



## Charles Franklin Bowen Sr.

August 15, 1940 - July 14, 2018

Charles F. Bowen Sr., 77, a native of Texas, a resident of Grand Prairie, and a missionary of Ecuador, passed away peacefully July 14, 2018, in his home with family by his side.

He was born on August 15, 1940 in Post, Texas to the late Thomas Oscar Bowen and the late Nanny Bess Kee.

After high school, Charles would attend Arlington Baptist College, and in 1962 graduated with degrees in Music and Divinity. During this time he would meet the love of his life, Juanita Faye Scott, whom he would marry in 1960 and raise 4 wonderful children.

Charles served as a missionary for more than 35 years in Ecuador. He loved to sing, and often his teachings on the mission field would include lessons in leading and conducting worship. In 2015, Charles received an Honorary Doctoral Degree from the Arlington Baptist College.

During his time in Ecuador Charles would join the Masonic Lodge and become a Master Mason for more than 30 years. He was also a member of Calvary Baptist Church where he and his family were members. Charles was a great man, he loved his family, he loved his friends, but more importantly he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Charles is preceded in death by his brother David Bowen. He is survived by his wife of almost 58 years Juanita Bowen; son, Charles Bowen and wife Melynn; daughter, Faith Hunt and husband Wes; son, Thomas Bowen and wife Ennie; son, David Bowen and wife Rebecca; sister-in-law, Donna Bowen; 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 2 nieces, and numerous cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday July 21, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church, 401 W. Church Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the World Baptist Fellowship

Mission Agency, P.O. Box 13459, Arlington, Tx, 76094-0459 or Calvary Baptist Church  
401 W. Church St. Grand Prairie, Tx, 75050

Arrangements entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron  
King, Funeral Director

Charles F. Bowen, Sr., 77, nacido en Texas EEUU. Vivia en Grand Prairie, y en el Ecuador  
como misionero. Fallecio en reposo Julio 14, 2018 en su hogar con su familia a su lado.

Nacio el 15 de Agosto 1940 en la ciudad de Post, estado de Texas. Al difunto Thomas  
Oscar Bowen y difunta Nanny Bess Kee.

Despues de su bachiller, Carlos asistiria a Arlington Baptist Collete y gadeuria en el ano  
1962 con licenciaturas en Musica y Divinidad. Durante este tiempo conocio el amor de su  
vida Juanita Faye Scott, con qual se caso en 1960 y criaron cuatro hijos maravillosas.

Carlos sirvio como misionero en el Ecuador port mas de 35 anos. Amaba cantar, y  
regularmente incluia lecciones en conduccion de musica alabanza en el entrenamiento y  
ensenanza a sus alumnos.

Durante su tiempo en el Ecuador , Carlos se integro en el orden Maconico y fue Mason  
Maestro por mas de 30 anos. Fue tambien miembro integro de Calvary Baptist Church  
donde el y su familia fuero/son miembros. Carlos fue un gran hombre. Amaba su familia,  
a sus amigos, mas especialmente amaba a su senor y salvador Cristo Jesus.

Su hermano David Bowen lo precedio en muerte. Vive todavia su esposa de poco 58  
anos Juanita Bowen, hijo Charles Bowen y su esposa Melynn; hija Faith Hunt y su esposo  
Wes; hijo Thomas Bowen y su esposa Ennie; hijo David Bowen y su esposa Rebecca;  
cunada Donna Bowen; 13 nietos, 4 bis nietos, dos sobrinas; y numerosos primos.

Servicio memorial por efectuarse en la Calvary Baptist Church, 401 West Church Street,  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

En lugar de flores la familia prefiere donativos al World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency  
(Agencia de Misions), P.O. Box 13459, Arlington, Texas 76094 o al Calvary Baptist  
Church, 401 West Church Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

# Comments

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“ Brother Charles Bowen and his lovely wife Juanita took my Mom, me and my brother safely into their home in Warren, MI, when a domestic situation became serious. I will never forget his kindness...I remember it was the mid 60's, and I was only 5 or 6 years old. He later became a Missionary, but has always kept in touch with my Mom until she passed in 2011, and still with me, always asking about my brother. What a kind, loving God worshipping man!

