



## Bernard Bowling

December 22, 2011

PRINCETON – Bernard Bowling, 71, of Princeton, died Thursday, December 22, 2011 at Princeton Community Hospital. Born December 29, 1939 at Rhodell, WV he was the son of Bernice Shrewsbury Bowling of Matoaka and the late Emmitt Bowling.

Bernard lived his childhood in Matoaka. During his high school years he was recognized as a standout basketball player. He married his high school sweetheart, Dolores, in 1958. The couple moved to Millford, MA, where they raised their three children. In 1979, the family moved back to West Virginia where Bernard started his own construction company and became well known as a master craftsman. This talent later led him to forge The Wood Shop along with his two sons, which is now an architectural moulding and millwork shop.

Bernard's joy in life was spending time with his family. He was the happiest when all of the family was together for holiday gatherings and summer cookouts. He loved to work his chosen trade, to mow his farm and to garden. He was an avid sportsman and he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He especially loved watching WVU and Virginia Tech football with his sons, a Celtics/Lakers, and a Red Sox/Yankees rivalry.

Bernard spent his last days content in his life doing exactly what made him

happy- working in his shop, being with his family and looking forward to eating a smokeless Christmas ham.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Emmitt Bowling.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dolores Preservati Bowling of the home; one daughter, Lisa Preservati and Rick of Hopedale, MA; two sons, Brian Bowling and his wife Lesia and Eric Bowling and his wife Melissa all of Princeton; five grandchildren, Matthew Bowling, Billy Preservati, Chad Bowling, Erika Bowling and Sara Bowling; two brothers, Tracey Bowling of Roanoke, VA and Doug Bowling and his wife Kay of Rock; and two sisters, Phyllis Wimmer of Winter Haven, FL and Patty Graham of North Carolina.

A private funeral service was conducted Saturday, December 24, 2011 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral with Father Paul Wharton officiating. Entombment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park Mausoleum in Princeton.

The family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Rd., 2nd floor, Bethesda, MD 20814 or to the Trichotillomania Learning Center, 207 McPherson St., Suite H, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Bowling*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Mr Dear Delores, I was deeply saddened to hear about Bernard's death. I have so many great memories of you and Bernard when we were in high school together in Matoaka. Your have my deepest sympathy and please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Jan*

**Janet Linkous Wiles** - December 31, 2011 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Lisa So sorry to hear of your father's passing. It seems like only yesterday that Anna passed. Family and friends are important at a time like this and your father will be remembered in my prayers. Take care of yourself and your family. Jim, Lisa Kelly & Tori*

**Jim Beyer** - December 27, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ *So sorry to read that your Husband/Father passed away. We had the pleasure of meeting him when I visited him at the WoodShop. He was always such a pleasant man. We send our deepest sympathy to all the family. David and Valerie Foxwell*

**David and Valerie Foxwell** - December 26, 2011 at 09:37 PM

TI

“ Hi Dolores, I am so saddened to hear about Bernard's passing. I have fond memories of your family and Lisa when you lived on Water St. Those were happy times and I cherish them. Heaven has a special angel to always watch over you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Tina

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**Tina** - December 26, 2011 at 01:43 PM

LL

“ Dolores, So sorry for your loss. My wife Wilma and I send our deepest sympathy. 1957 Classmate Lacy Lusk

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**Lacy Lusk** - December 25, 2011 at 06:12 PM

RT

“ Dear Eric, We're so sorry to hear of your dad's death. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that the new year brings you many blessings.

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**Randy and Mary Terry** - December 25, 2011 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ Dolores and family, Just wanted you to know how sorry about Bernard's death. We really enjoyed his visit to Dad earlier this year. Looking and talking to him was like talking to Buster...Loved the picture and that smile..I bet he was telling one of his fishing stories..just know how sorry we are for your loss. Carrie Shrewsbury White

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**Carrie White** - December 25, 2011 at 02:39 PM