



George Bowen, Sr.

May 31, 1927 - October 19, 2021

George Ernest Bowen, Sr., age 94, of Brimley, Michigan passed away October 19, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care.

George was born on May 31, 1927, in Flint, Michigan to the late John and Isabella (LeBlanc) Bowen. George served his country in the United States Army during WWII as Medic stationed in Guam. He drove as ambulance to and from the airfields and was discharged as a sergeant. He had worked as a merchant marine and a commercial fisherman, but his heart was in his artwork. He was a well-known artist who had paintings all over the United States and around the world. He was a hunter and gatherer, who loved being in nature. He also loved music and played the guitar. George was a member of the BMIC.

George is survived by his wife: Linda Alice (Tinsely) Bowen, whom he married on October 4, 1973 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI; his children: George Bowen, Jr., Honesty Willis, Jesse (Lori) Bowen, and Noah (Marilyn) Bowen all of Brimley, MI, Perri (Arthur) Cooper of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Robin (Fred) Farris of Bradley, SD, and Jill Dorsett of Denton, TX; beloved granddaughter: Cait Cooper of Brimley, MI; and son-in-law: Terry Sebastian of Sugar Island, MI, 18 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. George is also survived by a brother: Douglas Bowen of Las Vegas, Nevada and many, many nieces and nephews.

George was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter: Mindy Sebastian; two grandchildren; two sisters and six brothers.

A gathering will be held at the Bay Mills Cultural Center starting at 4:00 PM on Friday, October 22, 2021. A pipe ceremony will be held that night at 7:00 PM. A funeral ceremony will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the cultural center. Burial will follow at Mission Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ We inherited this beautiful painting from my mother-in-law, Bernita Wehner Hainey. In searching Mr. Bowen's name, I found this obit and am sending wishes to his family if this is, indeed the same artist. We love this painting as it reminds us of Lake Superior and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Krista Hainey - April 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family of George Bowen, Sr. I am Marilyn Pellar's Aunt Pauline. In the last 16-17 years I have seen the profound effect that he has had upon my niece and Noah Bowen, and now on 3 yr. old Ivan George Bowen, their son. She is non-native, but has learned from him so much about the native culture, so much about becoming an artist and painting, so much about respect of elders, so much about respect of life, and so much about love of family, and having fun while enjoying each other and nature. Not only was George Bowen an elder, he was a wise elder of the Bay Mills Indian Community. Today Sat. Oct. 23, 2021 I paid my last respects to this man who started his final journey. I salute him, even though I have never been in the military myself. I come from generations of military men and women, and appreciated the fact that those in attendance at his farewell were given the opportunity for one last final salute today. Thank you for your service, George Bowen!



Pauline Rice - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the family of George Bowen, Sr. I attended his traditional native ceremony and learned today of the customs and beliefs of his spirits' journey upon death. It was so sad that his wife Linda could not be there today, except by cell phone video. My heart goes out to her. My wife, Pauline, assisted in the Cultural Center kitchen today to get the food out and ready for those who came back from Mission Hill Cemetery, giving back in a small way for what the Bowen family has done for our niece Marilyn Pellar. She truly loved George Bowen Sr. and learned so much from him. She and Noah and Ivan will miss him so much!*

George U. Goetz - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM