



Alva "Bo" Bowen McMullian

September 14, 1953 - November 1, 2019

Alva Bowen "Bo" McMullian, 66, passed away November 1, 2019 after a short, but valiant fight with metastatic melanoma, surrounded by his loving family and friends. The youngest of the four children of Spangler Sr. and Leila McMullian, born September 14, 1953 in Jackson County Hospital, Bo was a resident of Grand Ridge, Florida his entire life.

Bo graduated from Marianna High School in 1971 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Florida in Gainesville. A life-long journalist, Bo was a talented writer, well known as a reporter all around the Panhandle. Most recently, he wrote for the Chattahoochee News Herald/Sneads Sentinel.

Bo loved writing and research - how he delighted himself when he found the perfect phrase. His daughter notes that he was especially good at correcting her school work. In addition, Bo loved film and music. Any questions about music or movies/tv shows of his era, he was the guy to ask.

Bo was devoted to his beloved sweetheart, Kay Tidwell Nichols. They shared a deep Christian faith and he told her often that, no matter what, he was a happy man. Through the Grace of God he overcame life's difficulties, was blessed to have an amazing daughter, live in a place he loved; and, it must be mentioned, enjoy the company of his cat, Calico.

Bo was preceded in death by his parents, Spangler, Sr. and Leila Urquhart McMullian, as well as his eldest sibling, Spangler McMullian, Jr. and nephew John Robert Pugh, Jr.

He is survived by his sweetheart, Kay Tidwell Nichols of Marianna; daughter, Jennifer Leila McMullian of Tampa; son, Jon McMullian of Warner Robbins, Georgia; sister, Margaret Pugh (John) of Juneau, Alaska; brother, Joseph David McMullian (Margaret) of Anchorage, Alaska; nephews, Joe McMullian (Kathy) of Tallahassee and Jason McMullian of Mexico City, Mexico.

Bo is also survived by four grandchildren, two nieces, four great nieces and one great nephew, as well as numerous cousins in Jackson, surrounding counties - and around the world.

In memory of Bo, we remind you lovingly, that Christmas is coming, and that sunscreen is the perfect stocking stuffer.

A memorial service will be at James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel on November 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m with Pastor LaVon Pettis officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time for the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Evangel Church at 4792 US 90, Marianna, FL 32446 or those wishing to plant a tree in his memory may do so from this website.

Comments



“ Bo was so helpful when I was gathering information to print a story Is It Possible? in honor of my mother, Ellen Duncan., several years ago that appeared in the Jackson News. He followed through with my requests & expressed his passion for journalism. What a shock to learn of his sudden death. What a wonderful report to KNOW that he was serving our LORD JESUS. Living for JESUS is what matters in life. May our LORD comfort you at this time & bring you direction & peace. GOD is our REFUGE & STRENGTH" Psalm 46:1 Love and prayers, Mary Duncan Nevsimal & family, 1970 MHS graduate

December 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM



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November 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Bo and I went to Riverside Elementary together. He and I and David Westaway were dinosaur nerds and during lunch we would go up to the top of the "bowl" where the dirt turned to clay and we formed our own clay dinosaurs and "dino world". The best memory was when his mascot bulldog got loose during a pep rally in the gym and ran out on floor and started humping one of the cheerleaders legs and Bo couldn't get him off of her quick enough. My favorite memory of high school bloopers.

November 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Bo it was such a pleasure to get to know you again through Kay after graduation. So glad you spent your last few years happy and serving the Lord! God took you way too soon , but he left us with wonderful memories and gave you eternal healing. Until we all met again , my friend, thinking of you . Linda McHugh

November 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ It was such a pleasure to have known you Bo. I will miss you but I know you are sitting at the feet of our Father in Heaven. Thank you for all the good times writing and debating news and newspaper design. Much love

Heart - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ BO, Rest High On The Mountain Top! Job Well Done

Coffee and Cake - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Bowen I met you but really didn't know you! But you loved Kay and were so good to her! She was so happy after you guys became very close! Thank you for being such a good man for Kay. Your mom, I just loved her at MHS ! The day will come when you will escort Kay into heavens beauty and wonder! (Bubba) JAMES L Lindsey!

November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh Bo. I'm so glad you and your SON were able to talk and make peace before this sad time. I know Jon is at peace with everything and can't wait to catch up with his father in Heaven one day. We love you. Rest In Paradise.

November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest well, my dear Bowen!

Candle of Peace - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM