



## Donald Lee Bowman, Sr.

February 25, 1936 - August 5, 2014

Donald Lee Bowman, Sr., 78, of Bloomington, IN, passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 5, 2014 surrounded by his loved ones. Don will be remembered for his love of family and passion for teaching the game of golf.

He was born in Bloomington, Indiana to Helen M. and Charles H. Bowman. He attended Indiana University, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, and Southern Mississippi University before completing his bachelor degree in Journalism. While in college, he met and married Carolyn Rutherford Bowman in 1962.

Don was a loving and caring dad, granddad, and great granddad. He was most proud of his three grandchildren and their accomplishments. Don spent many hours at the IU Golf Course teaching, playing, working, and making lifelong friends. Many will remember him working crossword puzzles in the snack bar at the course.

He served as an Army reservist after high school. Don held several jobs before beginning his final career working for the Indiana State Employment Service. He retired in 1996 after many years of valued service. Soon after his retirement, Don

took a part-time job at the IU Golf Course. The golf course became his second home. He said many times his most rewarding career was as a golf instructor for Indiana University Continuing Education. He enjoyed sharing his passion for the game of golf with his family, friends and students. Don was an avid reader, cartoonist, fan of Indiana University sports and the St Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include his children, Sherry (William) Weber of Bloomington; Don (Kathy) Bowman, Jr of Bloomington; grandchildren, Laura (Danny) Hamilton of Batesville, Matthew and Katie Bowman of Bloomington; and great-grandchildren Chase and Deacon Hamilton of Batesville. He is also survived by one sister, Sharon (Keith) Hill of Mooresville.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn and both parents.

A Celebration of Life reception will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm Saturday, August 23rd at the Weathers Golf Team Center located behind the Indiana University Foundation off the 45/46 Bypass. Friends may greet the family at that time.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org). The family wishes any donations be made to Bloomington Hospital Hospice Care.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Bowman was very kind to me when I was having trouble finding employment. He encouraged me to keep trying at a time when I felt the discouragement of rejections from the job market. He suggested a few changes to my resume which produced nearly immediate results. From the experience with him, I have often suggested that others consult with state employment service counselors.*

*I hope you find some joy in knowing that he helped me so much. His memory lives on. I can see that he was very likely a great father. I hope I have helped others as much as he helped me.*

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**John Langley** - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM