



Hayden "Tag" Bowers

January 19, 1929 - December 21, 2020

MOCKSVILLE – Mr. Hayden “Tag” Bowers, 91, of McClamrock Road, Davie County, passed Monday, December 21, 2020, at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. The family is grateful to all of his caregivers.

On January 19, 1929, Mr. Bowers was the third child born to his late, loving parents Overt Winfield and Alice Turrentine Bowers of Cooleemee. Mr. Bowers enjoyed recalling the childhood adventures he shared with his 4 brothers and 5 sisters. The young Mr. Bowers quickly earned his life-long nickname, “Tag,” by tagging-along behind his beloved, big brother Vernon.

As did Mr. Bowers’ father, his brothers and a grandson among other family members, Tag served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Mr. Bowers was decorated for his service. Later in life, Tag proudly sported his Army Air Corps ball caps, and appreciated hearing each and every “Thank you for your service, Sir.” Tag often shared stories about Ft. Bragg, Pope AFB, Chanute AFB and Elmendorf AFB. He enjoyed spending time with his VFW friends and going to air shows. Mr. Bowers faithfully attended local Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. Tag frequented the N.C. Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial in order to honor his younger brother, Eddie. In addition to his active military service from 1946-1949, Mr. Bowers continued serving our nation and his fellow veterans for more than 30 years as a nursing assistant at the W.G. Hefner Veterans Hospital in Salisbury. Tag’s dedicated efforts at the V.A. earned a number of awards, distinctions and recognitions before he semi-retired in 1989.

Tag-along; Brother Tag; Uncle Tag; Corporal; Fly Boy; WA4CXZ; McLean trucker; Scoutmaster; Oak Grove fisherman; soda fountain sommelier; occasional hunter; infrequent golfer; part-time assistant baseball coach; semi-professional dog-walker; enthusiastic lawnmower operator; K4TAG; aspiring Charleston tourist; and avid golf cart chauffeur. Mr. Bowers enjoyed his many opportunities to make friends, not only on McClamrock Road, in Oak Grove and throughout North Carolina, but also world-wide through his long-time avocation--amateur radio. Having talked with fellow “hams” in nearly, if not, all countries and continents, Tag’s friendly calls of “CQDX” reached the ears of countless many. Before modern telephone communications became available, Tag took joy in connecting “phone patches” so that missionaries and others working abroad could

talk with their loved ones in and around his native Davie County. Long before Facebook, Tag was liked and followed by good friends on his local net and far beyond.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Bowers was preceded in death by his older brother, Vernon Edward Bowers, his younger sister Mary Alice Bowers Bailey and his younger brothers Charles Herbert Bowers and Edgar Lee Bowers, who gave his life in service of our country.

Tag was blessed with a lengthy and full life. In addition to 5 siblings and a host of nieces, nephews and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. Bowers' survivors include his sweet, loving wife of 66 years, Jane McClamrock Bowers; his children Deborah Garrett (Steve), Hayden "Butch" Bowers, Rex Bowers (Karen), and Bobby Bowers (Sandy); his grandchildren LTC Thomas Kochenauer and Sean Brown (Chanel); and 5 great-grandchildren, Thomas, Jr., Jakob, Matthew, Connor and Hayden.

Tag and Jane cherished worshiping the Lord with their many friends at Hope Baptist, Oak Grove and First Baptist among other congregations. Chris Cantrell, their pastor at Hope Baptist, officiated a graveside service, with military honors, at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 26, in Oak Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family deeply appreciates the outpouring of love, support and care that they continue to receive.

The family requests that memorials be considered for A Storehouse for Jesus, 675 East Lexington Road, Mocksville, NC 27028 or another charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.eatonfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery

Oak Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery

2006 US Hwy 158

Mocksville, NC, 27028

Events

DEC 26 **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

Oak Grove United Methodist Church
Cemetery

1994 US Hwy 158, Mocksville, NC, US,
27028

Comments



“ Praying for you tonight, Janie. Much love, Evona.

Evona York - December 29, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hayden "Tag" Bowers.



December 28, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ I feel blessed and so thankful that I actually had the pleasure to meet this larger than life southern gentleman. We were at the Salisbury, N.C. July fire cracker hamfest at the same time several years ago; I had my old Harley Davidson jacket on and was strolling along looking at equipment when this stately looking man quietly asked me do you have a Harley Davidson, of course I replied yes I did. He introduced himself and told me his call... Before he could say anything further, I said "TAG" followed by my call and name...His face lit up with a huge smile, as we had spoken before on 3.938 Mhz. We spent the better part of an hour talking about our military careers, motorcycles, and of course our love of ham radio. I realized I had met a great man with many talents as well as knowledge. Tag was so articulate and well spoken, the kind of man you could listen to for hours. I could immediately feel his love for his family, his country, and God and his fellow man. I will miss his voice on the radio; But I'm sure that someday soon I will be walking alone again when I will hear his voice from behind saying "Let's go get our motorcycles and go for a long ride"!

RIP Tag, you will never be forgotten!

Buddy KD4UXM

Buddy Brown - December 26, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ Tag meant more to me than I think he even knew. He was there for me as a young pre-teen interested in ham radio, and he guided me, "Elmered" me and counseled me when it really mattered. That was way more than 50 years ago. Tag was known all over the world and his loss is a great one, for his family and for all those whose lives he touched. Heaven is calling "CQ-DX". 73 my friend, there is no other ham radio operator who meant more to me than you did. Don Edwards, WS4NC

Don Edwards - December 25, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ Don Edwards, WS4NC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hayden "Tag" Bowers.



Don Edwards, WS4NC - December 25, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Tag was a fine man I spent many joyful hours on Ham radio with for the past 31 or so ears! He was always a gentleman and a great mind with a lot of stories. He rest in the arms of a gracious God now. RIP Tag!! I
I'll always remember you and your lovely wife Jane!

Clyde Null Jr - December 25, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Nancy Daniels - December 25, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy Daniels - December 25, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy Daniels - December 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss of your Dad. Tag was the most gentle man and a great friend. He will be sadly missed. He loved the Lord with all his heart and knew the Bible. I enjoyed being in Sunday School Class with him and Ms. Jane. We will be in prayers for the family.

Deborah Nations - December 24, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ It is truly with a heavy heart that I must say good-bye to my dear friend Tag. Our mutual interest in amateur “ham” radio brought us together about 20 years ago. We often attended “hamfests” and radio club meetings together and I cherished the weekly radio contacts that we had every Thursday evening together with other local hams. I enjoyed his company and his historical narrations about Mocksville and Davie county which he shared with me on our long drives to ham activities. He was a fine gentleman and I will miss him greatly.

Very 73 old friend,

Ben Wasilauskas

Ben Wasilauskas - December 24, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hayden "Tag" Bowers.



December 24, 2020 at 09:53 AM