



Shannon Duane Bowman

August 4, 1926 - December 3, 2018

Shannon Duane Bowman was born August 4, 1926, in Missoula, MT to Edward and Helen (Olsberg) Bowman. He had three younger sisters, Barbara (Ralph) Welken, Beverly (Elwood) Nelson and Enid (Clifford) Roxton. They grew up on a farm near Kathryn, and also enjoyed time in Pine River, MN and Whitehall, MT. He graduated high school in Whitehall, MT in 1944.

While working as a telegraph operator for the railroad in Townsend, MT, Shannon was called for service in WWII. He was inducted into the Army December, 1944 and discharged December, 1946, after training radio telegraph operators stateside during the war and serving with US forces occupying Japan after the war.

While using his GI Bill benefits to attend Valley City State Teachers College, Shannon met Vivian Ann Verduin. They were united in marriage July 14, 1949 in the First Reformed Church in Litchville and made their first home in Whitehall, MT. He was called to active duty in April, 1951 for his first tour of duty in Korea. He also served in Vietnam from March, 1966 to February, 1967.

Over the years they lived in a series of places around the world, including Yokohama, Japan, Butte, MT, Vicenza, Italy, Ft Devens, MA, Ft Hood, TX, Ft Sheridan, IL, and then finally home to retirement in Valley City in 1970 near the college where they met. He worked with Valley City Cares for the Elderly and Barnes County Senior Citizens as Nutritional Director. He was instrumental in developing the Meals on Wheels program in Valley City.

They enjoyed RV travel, fishing trips and making memories with their grandchildren during their retirement.

Those left to share his memory include his sister Barbara Welken, Detroit Lakes, MN, his son Terrance (Linda) Bowman, Lake Tapps, WA, his daughter Susan (Michael) Marohl of Bismarck, his grandchildren Aaron Marohl of Scottsdale, AZ, Christopher (Rachel) Marohl

of Wichita, KS, Ryan (Valerie) Bowman of Kirkland, WA, and Ashley (Luke) Swift of Lake Tapps, WA; his great grandchildren James, Alex and Asher Bowman, and Eli and Bennett Swift and Evelyn Marohl; his step grandchildren Toby (Lauren) Cusimano of Maple Valley, WA, and Amber Cusimano of Arlington, WA; plus 7 step great grandchildren and 5 step great great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Cliff Roxton, Santa Barbara, CA and Elwood Nelson, Lafayette, CO.

Preceding him in death were his wife Vivian, their son Shannon, his parents Edward and Helen Bowman, his sisters Enid Roxton and Beverly Nelson, his brother-in-law Clarence 'Bud' Verduin, his father-in-law and mother-in-law Peter and Nell (Kluvers) Verduin; sister-in-law Myrtle Verduin, and brother-in-law Ralph Welken.

Shannon died Monday, December 3, 2018 at North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon. The funeral service will be 10:30 am Friday, December 14, 2018 at North Dakota Veterans Home. Visitation will be 5-7pm Thursday, December 13 at the Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Burial will be in Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

North Dakota Veterans Home
1600 Veterans Drive
Lisbon, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shannon Duane Bowman*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 13, 2018 at 03:33 PM

LH

“ *To Terry, Susan, and your families, you have my condolences at the passing of your loving dad and grandfather. My mother was so fond of both of your parents, and she got a big kick out of the fact that your dad and she share a birthday-- same date and same year. I have always thought of your parents as such kind and gracious people. You come from "good stock"! Now they are both together again with Shannon, and may you feel the peace of God as you miss them in the many ways they come back to you in memories.*
Leanne Strom Homa

Leanne Homa - December 16, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ *68 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 13, 2018 at 12:26 PM

LH

“ *Sending prayers and sympathies to Shannon's family. He was my supervisor when I drove bus for the Senior Center for a bit (a couple of times). He and Vivian were the most kind and generous people. I always looked up to him as he was so patient, warm, and centered.*

Lynn Hill - December 10, 2018 at 10:42 AM

SM

Thank you for your kind words.

Susan Marohl - December 15, 2018 at 06:54 AM

PH

“ *My thoughts and prayers have been with the Bowman's these days. As I read about Shannon's life it hit me that when Suzie and family were with Uncle Pete and Aunt Nell Verduin (Litchville ND) and I could play and be near her so much in our young lives , it was because her daddy was involved w the Vietnam war..*



*And the jewelry box she gave me one year for my birthday was from Japan💕
I just never knew all the details of his career!*

Such a special family to me and to be double related is even more special. Your dad was so handsome, kind and patient. So good to Vivian! I always loved seeing them at family and social events and it took me a long time when I was young to realize they really were not my aunt and uncle. Just think how exciting it is for them to be together with Shannon again. 😭🙏

God Bless You,

*Love and prayers to my cousins Suzie and Michael, Terry and Linda and families.
Patty (Flach) Hartman- Hoffman*

Patty (Flach) Hartman-Hoffman - December 09, 2018 at 11:26 PM

PA

I'll continue with Pat's memories. The family came from their Italian post to next door with Pete Verduin's. We were just learning about pizza and were sure Shannon the son would be excited to join us for a pizza party. He wasn't sure what it was! Had the radio on late one night and heard that Shannon had been killed in a car accident on his way to/from school in Wahpeton. He'd stopped to help someone with trouble and was hit by a car. So young and nice. Very sad day in for our neighborhood. Can't imagine how Terry and Susie felt. They were a lovely family. Sending good thoughts.

Pat Nelson Askegaard

pat askegaard - December 09, 2018 at 11:51 PM

SM

Thank you Patty! You have always been special to us as well.

Susan Marohl - December 15, 2018 at 06:57 AM