



David Bowden

April 21, 2024

Thank You by Ray Boltz

One by one they came
Far as the eyes could see
Each life somehow touched
By your generosity
Little things that you had done
Sacrifices made
Unnoticed on the earth
In heaven now proclaimed

And I know that up in heaven
You're not supposed to cry
But I am almost sure
There were tears in your eyes
As Jesus took your hand
And you stood before the Lord
He said, my child look around you
For great is your reward

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed

Thank you for giving to the Lord

I am so glad you gave

On April 21, 2024, God called one of His most dedicated servants, David Bowden, home to His side.

David was born Sept. 14, 1943 to Selester Lee and Phereba Leona Bowden, both of whom joyfully welcomed him to Heaven along with his brother, Jerry Bowden. His family takes comfort in knowing that, upon entering, David was also able to see the COUNTLESS other lives that were recipients of his lifetime of unselfish acts and the happy rejoicing was extraordinary!

Growing up in Phalba/Mabank areas then later on moving to Terrell, David had a front row seat to how small town residents can be the “hands and feet of the Lord” and he took that knowledge to heart. His parents owned a grocery in Phalba and, as a young man, he attended school, and played football. He also worked at the store, delivering groceries and working in the fields at, and around, home. His work ethic was, and would become, a huge part of David’s personality. Coming to know the Lord at a young age, he attended The Assembly of God church with his family. For all of his life, his dedication to being a true follower of the Lord governed every opportunity and outreach that David became a part of. As he entered the workforce, he returned to the Terrell area where he made his home in Ables Springs and began working for local businesses. David worked with Neil Robertson at Whites Auto, Stokley-Van Camp, and then worked as a yardman at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in Dallas at night and worked as a volunteer Fireman and EMT in Edgewood, TX during the day until he retired from BNSF after 26 years of faithful service. After retiring he worked again with Neil building gates at PDQ fence then later had an idea to help people with a towing service where he and Wade would run all hours of the night from time to time. But that was David-he never shied away from a chance to help others and share his love of Jesus through actions and words. While he worked at a “day job”, David was always (behind the scenes) busy helping others with any resource he had

access to. His words were few because, honestly, David was busy working and making things happen. His involvement in church and seeing how outreach truly helped others who were in need was the final forge that shaped David into being the generous, tireless and selfless man he would be known for. His vision for serving was always in line with his pastors, each of whom gladly joined him in providing for others' needs. Early in his outreach endeavors, David and Neil Robertson found themselves in possession of a truckload full of hygiene items and they promptly took the items to several locations to give away to others in need. David discovered that fulfilling physical needs helped the many recipients also see that a spiritual need could be just as important. David's vision of provision's evolved into his multi-county legacy, Adopt-a-Block, a food pantry that not only provided hundreds of thousands of people meals and food security but also allowed David and his team to move and transport millions of pounds of food all over the DFW and East Texas areas and to many other pantries. His ability to connect suppliers and patrons to organizations and groups who had a true need was legendary and there is no telling the true number of lives that David, in following the example that Jesus gives to us, saved and changed for the better. His joining with Pastor Lonnie Harris at Terrell First Assembly enabled him to once again connect donations to many in need by providing toiletries, clothing, and furniture as a way to lend a helping hand or, in some cases, a complete start over. Against his will, he was recognized by the City of Terrell with a proclamation for Adopt-a-Block and David Bowden Day. His civic involvement also extended to being a member of the Lion's Club and he was an honorary volunteer fireman with Terrell VFD. David was never one to look for accolades-he wanted no notoriety or recognition because he always wanted the credit to go to others and, most importantly, the Lord. David knew that what he was doing was exactly what Jesus would do and he only wanted to hear, "well done, my good and faithful servant" when he finally met his Savior face to face.

Even with his tireless service to the community, David was, first and foremost, devoted to his family. His love and dedication to his loved ones was as easily seen as his bright smile when he stopped (albeit BRIEFLY! Grass never grew under David's busy feet!) to visit while making on his way to one of the many deliveries, meet ups, drop offs and exchanges for the Adopt-a-Block pantry. His family was a true testament to his unconditional love as a husband, father and grandfather. A one of a kind man who made sure that his actions were reflections of the voice of the Lord, David will be forever missed and never forgotten. His family feels certain that when David opened his eyes in Heaven, he did indeed hear "WELL DONE".

Those left to carry on in memory of David are his wife, Mittie Bowden; son, Wade Bowden and girlfriend, Amanda Rolwing; step-children: Sundra Powers and husband, James "Jimmy"; Dwayne Jacks and Kristal King, Pam Cunningham and husband, Elbert; grandchildren: Ashley, Cassidy, Gracie, Cayden, Michelle, Kristy, Kayla, Karlie, Joshua, Shelby and 8 great grandchildren along with other extended family, 60 years of Assembly of God and other church families, countless friends and, of course, the infinite number of people who, while they may never know David's name, each were able to be helped by his profound legacy of selfless giving and self-sacrifice.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00pm, Monday, April 29, 2024, at Terrell First Assembly of God Church. His family will receive friends beginning 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Sunday, April 28, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

David's family is asking that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to; Faith at Work Ministries at www.faithatworkministries.org in Kemp, Texas, a mission minded group close to David's heart.

