



## Deacon Robert Bowie

December 24, 2016

Deacon Bowie, 91, transitioned from this earthly life to Heaven on December 24, 2016. Robert was born in Birmingham, Alabama on November 24, 1925 to the late Joseph and Lillie Mae Bowie. He and the late Iona Beverly Bowie would have celebrated 73 years of marriage this coming January 7. He was the father of 8 children (his oldest and only son William passed in 2006).

World War II Navy Veteran, stationed in Guam and Okinawa he served as a ship cook. Upon completion of his duty he was employed with Pure Oil Refinery and held various other jobs. After employed for 20 plus years in 1992 he retired from Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Over 60 years ago, Mr. Bowie volunteered to help coach the pee wee and colt teams for Gunkel School. He brought together countless numbers of disadvantaged boys and young men. Coach Bowie inspired hope, sportsmanship, proper manners and a winning attitude to both his players and their parents.

Grill Master Bowie "aka" Daddy Joe's Olde Fashion Bar-B-Que was known throughout the country for his famous homemade sauce and terrific ribs. He was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church where he was ordained as a Deacon. While at Calvary he created the recreation department and coached the girls' softball team. In 1971 he and his family join the True Vine Missionary Church where he was still active serving as the advisor and past director of the recreation and youth ministry, Pastors Aid committee, former chairman of Deacon Board and a past member of City Wide men's chorus.

Deacon Bowie's life motto was "Let your Light Shine", render help to others especially to young people. Mourning his death are his seven daughters, Beverly

(Titus) Duren, Eastover, South Carolina, Sandra Mohlomi, Maryjo Bowie and Rosalyn Bowie all residents of Los Angeles, CA, Shelia Williams, Youngstown, Ohio, Lucky Bowie, Toledo, Ohio and Stephaine (Harold) Williams, Las Vegas, Nevada; 11 grandchildren; 14 great- grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; twin sisters, Dorothy Tankersley, of Detroit, Michigan, Billie Jean (Rev. Dan) Barnett, Fremont, Ohio; in-laws, Jean Beverly, Birmingham, Alabama, Laura Jerald, Greensboro, Georgia, Claude Beverly, Berkeley, CA; god-daughters; and a host of nieces, nephews, ball players and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday Dec. 29, 2016, 5-8 p.m. Dale Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, with wake services Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, at 10 a.m. followed by Celebration Services 11 a.m. at The Worship Center 2210 Collingwood Blvd., Bishop Pat McKinstry pastor and officiant, with Rev. Cecil Jerome Graham pastor of True Vine Baptist Church assisting the officiant  
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# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *May it comfort you to know that your loved one is safe in God's caring hand's, and that friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow.. Sending a gentle hug to comfort you and to let you know that your family are on my our minds and hearts today and always. With heartfelt condolences... The McCoy Family...*

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**Margaret Wiggins** - December 30, 2016 at 08:09 PM

TW

“ To the family:

*I know with life comes death but I felt like I lost My Father all over again. And I truly loved my dad more than life itself 😊*

*I kissed Papa Bowie goodbye tonight and felt he knew I was there 😭*

*Not gonna make it tomorrow but I did want to share my thoughts;*

*Papa Bowie was special to me. He mentored me, coached me, gave me advice, corrected me when I was wrong, praised me when I was right and loved me like I was his own.*

*He left his legacy as my life coach, taught me how to play ball and coached me to be competitive, he was a person who instilled in me everything he expected from his own children, he shared his entire family with me who I grew to love, he shared his beautiful family & wife with me (Mama Bowie) who was as special to me as he was. I think of her often and still have the letter she wrote me while she was in SC at a time I needed to be uplifted.*

*Lastly he was a true man of God and like my parents, taught me to live right and care for others.*

*His Barbecue ribs and sauce was the best growing up and He always had jars for me to take back to Atlanta every time I came home. That was so special and my friends there looked forward to getting some.*

*I could write a book about them both and how they both touched my life. I know many people could write a chapter or two but mine would be a best seller!*

*I guess what I'm trying to say; his presence is gone but the footprints of his spirit is forever engraved in my heart.*

*Thanks to all of you for sharing and allowing me to love him like he was my dad, cause it felt like that.  
A father figure GOD gifted to me!*

*Again, thank you lord, for this man I called Papa Bowie and Ole Dude. May you Rest In Peace as we celebrate your life and legacy.*

*Love always to my family, The Bowie's*

*Antoinette "Twine" Chapman*

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**Twine** - December 29, 2016 at 09:55 PM

PH

“ *91 years God has allowed Dec. Robert Bowie to serve, nurture, teach, love us, now he can move on to his heavenly reward. I ask our Father for strength for the family, and peace and unity during this trying time.*

*Prescilla Brown Hutchens*

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**Prescilla Hutchens** - December 29, 2016 at 07:17 PM

RB

“ *May Gods loving arms surround, comfort and strengthen you during this time of loss. I remember us coming over and hanging out at the Bowie house when we were young.*

*God bless you and keep you in His care.*

*Love,*

*Ramel Scott Burns*

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**Ramel Burns** - December 29, 2016 at 05:55 PM

MG

“ *May God give you comfort at this time. I know memories of Mr. Bowie will make you smile when your heart gets heavy. There is a great meeting going on up there right now with all his friends that were waiting (Raymond and Louise Scott, Aunt Minnie and Uncle John Wainwright, Uncle OW and Ruby Scott.....).*



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**Monica Galloway** - December 29, 2016 at 05:28 PM

JS

“ *Tribute to "Father Bob"*

*You were another Father to so many as we ran the bases,  
Filling times and growing strong as we learned some valuable  
graces.*

*Thank you for spending all that time and giving us the spark,  
To succeed, to contribute, to share and to endure beyond our City  
Park.*

*We know you're still observing us, even from the heaven above.  
Listen to our collective cheer of respect, of thanks, of love!*

*Dr. John S. Scott :  
Gunckel School (1944-49) City Park (1956-60)  
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Toledo, OH*

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**John S. Scott** - December 29, 2016 at 09:46 AM

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**John S. Scott** - December 29, 2016 at 09:51 AM