



C. Ray Bowling

January 4, 1951 - October 22, 2024

C. Ray Bowling, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away on October 22, 2024 following an eight-month battle with Glioblastoma.

Ray was born January 4, 1951, in the former Bailey Hospital in Rural Retreat, Virginia, and was the son of the late Chester C. and Nina Kate Blair Bowling. He graduated from Rural Retreat High School as Class Valedictorian in 1969.

Ray was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, mentor and friend. He left a memorable impression on everyone he met and was influential in the lives of so many who benefitted from his kindness and sense of humor. He was a member of the Richlands First Methodist Church serving in various positions over four decades.

Ray was a career banker, having worked in the industry for over 40 years after graduating from Virginia Tech in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. He began his career with Dominion Bank for 22 years, thereafter, working with various community financial institutions including Miners & Merchants Bank, First Sentinel Bank, and New Peoples Bank. During his career he mentored many and was an advocate for all employees and customers.

Although his career was in banking, Ray had a love of trains, construction,

and coal mining. To that end, he obtained a degree in Mining Technology; held a CDL license; and transitioned into retirement by working with a mining and pipeline repair company. Some of his favorite times were driving bulldozers and discussing mining technology with those employed in the industry.

Ray is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, S. Darlene Bowling of Richlands; beloved daughter Rebekah Blair Bowling (Andrew Chen) of West Hollywood, California; grandson Calvin Bowling Chen; sister Joyce Bowling Sink (Charles) of Blacksburg, Virginia; brother Jeffrey Bowling of Blacksburg, Virginia; and cousins, colleagues, and friends too numerous to mention individually.

The family also wishes to extend sincere thanks to Interim Home Health Services of Cedar Bluff, as well as Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care for their exceptional care and consideration.

Funeral services for C. Ray Bowling will be conducted Monday, October 28, 2024 at 2pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel, 1401 2nd Street, Richlands, Virginia, with the Rev. Devin Schultz and Rev. Betzy Elifrits Warren officiating. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens, 11800 Gov G C Peery Hwy, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609. Pallbearers will be family and friends. The family will receive friends from 12pm until 2pm on Monday prior to the funeral.

Contributions in Ray's memory may be made to Richlands First Methodist Church (402 Suffolk Avenue, Richlands, VA 24641); The Glioblastoma Foundation (PO Box 62066, Durham, NC 27715 Email: info@glioblastomafoundation.org); or a charity of choice that holds personal significance to the contributor.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements

and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Tom and Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of C. Bowling*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - December 09, 2024 at 05:18 PM

WH

“ *Thank you Ray for allowing me to be a small part of your life! It was an honor!*

Warren Hensely - October 29, 2024 at 04:06 PM

PA

“ *Phillips Auctioneers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of C. Ray Bowling.*



Phillips Auctioneers - October 27, 2024 at 08:21 PM

PA

“ *Phillips Auctioneers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Ray Bowling.*

Phillips Auctioneers - October 27, 2024 at 08:21 PM

CM

“ I feel honored to have known C. Ray Bowling. A lasting friendship was formed after we worked together at Cumberland Bank. Through the years, we kept in touch and "caught up" on our birthdays. Ray's impact on my life cannot be adequately described. I retired from teaching largely due to his encouragement to finish my degree. Always kind, always polite, I am forever grateful. With the utmost respect and love for Ray, Darlene, and his family, I humbly share your loss. The loss of my good friend.



Carolyn Mitchell - October 27, 2024 at 03:12 PM

DC

“ Dearest Darlene and Rebecca. Darell and I were saddened to hear of Ray's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you deal with this great loss. Love. Dwana.

Dwana Cantrell - October 26, 2024 at 09:49 AM

HS

“ Horn Cooper Family Madison Gunther Sorin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of C. Ray Bowling.



Horn Cooper Family Madison Gunther Sorin - October 25, 2024 at 11:04 PM

BA

“ Darlene, My heart aches for you and the family. Ray was a dear friend to me for many years before we worked together. I will always remember his acts of kindness and how he always seemed to worry about me. We shared many laughs about mom's cookbook and her cakes.

Bonnie Adkins - October 25, 2024 at 08:45 PM

JS

“ Prayers for the family and many friends
....Ray was a good man, ... we hate to hear of his passing ❤️🙏😞



Juanita Riley and Kelly /Bill Stanley - October 25, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of C. Ray Bowling.



October 25, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of C. Ray Bowling.

October 25, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of C. Ray Bowling.



October 25, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of C. Ray Bowling.

October 25, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ Debby Sargent lit a candle in memory of C. Bowling



Debby Sargent - October 24, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of C. Bowling



TonyanEdgar Wicks - October 24, 2024 at 08:43 PM

TF

“ *The Bryan Martin Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of C. Ray Bowling.*



The Bryan Martin Family - October 24, 2024 at 08:06 PM

RS

“ *Darlene and family I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was a wonderful friend. He was always willing to help others no questions asked. Ray and I worked together at Cumberland Bank and other banks thru different name changes. He will be missed, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

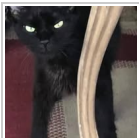
Rebecca Shortridge-Elkins - October 24, 2024 at 02:38 PM

RF

“ *Rick Ferrell lit a candle in memory of C. Bowling*



Rick Ferrell - October 24, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of C. Bowling*



Davie Horton - October 24, 2024 at 01:54 PM

DD

“ Darlene, Rebekah, my heart is aching for both of you. Only those who have lost a loved one knows the pain. Please know you both are & will be in my prayers now & for days to come. My prayer is that the memories you both shared with him will help to comfort you during this time. Much, much love. 🙏💙



Diana Dailey - October 24, 2024 at 12:27 PM

CV

“ Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of C. Bowling



Charlotte Vencille - October 24, 2024 at 11:44 AM

BM

“ Darlene and Family,
Please know you are in my Prayers. Ray, a smart, talented man will be missed. May God give you strength to go forward. I will be there for you anytime you need me.
Love.
Betty McClanahan



Betty McClanahan - October 24, 2024 at 10:51 AM

MR

“ There are too many memories and I couldn't possibly list them all or pick a favorite. Ray was one of the finest people I have ever known and I owed him so much.

Misty Reed - October 24, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of C. Ray Bowling.*



October 24, 2024 at 10:41 AM