**Dawn Hayes Leib** - July 22, 2018 at 07:57 AM

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“ I was about 12 years old when there was a knock at the door. I looked out the peep hole, recognizing the man instantly, even though I hadn't seen him physically since a was a small child, I had looked at he a Ms. Juanita's prayer card on our refrigerator my whole life. I hurried to open the door,welcoming him in, as he tried to introduce himself, I told him I knew exactly who he was. I quickly added that Daddy wasn't home, but would be soon and I couldn't let him leave, Daddy would be so upset if he missed him. You see, Daddy and Momma always spoke so highly of Bro. Charles and Juanita. They always spoke of them just like that too, like Peanut butter & jelly, Charles & Juanita. I had heard so many stories, I felt like I knew them. I definitely knew that Daddy would be really upset if he missed seeing this jolly man, that he referred to as his friend, which was a big deal, because Daddy had acquaintances, but not a lot of friends. We chatted while we waited, like old friends. We talked about my adoption, about a possum that got hit in front of our house, that Bro. Charles was happy to take off their hands, I think what he actually said was "Put on the swate taters, I'm on my way". After lots of laughter and recounting of stories, we heard Daddy pull up. Daddy cam in the house, around the corner into the living room, no doubt to see whose car was parked outside, but when he saw Bro. Charles, his old friend, he started to cry. I had not often, if ever at that point, seen my Daddy cry, I learned that when George Lowande cried, I cried, but watching the two old friends hug and she'd tears, well, at 48 years old, I'm still recanting verbatim, if that tell you how it affected me. I learned a few things that day. First, my Daddy was a softy, next, Christian friendship lasts a lifetime, ladtlg, that Bro. Charles Bowen was everything Momma and Daddy said he was, a wonderful, witty, precious Godly man. It was my pleasure to see he and Juanita several times throughout the subsequent years and get to know them myself. I am thankful for those times and for the Blessing that this man truly was, to all of those who knew him. Love you Juanita. Praying for you always.

**Tammy Lowande Harris** - July 21, 2018 at 03:08 PM

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“ I guess we won't meet any more at Star Buck for a café. Sure will miss you especially when I have to pass by Arlington. David Mc Donald missionary in Spain.

David J. Mc Donald - July 20, 2018 at 08:21 AM

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“ Bro Bowen was a fine Christian man and faithful missionary. His ministry & service touched many lives for Christ's honor & glory.  
It's been a joy to know & support him for many years.  
May God give Mrs Juanita & family strength in their time of loss and remember his wonderful memories & the honorable legacy he's left behind.  
Tony & Cindy Ramirez

Tony Ramirez - July 19, 2018 at 09:09 AM

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“ Carolina Guime lit a candle in memory of Charles Franklin Bowen Sr.



Carolina Guime - July 18, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ Mis condolencias para The Bowen's Family. Fue un honor haber conocido al Pastor Carlitos Bowen un verdadero hijo de Dios quien guió a muchos con sus enseñanzas. A mi cuñado Tommy Bowen a Juanita Bowen un fuerte abrazo y mis oraciones para todos Uds Dios es quien nos da consuelo en los momentos de tribulación.

Carolina - July 18, 2018 at 10:46 PM

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“ Salmos 27:1 Dios es nuestra luz y consolación, de quien temere, Juanita sentimos mucho la pérdida de nuestro amado Pastor, oramos por usted especialmente por su salud y para que en el tiempo que le tome superar su ausencia usted Juanita pueda refugiarse en los brazos de nuestro Dios. Le amo mucho y cada día doy gracias por todo lo que hicieron en Ecuador el ejemplo de líderes, y de matrimonio que nos dejaron es incomparable. Dios le de el consuelo con amor, Dinorah Guime, esposo e hijos.



