



Delores Bowman

November 22, 1925 - January 9, 2022

Delores Bowman, 96, of Beloit, WI, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

She was born November 22, 1925 in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Anthony and Mae Janet (Lampy) Palmer. Delores married Chester H. Bowman on September 13, 1947 in Janesville, WI. He predeceased her on December 7, 1996.

Delores was formerly employed by the City of Beloit as a crossing guard at Wright School for 25 years. She was a member of the Shopiere Congregational Church and the Grinnell Hall. Delores was very patriotic and began her patriotism as a volunteer for the candy strippers during World War II. She continued her volunteerism as a volunteer for the Senior Companion Program and as a volunteer at Grinnell Hall. She was a board member at Grinnell Hall, helped organize the artist mural and the Wall of Honor in the Vets room. Delores also helped organize the first Vets Roll fundraiser at Grinnell Hall.

Survivors include her children, Steven (Anita) Bowman of Vancouver, WA, Janice K. (Ted) Cox of Mt. Hope, WI, Tom (Debbie) Bowman of Janesville, WI, and Christine (Mike) Maust of Loves Park, IL; grandchildren, Gretchen (Matt) Sanders, Joshua (Summer) Ottesen, Ben Maust, Mike (Kendy) Cox, Kelley (Sam) Cook, Eric (Carrie) Bowman, and Mandy (Jared) Thompson; ten great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her grandparents; parents; aunt, Edith; uncles, Kenneth, Hank and Gerry.

A Graveside Service for Delores will be held for her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Grinnell Hall.

While an overseas war was raging in 1944, our own Delores Bowman wrote this poem as she prepared to graduate from Janesville High School. While her approaching graduation

was a source of happiness and joy for her, she was also saddened because many of her classmates had gone off to war. It was the mixed emotion which inspired her to write this poem:

SPRING ARRIVES -

A bird? Yes, a robin and he spoke to me today,
He cocked his head in that certain way.
And chirped a song that seemed to say
Chin up
I'm here
Spring's near!

This little round fellow with notes
so clear and mellow
Brings spring with him every year
And also much happiness and cheer.

Although this year it is different, it seems,
With broken hearts and scattered dreams
With dear ones away in this war-torn world
Serving under the banner of "Old Glory"
unfurled.

But as with these thoughts we are led astray
If we'd just listen to his message
as we go on our way ...
Chin up
I'm here
Spring's near!

Tribute Wall

KS

“ I am one of the Lampy cousins in South Dakota. Through the years, Dot kept in touch with us via a newsy letter at Christmas. We were also fortunate in past times to spend time with Dot during her visit to South Dakota and our visits to Wisconsin. I am sorry to learn of her passing and know that her soul will rest in peace. My sympathy is extended to her four children and their families.

Karon Lampy Schaack - January 24 at 06:38 PM

JK

“ Delores was a joy to be around at the Grinnell Senior center. Her smiling face and kind words brought happiness to others. Delores was a Blessing to the world! I am grateful for the gift of Delores! God Bless!



John Casey Kalkirtz - January 14 at 11:20 AM

CS

“ Chris, so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Bowman. She was a very sweet and caring person. She always gave us great joy as she would lead us to safety with a smile on her face across the five point street by Wright school. I pray you and the families strength at this time

Cheryl (Brown) Steel

Cheryl Steel - January 12 at 12:03 AM

TK

“ Dot was an amazing woman who was always ready to laugh. I am happy to have been fortunate enough to have known her. She was very proud of her family.

Travis Koopman - January 11 at 07:52 PM

KW

“ Dot... what an awesome lady. That billboard makes me smile every time I see it driving to Beloit. Always smiling and so positive. Best crossing guard ever. I love you Tom... she was lucky to have you as her son. Hugs to you and your family.

Kristin Woodbeck - January 11 at 07:35 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Bowman's passing. She was a very sweet lady :) Chris, you and your family have my deepest condolences and my prayers are with you all. Love you.

Leslie Bridges - January 11 at 05:00 PM

LB

“ Leslie Bridges lit a candle in memory of Delores Bowman



Leslie Bridges - January 11 at 04:58 PM

CS

“ Charles A. Tubbs Sr. lit a candle in memory of Delores Bowman



Charles A. Tubbs Sr. - January 11 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Delores. She was the kindest, sweetest lady. Always interested I'm your family, always volunteering and a very giving person. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to her family.

Steven Hammill - January 10 at 05:54 PM

KC

“ When doing billboard photos I picked her because she wore the most amazing red track suit with a great smile! So sorry for your loss, she was a treasure.



Kathy Churchill - January 10 at 04:04 PM