

God looked around His garden and He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide.
Though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Acknowledgement

The family of **JOSEPH H. BOWEN** wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement



In Loving Memory of



Joseph Bowen

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 12, 1926 ~ SUNSET: FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Funeral Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

Michael Ferguson, *Officiating*

Alson Farley, *Musician*

Interment

CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Calverton, New York

Order of Service

- JAZZ PRELUDE “April In Paris”
Charlie Parker With Strings
Alson Farley
- WELCOME Michael Ferguson
- MUSICAL SELECTION Lisa Bowen
- SCRIPTURE READING
- Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 Keith Bowen
New Testament: Romans 8:35-39 Daniel Bowen
- PRAYER OF COMFORT David Bowen
- SPECIAL TRIBUTE Julia Bowen
- REFLECTIONS Friends and Family
(2 minutes please)
- OBITUARY Kim Bowen
- MUSICAL SELECTION Lisa Bowen
- EULOGY Catherine Montgomery
- BENEDICTION Beryl Willet
- FINAL VIEWING Funeral Director
- RECESSIONAL “I did it my way”

Repast

following the burial at:
ESPLANADE GARDENS COMMUNITY ROOM
129-133 West 147th Street • New York, N.Y.

Obituary

JOSEPH H. BOWEN was born on October 12, 1926 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late John C. and Emma F. Bowen. He was one of six children.

Joe, known to his friends as “Jose” grew up in New Rochelle, New York. He attended school in New Rochelle and graduated from Isaac Young High School. He loved sports and played football, basketball, and stickball in school and on the playgrounds. He later moved with his family to Harlem where he lived for the rest of his life.

Joe joined the Army after high school and was stationed in post-World War II Germany. He served with the 3111th Quartermaster Service Company as a clerk/typist and was responsible for preparing payrolls, guard rosters, and company correspondence.

On returning home after the war, Joe settled back in Harlem. He got a job at Bell Telephone (now Verizon) as a cable installer/ technician. He worked there for over 30 years until his retirement.

Joe loved the vibrant nightlife of Harlem. He loved jazz and frequented the many clubs and lounges around Harlem and New York City. He was a regular fixture at the Jazzmobile at Grant’s Tomb and Mount Morris Park in Harlem. He also loved sporting events and was a long-time season ticket holder of the New York Giants football team. Joe also frequented the old Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium.

Joe moved into the newly opened Esplanade Gardens in 1967 and lived there for 56 years. He was a generous, fun-loving man with a great sense of humor. Joe was the life of any party he ever attended. He had countless friends in Harlem and Esplanade Gardens and touched many lives. He also gave freely of his time and talents as an electrician/ cable installer. Joe loved to entertain and his parties, especially for the Super Bowl and New Year’s Eve, were legendary.

Joe will be sorely missed by relatives and his many friends. Joe leaves to cherish fond memories: niece Kim; 2 nephews both named Keith; grandnieces Sheila and Kimberely; grandnieces Lisa and Julia; grandnephews Danny and David; cousins Denise, Beryl, and Sharon; cousins Michael, Mark, Connie, and Jackie; special friend Catherine Montgomery; other relatives and many good friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family



