



Mr. Gary Theodore Bowden

October 26, 1961 - April 14, 2021

Gary Theodore Bowden entered into eternal rest on April 14, 2021 in Columbia, South Carolina at Prisma Palmetto Health Richland Hospital. He was the first born of three children to Ruth Gallman Bowden and the late John Theodore Bowden Jr . A 1979 graduate of Columbia High School, he also attended the University of South Carolina where he pursued a degree in Media Arts.

Gary enjoyed a nomadic lifestyle, and traveled coast to coast at least four times. He first moved to Gastonia, North Carolina and later relocated to Hartford, Connecticut, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and twice to Minneapolis, Minnesota. He returned to Columbia, South Carolina in 2014. Gary was employed in Film Development, and enjoyed photography as his hobby while documenting his experiences. He also loved music of all kinds, especially Prince, and was known for his diverse music collection.

In addition to his father, Gary was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: John Theodore Bowden, Sr and Ruth Burley Bowden; and his maternal grandparents: Walter J. Gallman and Alice Sartor Gallman.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his mother Ruth M. Bowden of Orangeburg, SC; his two brothers: Steven Edward (Deadra) Bowden of Columbia, SC; and Gregory Marcellus (Deidra) Bowden of Florence, SC;

three nephews: Stevan Ross Bowden of Raleigh, North Carolina; Gary Christopher Bowden of Columbia, SC; John Theodore Bowden, III of Columbia, SC; and niece Audrey Sylvia Bowden of Florence, SC; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins, including Gary Arnette (Sandra) Bowden of Baltimore, MD for whom he was named.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donation to the Prisma Health Midlands Foundation (Heart Health or Nephrology) 1600 Marion Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

To view the livestream via Facebook:

Go to Facebook and then go the Palmer Memorial Chapel page. Like the Palmer Memorial Chapel page, and you will be able to see the livestream of the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary Theodore Bowden*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Service*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - April 27, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *Ruthie,
Our hearts are broken as we mourn the loss of Gary. We have so many good memories of our time with him. We pray that God will grant you strength and peace in the days ahead.*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

*Lifting you up in prayer,
Jeanne and Tom Felder*

Tom and Jeanne Felder - April 25, 2021 at 08:52 AM

TF

“ *Tom And Jeanne Felder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Theodore Bowden*



Tom and Jeanne Felder - April 25, 2021 at 08:32 AM

MM

“ *My Dear Sister, Ruthie:*

Your son was a kind and caring individual same as his mother. He was a happy child with a charming smile and a laughter that remains in my mind. I will never forget the times he so willingly assumed the role of my Uber driver from the airport. My heart is broken!

I have no words to take away your pain; trust in the Lord for comfort and strength. I grieve with you as though "Gaire" is my own child. He is always in my heart and forever in my memories. May God's blessings be upon you, Steve and Gregory. I send my love and support.

*Sisterly love, (Aunt) Margaret
Gaithersburg, Maryland*

Margaret Moses - April 23, 2021 at 11:37 AM

MM

“ *My Dear Sister, Ruthie, I feel your sorrow and my heart is broken. Your son was a kind- caring individual just as his mother. Always a happy child with a charming smile and a laughter that remains in my mind. I will never forget the times he was my Uber driver from the airport.*

I have no words to take away the pain you are experiencing during this difficult time. I grieve with you as if Gaire is my own child. He is in my heart and forever in my memories. I pray for God's blessings upon you, Stevie and Gregory.

I send my love and support. Sisterly love, Margaret (Gaithersburg, Maryland)

Margaret White Moses - April 22, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Theodore Bowden.*



April 22, 2021 at 12:50 PM

MC

“ *Ruthie,
My family and I send our extended love to you and your family during your loss of Gary. I remember when Jeanne and I would come by to visit, Gary was always a smiling and happy little boy. I know his family loved him so much! May God's love and the happy memories with him sustain you during this time. Maris and Dennis Cannon & Sons*

Maris Cannon - April 18, 2021 at 12:31 PM

MW

“ *Maxine White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Theodore Bowden*



Maxine White - April 18, 2021 at 12:14 PM