



Ray Anthony "Tony" Bowman

September 5, 1948 - July 26, 2025

Ray Anthony "Tony" Bowman, age 76, of McDonough, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Born on September 5, 1948, in LaGrange, Georgia, Tony was the son of the late Bonzell Mulkey and Raymond Leon Bowman.

Tony enjoyed a long and rewarding career with Delta Air Lines, where he served as a charter coordinator for various sports teams. He was also a devoted, longtime member of Bethany Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Charlene Chambers Bowman of McDonough; his son, Dana Allen Bowman of Mississippi and his daughter, Michelle Sheree Maples of Locust Grove; his sisters, Wanda Nell (Tim) Forts of Senoia and Cathy Elaine (Roger) Russell of Kentucky; and his cherished grandchildren, Gavin Lee Maples and Zaida Sheree Maples. He will also be lovingly remembered by numerous extended family members and friends.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Ford-Stewart Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Funeral services will take place on Thursday, July 31, at 2:00 PM at Bethany Baptist Church in McDonough, with the family receiving friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 PM. Tony will be laid to rest following the service at Bethany Baptist Church

Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery

4 N Bethany Rd
McDonough, GA 30252
<http://4nbethany.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
2047 Highway 138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 210-2700
fordstewartfh@aol.com
<https://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church
4 N Bethany Rd
McDonough, GA 30252
<http://4nbethany.org>

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Tony and I were great friends at NCHS. We had some fun times that I will always remember. He taught me to drive a "straight stick" and I nearly tore up his car...but he laughed through it all. He had a heart of gold and I truly believe he was a blessing to all who knew him. Even though we went our separate ways after school (he right away married his precious Charlene, the one he always talked about), there were things that always brought him to mind. Thanks for all the memories my sweet friend.



Mary Busby - August 11, 2025 at 08:28 AM

CM

“ Charlene and family,
We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Tony. Words can hardly express how much he will be missed. Tony had such a special way of brightening the lives of those around him and we will always cherish the moments we shared. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this incredibly difficult time.

May God comfort and sustain you during the days ahead as only he can do.

With heartfelt sympathy,
The McConnell's
Charles, Donna, Wanda, Chuck

Chuck McConnell - July 31, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LA

“ To Tonys family,

Jesse and I are sending prayers your way. We worked along Tony at Delta and he was a dear friend. We pray that God comforts you and his loving care and brings you peace.

*Sincerely,
Laura Saporita and Jesse Belcher*

Laura - July 31, 2025 at 10:12 AM

YF

“ Your Optum work family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Anthony "Tony" Bowman.

Your Optum work family - July 31, 2025 at 07:02 AM

YF

“ Your Optum work family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ray Anthony "Tony" Bowman.



Your Optum work family - July 31, 2025 at 07:02 AM

BG

“ Hello everyone, I have had the enjoyment of being introduced to Tony thru Cathy and Carlene over the past years , 18 years ago . I can honestly say that I looked up and admired him . Carlene, my Publix buddy , Our hearts are breaking and to let you know, you are our family and love you bunches. We are so sorry for your lose and condolence. We miss you guys very much & hope to see you soon , we love you very much !! Cathy & Brian- Savannah Ga. B

Brian & Cathy Gamble - July 29, 2025 at 07:54 PM

LC

“ Love, Greg and Susie Chambers purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ray Anthony "Tony" Bowman.



Love, Greg and Susie Chambers - July 29, 2025 at 06:56 PM

LP

“ Charlene & family so heartbreaking on the death of Tony. He was such a sweet, considerate & kind man. Know that I am praying for all of you in this difficult grief journey. Lanelle Paul

Lanelle Paul - July 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SP

“ I have such great memories of Mr. Bowman. He was a genuinely kind man—steady, warm, and always smiling. What stood out most was how deeply he loved his family. You could see it in everything he did.

Some of my favorite memories were those camping trips to High Falls (Jellystone). Long days spent swimming, playing volleyball, and just enjoying life together. Mr. Bowman had this calm, welcoming presence that made everyone feel at home. Whether he was manning the grill, laughing around the fire, or jumping into a game, he was always part of the moment—fully present and full of heart.

To the Bowman family—please know how much he meant to all of us who had the privilege of spending time with him. He left a mark on everyone he met. I'm praying for comfort and peace as you walk through this season. He was a great man, and he will be missed deeply.

Scott Pleasants - July 29, 2025 at 05:08 PM

RB

“ Roy B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ray Anthony "Tony" Bowman.



Roy B. - July 29, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JB

“ So verry sorry for this great loss to Charlene and family and all who knew him. Such a nice guy.

Jackie Rooks Bowen - July 29, 2025 at 02:57 PM

VC

So sorry to hear about Tony, he was a great man. I know he will be missed. Love Ya'll

Vickie Carver - July 29, 2025 at 10:48 PM

DG

Charlene and family, so sorry to hear about Tony. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Green - July 30, 2025 at 12:50 PM

JJ

Tony was one of the nicest classmates at North Clayton High School class of 1966. My sincere condolences go out to Charlene and the family. He was one of the good guys. God bless.

Janice Joseph - August 01, 2025 at 07:35 PM