



## Samuel Bruce Bowman

June 21, 1939 - July 14, 2024

Samuel Bruce Bowman

Born June 21, 1939 in Portland, Oregon;

Died July 14, 2024 in Newberg Oregon from causes related to old age at 85 years old.

Sam was the son of Goldie Elen Hendrickson Bowman and Noel Wright Bowman.

He grew up in various places in Oregon and Washington as his father was a preacher and missionary. He graduated from Evergreen High School in Vancouver, WA in 1957.

Sam attended college at Huntington College, Multnomah College, and the University of Alaska receiving an engineering degree.

In 1964 Sam moved the family to Alaska just one week before the Good Friday Earthquake. The earthquake created instant jobs with the railroad. Eventually, he started working with the Anchorage Natural Gas Company. He retired at the age of 35 and went into gold mining in the Yukon Territory.

After being a full-time single father to two preschoolers, Sam married Phyllis

Van Dussen in 1967. He moved the family to Eagle, Alaska in 1978.

Sam had a variety of other “retirement jobs” including work on the North Slope of Alaska, driving for Office Depot, and working on the 2010 and 2020 Census. Sam & Phyllis moved back to Oregon in 2022.

Sam was always a kind, considerate, helpful person, who had no vices. He was adventurous and loved the outdoors. He would hunt and fish with the intent of filling the freezer, never for sport.

Sam is survived by his wife of 57 years, Phyllis Bowman of Newberg, Oregon; his son Robert and daughter-in-law Roseanne; his daughter Gwen and son-in-law David Fleischman; his sister Jean Britton; his grandchildren: Serenity, Shandra, Robin (Katie), Nicholas (Amy), Sharolyn, Brian, Matthew (Katie); and ten great-grandchildren.

There will be a Bowman Family and Friends open house, in lieu of a service, on August 10, 2024 from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Sutton Terrace Community Hall adjacent to the Cherry Street Bistro at 1007 E Fulton St., Newberg, Oregon.

# Previous Events

## Open House

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Sutton Terrace Community Hall  
1007 E. Fulton St.  
Newberg, OR 97132

# Tribute Wall

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Vickie Totten - August 16, 2024 at 02:25 PM

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Gwen Fleischman - August 16, 2024 at 03:23 PM

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Gwen Fleischman - August 16, 2024 at 02:10 PM

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Vickie Totten - August 16, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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Gwen Fleischman - August 12, 2024 at 04:39 PM

GS

“ Sam and Phyllis gave me an opportunity to work and eventually move to Alaska and get me a job at the Gas Company. It afforded me the opportunity to stay in Alaska and raise a family. I am and always will be forever grateful for their support. Rest in peace Sam, and may God comfort you Phyllis, Robert, and Gwen and your extended family during your time of sorrow. God bless .  
Gary, Dawn and Audrey Scheerhoorn

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**Gary Scheerhoorn** - July 27, 2024 at 06:44 PM

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*Thank you, Gary. So glad to hear from you! -Gwen*

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**Gwen Fleischman** - July 30, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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**Gwen** - July 26, 2024 at 02:37 AM