

CHARLES F. BOWEN SR
(August 15, 1940 – July 14, 2018) Age 77



Charles F. Bowen Sr., 77, a native of Texas, a resident of Grand Prairie, and a missionary of Ecuador, passed away peacefully July 14, 2018, in his home with family by his side.

He was born on August 15, 1940 in Post, Texas to the late Thomas Oscar Bowen and the late Nanny Bess Kee.

After high school, Charles would attend Arlington Baptist College, and in 1962 graduated with degrees in Music and Divinity. During this time, he would meet the love of his life, Juanita Faye Scott, whom he would marry in 1960 and raise four wonderful children.

Charles served as a missionary for more than 35 years in Ecuador. He loved to sing, and often his teachings on the mission field would include lessons in leading and conducting worship. In 2015, Charles received an Honorary Doctoral Degree from the Arlington Baptist College.

During his time in Ecuador Charles would join the Masonic Lodge and become a Master Mason for more than 30 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where he and his family were members. Charles was a great man, he loved his family, he loved his friends, but more importantly he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Charles is preceded in death by his brother David Bowen. He is survived by his wife of almost 58 years Juanita Bowen; son, Charles Bowen and wife Melynn; daughter, Faith Hunt and husband Wes; son, Thomas Bowen and wife Ennie; son, David Bowen and wife Rebecca; sister-in-law, Donna Bowen; 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 2 nieces, and numerous cousins.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church, 401 W. Church Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency, P. O. Box 13459, Arlington, TX, 76094-0459 or Calvary Baptist Church, 401 W. Church St., Grand Prairie, TX, 75050.

Arrangements entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron King, Funeral Director.

CHARLES F. BOWEN SR PROMOTED TO GLORY
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Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 12:30 PM, the Lord called Charles F. Bowen Sr. home. He went peacefully and was surrounded by his wife, Juanita, and family in his home in Grand Prairie, Texas. He suffered a heart attack a few years ago and that caused the back of his heart to harden and the arteries to crystalize, so they unable to put in stents. In the past few months Charles had fallen several times and was hospitalized each time. After his last fall he was sent home with hospice care and was bedridden. He passed away about two weeks later. The Lord gave Charles 77 years of life and most of his life was serving his Savior.

Charles was born on August 15, 1940 in Post, Texas. After high school he enrolled at the Bible Baptist Seminary in Arlington, Texas. He met Juanita Scott, the love of his life and they were married in 1960. They were married a few weeks short of 58 years. In 1962 he graduated from Bible Baptist Seminary with degrees in Music and Divinity. He loved singing and music and soon after graduation from Seminary was called by the Gideon Baptist Church, in Warren, Michigan, as minister of music. Charles touched many lives during his ministry in Warren, Michigan. The Bowens were greatly used in the music ministry and they were influenced for missions and felt the call on their lives to be missionaries.

In 1969 Charles and Juanita Bowen surrendered to go as missionaries to Chile. The Lord soon closed the door to Chile and directed them to the country of Ecuador. During their missionary ministry Bro. Charles started seven churches and many missions and preaching points. He and his family traveled down the winding mountain Pan American Highway to a small jungle village of Dos Rios. They traveled up the same curvy highway and turned off on a road so dusty that it filled the Land Rover jeep with dust to the small towns of Malchingui , Tocachi and Calicali. It was in Malchingui that Charles, Juanita and some men from HCJB were stoned. They continued going back with the Gospel, souls were saved and a church was organized in Malchingui. Many from that church studied and graduated from our Ecuador Bible Institute and they continue to preach the Gospel there. Charles was faithful to preach in the capital city of Quito, the coastal metropolis of Guayaquil and the town of Manta and many preaching points in-between. Charles made friends with everyone he met, from the people at the gates, the shoe-shine men to the Attorney General of Ecuador. Everyone knew Charles and loved him. He loved people and he had a passion to preach the Gospel and see souls saved.

After more than 35 years in Ecuador the Lord directed them to a Hispanic ministry in the area of Grand Prairie and Irving, Texas. They were used to start three churches and each one has its own national pastor. Bro. Charles was used to help start two national Bible institutes in Ecuador. In 2015 Bro. Charles received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Arlington Baptist College.

The Bowen's have four children Charles Bowen Jr., Faith Bowen (Hunt), Thomas Bowen and David Bowen, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful friend and encourager. He was a friend you could count on. He had a great sense of humor and loved to joke around. He will be greatly missed.

They were members of the Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas where a memorial service was held on July 21, 2018. Pastor Brian Loveless brought an outstanding message that honored his life and testimony of faithfully serving the Lord until the end. Please continue to pray for Juanita and the family as they continue to serve the Lord.