Dinorah Guime - July 18, 2018 at 10:24 PM

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“ No hay palabras que puedan expresar mi mas sentido pesame, pero nos consuela saber que el Pastor Carlitos ya esta en la presencia de nuestro Señor. Gracias por su amor a la obra en nuestro querido Ecuador. Juanita que Dios la bendiga y fortalezca y continuare orando por usted y su familia  
Salmo 121  
Gina Lamar



Gina Lamar - July 16, 2018 at 09:21 PM

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“ Nuestra familia expresa los sentimientos mas profundos de pesar, pero agradecemos a Dios por su misión en la tierra, para nuestro hermoso país, donde un día maravilloso lo conocimos y muchos fuimos llevados a los pies de Cristo gracias a sus enseñanzas y evangelización. Damos gracias a DIOS por el tiempo en que Carlitos Bowen estuvo entre nosotros , porque fue ejemplo de amor para muchos.  
FAMILIA CASTRO GUIME.

**Kattia Guime** - July 16, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Querida Juanita, no hay palabras para expresar mi mas sentido pesame por la partida del querido Pastor Carlos Bowen. Se que el Señor consolara y dara fuerzas en estos momentos dificiles. Pero quiero agradecerles por la obra misionera en el Ecuador. Gracias por sus vidas y ejemplo, pido a Dios le de fuerzas y la bendiga a usted Juanita y toda su bella familia.

Un abrazo inmenso

Gina Lamar

**Gina Lamar** - July 16, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Brother Bowen was an outstanding missionary church planter and gentleman. He was greatly used of God on both foreign and domestic soil. As a servant leader, he modeled the spirit of our Lord in all his work and conversations.

See you in glory,

Pastor Steve Foster

**Steve Foster** - July 20, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ We have so many wonderful memories with Charles & Juanita. When they first came to work at Gideon Baptist Church of Warren, MI he jumped right in canvassing the immediate neighborhood. Bro. Bowen was an industrious worker for the Lord. A few years later one day Juanita said to me, "I know the Lord is working on Charles calling him to the mission field." And so it was that shortly thereafter they began planning to go to Ecuador. It was so hard to see them go off with Charlie, Faith Ann and Tommy (David was born a few years later). We, John, Jean, Becky and David, enjoyed a wonderful time visiting them in Quito in 1976. We took them a typewriter with a few Spanish keys which they could use in the works there. Getting off the plane was a new experience as we were met by armed soldiers of a military run country. One morning during our first week in the Bowen's home we noticed some people sitting across the street looking at their house. Bro. Bowen explained they were Ecuadorians who had walked some distance to hear the Word from him. We visited 3 different works the Bowens had started prior to our visit. One was Dos Rios, a small village where the people had gathered together waiting for the service to begin. After introducing us, Bro. Bowen asked John & I if we could sing one of our choruses to the group. We had barely started and suddenly there was a donkey poking his head through the window opening which bellowed: "Hee Haw, hee haw" and everyone began laughing, including us. We could not finish the chorus. Another day we went down the coast to Atacamas, the kids went swimming and suddenly Tommy and our David were being taken farther out in the water by the tides and

John went in and brought them closer to the shore. How God watches over us. We also went up to Mt. Cotopaxie and saw tiny black frogs in the streams and groups of wild horses running free on the mountain. It's such a beautiful country. We enjoyed many other experiences there, coffee plantations, enjoying an invitation from a couple in Dos Rios to have coffee, etc. with them following the service. So the kids, Charlie, Faith Ann, Becky, Tommy and David all enjoyed their time together again as much as we did with Charles and Juanita. They gave us experiences we'll remember forever. Many more that space limits. Juanita, we loved hearing you both sing either separate or together. He is gone from us for a time, but we know that one day we will all be reunited and live forever with our Savior and Heavenly Father, praising Him for His love and forgiveness. God bless you and your wonderful families. We love and miss you and continue praying for you. John and Jean Hales

**John & Jean Hales** - July 23, 2018 at 09:59 AM