loving family that he had. He and Ms. Jan have raised two wonderful and kind sons. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.  
Diane*

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**Diane Watson** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I am greatly sadden over Mr. Bowles loss. Even though I had only met him for a short time, it was enough to see the he was a very good and caring person, as well as a joy to be around him. My thoughts and prayer are with him and his family.*

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**Ramon Pequeira** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *How do you put in words the sadness you feel in your heart when you lose someone you cared about so much? Bubba was more than a friend, he became family. We are so thankful we inherited Miss Jan, Wade, Traci, Logan, Hunter, Robbie, Amy, Lindsey, and Payne. We love all of you and will pray for you. We know Bubba is singing praises with the Lord and that gives us comfort. We will be here for you whenever you need us. We love you.....Joey and Ronda*

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**Joey and Ronda Tucker** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We are going to miss GranBubba. He was very special to us, and we must have been to him because he told us to call him GranBubba. And he meant it....Thanks to GranJan also for making us feel like family. We love you.

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**Joel, Janna, Julia, and Jake** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ The last time I saw Bubba was in January when we went on the Qual hunt where we had a great time. He will be truly missed.

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**Craig Davis** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Jan and family, Bubba was very special to many of us at Georgia Pacific. We have very fond memories of him and the help that he gave each of us when we were in need of information, money to help the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas or whenever we needed a good talking too because of things happening in our personal lives. I will never foget the advise he gave me one day when I was upset about something minor going on, he said "Don't let anyone take your sunshine away from you". When I get down, I think of that. May God be with you all and know that Bubba is in no more pain and is with God in his heavenly home. We will always be here for you and your family.

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**Dianne Hornek** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ *Jan and Family,  
May your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.*

*What a "Grand Bubba" he was. Never will I ever meet another man who would spent hours riding up and down in a glass elevator just to make his two very special granddaughters happy. And the love he had for those handsome grandsons brought a special twinkle to his eye. He loved you all so much, he would have moved heaven and earth for you.*

*He shared special memories with me and I will always remember his friendship and kindness.*

*My thoughts are with all of you on "Bowles Road" and my prayers are that you find comfort in the memory of the great love you all shared.*

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**Irene Simpson** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Jan -I have written this as my tribute to Bubba and the memories of time we spent together -*

*Every day at football practice you could see him arrive -he stood five feet eight and weighed 155 -kinda big at the head and narrow at the hip everyone knew to Bubba you gave no lip -running backs he would hit hard and low if he didn't bring you down he made you slow -he wasn;t one to moan and whine he did his job everytime -hunting and fishing gave him cheer if you were a friend he would buy you a beer -Bubba worked hard and long all his life and for thirty seven years has had the same devoted wife -His name is carried on by Robbie and Wade my memories of him will never fade -he has been my friend since Highland School -he never admitted that Mickey could beat him shooting pool*

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**Mark Slappey** - September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Jan, Robby, Wade & family*

*My deepest sympathies on the loss of your husband, father & grandfather.*

*I had the pleasure of working with Bubba at Georgia Pacific for 12 years and they were some of the best years of my life.*

*Bubba was a wonderful supervisor and a good friend. I'm just sorry that after I left G-P, we all lost touch with each other.*

*I know your loss will be felt by those who knew Bubba, but I also know that his memory will live on in everyone who knew and loved him.*

*I wish you all the strength you need to get through this difficult time and know that my prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Cathy Owen*

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**Cathy Owen** - September 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

*Love,*

*Kent, Jennifer*

*& Hayes Grogan*

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**Jennifer Grogan** - September 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM