



Louise Marie Bowman

April 22, 2021

Louise Marie Bowman, of Pennsville, NJ left her earthly home on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Her spirit returned to God, from where it came, while surrounded by her loving family.

Born Louise Rappa, on April 3, 1926, to Dominick Rappa and Elizabeth (Prentiss) Rappa. She was born in Pedricktown, NJ and was the 7th of 12 children. Louise was also known as “La-La” to her friends and family. A nickname she was given by her mother due to her love for singing, humming and whistling.

Louise met the love of her life, George Bowman, soon before he was sent off to war. They didn't get to know each other very well before he was shipped out, but she was encouraged by a neighbor to write to him. So, she did...and there began their story. The story that would result in creating a family of 6 ornery boys and one girl.

Despite having such a large family, Louise was always active. For years she was a Dutch Maid representative, having home parties...taking orders and delivering them. She was devoted to the Queen of Apostles Church. She was there at the church's groundbreaking, assisted with daily upkeep of the parish & hall, was a choir member and a member of the Alter & Rosary Society. She worked bingo every week and worked a booth at the church fair every year

where you could take a chance at winning one of her homemade Raggedy Ann dolls. She also was an expert seamstress and crafter.

She and George were lovers of the outdoors. They regularly packed their children into their boat, found a beach along the C & D Canal and spent the afternoon swimming and fishing. Camping also became a family favorite and once they discovered Cherrystone Campground, in Virginia they fell in love. That love of Cherrystone continues to this day for all of her children and grandchildren.

Louise is predeceased by her parents Dominick and Elizabeth Rappa, her sisters Dorothea and Georgianna; her brothers Nicolas, Dominick, Dominick, Daniel, Albert and John; her husband George Thomas Bowman, Sr.; her grandchildren Jeremiah, George III, Bryan, Gabriel, and Gary. She is going to be greatly missed by her sisters Florence and Elizabeth, brother Joseph, sons George, Jr. & his wife MaryAnn, Bill & his wife Tracey, Ed & his wife Debbie, Ted & his wife MaryJo, Kevin & his wife Phyllis, David & his wife Janet, daughter Charlotte, 19 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 369 Georgetown Road, Carney's Point, NJ 08069, 9:30am, Thursday April 29, 2021. Due to covid restrictions there will be no visitation line to greet the immediate family, masks must be worn inside the parish and no flowers will be allowed. For those family & friends who cannot attend, the funeral mass will be live-streamed by Adams Funeral Home via Facebook Live.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Louise Bowman to St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Following mass, interment will be at Salem County Veteran's Cemetery, 719 NJ-45, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098, beside the final resting place of her love.

Cemetery Details

Salem County Veterans

125 Cemetery Rd.
Mannington, NJ

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St Gabriel the Archangle Parish
369 Georgetown Road
Carneys Point, NJ 08069

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I met Louise when she sold Dutchmaid. I had many parties for her and we always had a great time. I was thinking about her not long ago and all the memories we shared. She was a lovely woman. My prayers are with the family. Carol McFarland

Carol McFarland - April 29, 2021 at 08:32 AM

SP

“ Dear sweet La-La, I won one of you're Raggedy Ann Dolls so long ago at the Queen of Apostles fair, right on my birthday. You never forgot. When my mom and I would see you, we would all have fond memories of that day. May you Rest In Peace and you're family find comfort.

Sandra Philip - April 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM

PP

“ Pauline Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Louise Marie Bowman



Pauline Powell - April 28, 2021 at 03:24 PM

GP

“ I had the great pleasure to have met Ms. Louise on a trip to the Maryland coast with her husband and her son, George and his wife , Mary Ann in 1993. We went to an oyster bake at a nice seafood restaurant that evening and then went to pick up a van for George.

My heart goes out to George, Mary Ann and all of the Bowman and the Harris family.

Godspeed,

Gary. Charles Pentek and Barbara S. Pentek

Gary Charles Pentek - April 28, 2021 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ Rest In Peace, Mrs. Bowman. You left this world but I have so many childhood memories of your kind and giving spirit. You touched everyone with your love. Prayers for your family.
Maryann Haskey Morris

Maryann Morris - April 28, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louise Marie Bowman.



April 27, 2021 at 05:09 PM

SG

“ To the Bowman family, your mother seemed like a lovely lady who lived a full life and an enjoyable life as shown in her obituary. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone of you. Knowing you will see her again may all your happy memories give each of you the strength you need to move through these next days. Ski and Jim
Bob Golden

ski Golden - April 27, 2021 at 04:59 PM

MG

“ Mrs Bowman was a real lady, always helpful and we remember her beautiful smile. May her memory be eternal. Jim and Mercina Gant

Mercina Gant - April 27, 2021 at 11:42 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in my prayers 🙏
Lisa Cagle and family



Lisa Cagle - April 27, 2021 at 07:17 AM

WK

“ She was a beautiful lady may you find comfort in the Lord. Tom Knight and Connie Smith



william knight - April 26, 2021 at 10:28 PM

LA

“ Mrs Bowman , you will be sadly missed , every Halloween I would come to your house for years to see your happy smile on your face n the most delicious apple Taffys One year I missed n I remember when I saw u out you said don't miss next year an i sure didn't .my prayers go out to the family also lu . Your with the good lord now my friend n Prayers .love Linda Fisher Adams n Stu

Linda Adams - April 26, 2021 at 08:52 PM

DM

“ A matriarch of Queen of the Apostles Church and a loyal friend to all, Louise lived her life well and is being rewarded in eternity .Deepest condolences to all of the Bowman family/

Don McNulty - April 26, 2021 at 01:32 PM

CD

Keeping all the family in our prayers please accept our condolences so sorry for your loss
Sunny and Kiran
From your Irish family in Ohio

Catherine Doyle - April 26, 2021 at 09:14 PM

DB

Thanks, Don

Debra Bowman - April 27, 2021 at 12:34 AM

MH

She was a wonderful person. We all loved her so much she was so friendly and she was like a grandmother to my Daughter Shannon and my Son Franny when they were little. Would always included them in there family Sunday dinners. My Thoughts and prayers goes out to the family. ❤️🙏

Mary Heverin - April 27, 2021 at 02:29 PM