



## David C. Bowers

January 6, 1937 - March 8, 2022

David C. Bowers 85, of Bonita Springs, FL died on March 8, 2022 at his residence. He was born January 6, 1937 in Evanston, IL a son of the late Cletus and Florence (née Crawford) Bowers. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs for the past 20 years coming from Granville, OH and South Bend, IN.

Dave attended high school at Evanston Township HS in Evanston, Illinois, and at Traverse City Central HS (TCHS) in Traverse City, Michigan. While at TCHS he excelled at football, achieving national recognition, notwithstanding a shoulder harness he had to wear to protect an unstable shoulder that was prone to dislocation. He then pursued undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, where he also advanced his football career by playing tight end for the Michigan Wolverines. After finishing his undergraduate studies, he then sought and was awarded an MBA degree at Michigan, and then followed with a Juris Doctor degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

He began his business career with IBM, PWC, and eventually landed at 1st Source Bank in South Bend, IN becoming their CFO. He then spent 15 years with the Park National Bank in Newark, OH working in several roles and ending his career as Executive Vice President of Park National Bank and Secretary of Park National Corporation, retiring in 2003. After retirement, Dave volunteered with several organizations but loved his work specifically

with the 2010 Bonita Bay Club Turnover Committee in Bonita Springs, FL, the Diamond Lake Association in Cassopolis, MI, and on the Resident Finance Committee of the Terraces of Bonita Springs, a Senior Living Community.

Dave was a quiet soul, and often a man of few words, but his laugh was infectious, and he made a point of working to stay connected with every one in which he had become close to throughout his life. Dave valued his family bonds and relationships with friends dearly. He was a member of the Bay Presbyterian Church in FL.

He is survived by his three children, Matthew W. Bowers and his wife, Emeli, of Littleton, CO, Lisa A. Hilker and her husband, John of Williamsburg, VA and Julie B. Bullock of Plymouth, MI; 5 grandchildren and his brother, John Bowers and his wife, Linda of Oakland, CA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan R. Bowers who died in 2015, and by his brother, Bill Bowers who died in 2016.

A memorial service in Dave's honor is currently scheduled for 3 pm ET on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Bay Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, FL with a reception to follow at the Bonita Bay Country Club's Fireside Room. Additional details to follow in time.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Dave's honor to The American Lung Association or to The Autism Alliance of Michigan.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bay Presbyterian Church  
26911 South Bay Dr.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

## Reception

MAY 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bonita Bay Club  
26660 Country Club Drive  
Bonita Springs, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *David C. Bowers*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Greg and Bev Wince Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David C. Bowers.*



**Greg and Bev Wince Family** - May 06, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *I will remember Dave with great fondness. He and his wonderful wife Sue were a coach's dream parents, very supportive and so kind. He and Sue also fathered one of my very favorite players and a longtime friend who I love and respect. I will always be grateful for my experiences with Dave, Sue, Matt and Emeli. Just a top notch, well-grounded, intelligent and beautiful family who have meant a great deal to me. They have given me such joy. Greg Wince*

**Greg Wince** - May 06, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Phil Goyette and I extend our condolences to the family and friends of Dave Bowers. We knew Dave (and Sue) through Bonita Bay, and more specifically, the Bonita Bay Bicycle Club. Dave struck us as a gentle soul with a wonderfully dry sense of humor. He was a cycling 'Road Warrior!'*

*Robin Tucker (Past President of the Bonita Bay Bicycle Club)*

**Robin Tucker** - March 25, 2022 at 06:32 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy to Dave 's family. I often saw him at the Beacon Health gym in South Bend, always friendly and working hard on the machines.*

*A fine man. Janette Burkhart-Miller*

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**Janette Burkhart-Miller** - March 21, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Most enjoyed my time with Dave at the 1st Source and at Diamond Lake . Always thoughtful and a kindly manner, a comfortable friend in every way . Dick Pfeil*

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**Richard Pfeil** - March 20, 2022 at 05:28 PM

FS

“ I was transferred from Chicago to South Bend by Price Waterhouse in mid 1971. Dave and Sue were already in South Bend with PW. My office turned out to be next to Dave's. We became close friends until his passing on March 8. For over 50 years we played golf, platform tennis and fished. We also were members of a 7 couple dinner group known by the men as "The Sliced Tomato Club". Lots of eating, talking and celebrating. We traveled on cruises with Dave and Sue. We watched their 3 children grow up, now in their 50's. We spent several weeks a summer at their MI lakeside house. Dave, Sue, Sandy and I relocated to Bonita Springs in 2000.

Dave was slow to share his accomplishments but they were many. Dave and I were best of friends in spite of our Michigan vs. ND backgrounds. We spoke the day before he passed, planning lunch. He will greatly missed.

Fred Slamin  
Esterro, FL

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**Fred Slamin** - March 20, 2022 at 11:32 AM

YW

I remember Dave as a neighbor in the Bay Harbor community of Bonita Bay and a member of the Bonita Bay Bicycle Club. He was always quiet, never in a hurry and had a dry wit. Even after a serious bicycle accident, Dave would joke about it and made sure he got right back on the bike after rehab. He never missed an opportunity to look up from reading his newspaper at the fitness center to say 'Hi Yvette'. He had such a kind nature about himself. I missed not seeing him as much around the fitness center, once he moved across the street. Our Blessings go out to the Bowers family. In sympathy, Yvette & Claude Weir

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**Yvette Arsenec Weir** - March 20, 2022 at 03:08 PM

TJ

“ I first met Dave in the summer of 1952—we vacationed each year on Long Lake near Traverse City and I had driven into town to see what was going on. I knew no one in Traverse City, except relatives, at that time. I was standing on a street corner downtown, obviously looking like I didn’t know where I was heading, when Dave and a couple of other fellows approached me. Dave asked if I was looking for something and could he help? I said no, I was just vacationing from Grand Rapids, and he said “We’re on our way to the BoGi, why don’t you come with us?” What’s the BoGi I asked, and it was a BOy-GIrl club for teenagers. I said sure, we continued to talk and from that moment on we were lifelong friends. I visited him in town, he came to our cottage, and we managed a few visits to each other during the winter months.

*In the late fall of 1953 I was reading PARADE Magazine, a Sunday supplement to the newspaper, which announced the High School All American Football Team, and there was Dave!! I didn’t hear it from him of course, which is typical of the kind of guy he was. Dave was, and still is the only High School All American from Traverse City. And his recognition is still there in the local Trojan Hall of Fame.*

*The following year while at the University of Michigan, Dave encouraged me to pledge Phi Delta Theta fraternity with him — which I did. And the story continued — visiting each other from time to time in Traverse City, Cassopolis and Bonita Springs. I shall really miss him.*

*My thoughts are with the family - what great memories you have.*

*T. Michael Jackson, Traverse City, Michigan*

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**T Michael Jackson** - March 19, 2022 at 10:36 AM

SI

“ *The world is now less bright with the loss of a well-respected and loved father, father-in-law, "Poppa", and friend to those had the opportunity to get to know Dave. The Irwin family members, through the marriage of our daughter Emeli to Dave's son Matthew, will always count ourselves as several of the lucky few who enjoyed his engaging laughter and generosity during the past 17 years. With our condolences and love, Mike, Suzanne, Stephanie, Jeff, Nick and Lauren.*

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**Suzanne Irwin** - March 18, 2022 at 03:48 PM

RB

*I met Dave while working for Park National Bank. He was a great guy to work for and I haven't seen him since 2002 but will always remember him for his kindness and help he gave me while at Park. Rest in Peace, Dave*

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**Ronald Bibler** - March 20, 2022 at 10:51 AM