Thank you, David...

Thank you for giving to the Lord

WE are so glad you gave!

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Hwy 34 North
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

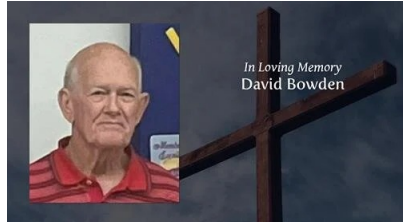
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First Assembly of God Terrell
203 Main St
Terrell, TX 75160-2443
(972) 524-5404

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of David Bowden*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 30, 2024 at 02:50 PM

RW

“ *David Bowden was one of the finest men I've ever known. He was a Great Person, Friend and Christian. I will miss him but I'm perhaps more sure of his Christian Salvation than I am my own. God Bless You David.*

Randy Walker - April 28, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *I had the privilege of working with David at Tow Wrx. I have never met a man with a more tender giving understanding heart soul and mind! He put his heart and soul into everything he tackled and very rarely did not succeed. He was/is a soul to look up to and someone you can ALWAYS draw strength from. He will truly be missed by many but he will always live on in ours hearts! RIP David your work on earth is done!*

Mary Thompson - April 28, 2024 at 07:58 AM

KB

“ We lost a great man of God, David Bowden! In the early stages of Inspired Vision Compassion Center, he helped us so much! David brought us many loads of food. When he saw us hand unloading trucks, he gave us a fork lift. He had it repaired for us, many times. He gave us our first box truck to pick up groceries. He was a great encouragement to us! David was such an incredible blessing to us! He was with Adopt A Block Terrell. We will miss our great friend! God has a huge reward for him in Heaven. He feed so many hungry people and cared for the less fortunate! We love you, David Bowden!

Karen Belknap - April 27, 2024 at 10:44 PM

IC

“ Inspired Vision Compassion Center purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Bowden.



Inspired Vision Compassion Center - April 27, 2024 at 10:32 PM

WG

“ Wimmen Girls purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of David Bowden.



Wimmen Girls - April 27, 2024 at 07:31 PM

WG

“ Wimmen Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bowden.

Wimmen Girls - April 27, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Bowden.



April 26, 2024 at 08:10 PM

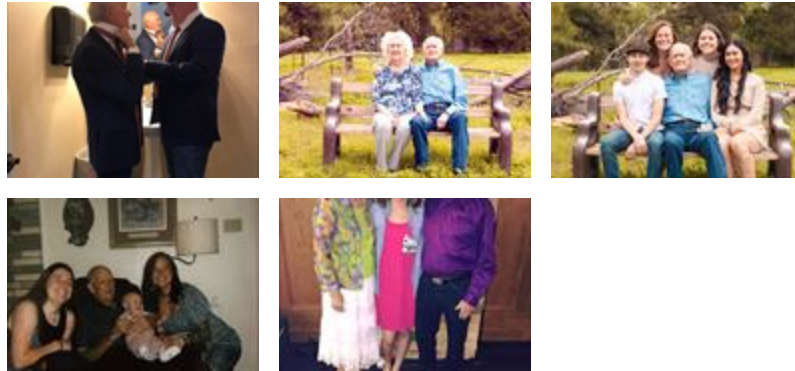
GD

“ Gilmer Family Dental planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bowden.

Gilmer Family Dental - April 26, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ 142 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 26, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Bowden.



April 24, 2024 at 11:39 PM



“ Connie Mays Childress and husband David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bowden.

Connie Mays Childress and husband David - April 24, 2024 at 11:39 PM



“ It was my privilege to know David and Mittie when they lived in Edgewood. David was a servant for our community while he was here. He was an active member of our volunteer fire department and also got the training to be an EMT and rode the ambulance for our community. A lot of his shifts were while he was still an employee of the railroad. He didn't want recognition but just always willing to help without questioning what someone else was or was not doing. A great loss when they moved back to Terrell. But also a great friend that kept in touch as time went on.

Melvin Davis - April 24, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ Angela Olivarez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Bowden.



Angela Olivarez - April 24, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Bowden.



April 24, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ I was sadden today when I heard of David's passing. My heart goes out to his family. David was so caring and generous. He had such a kind heart. I'm so thankful that I got the chance to meet him and work with him at the pantry as one of his volunteers. David will be missed deeply. Love and thoughts, Debbie Van Allen



Debbie Van Allen - April 24, 2024 at 02:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Bowden.



April 23, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Terry and Amy Fowler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bowden.

Terry and Amy Fowler - April 23, 2024 at 01:13 PM

MA

“ *What can truly be said about David that hasn't already been said? A giant among men who never asked to be noticed or needed others to tell him what a great job he was doing...and he was ALWAYS doing a great job!*

His easy going and helpful personality made every day a blessing and then finding out how he provided very needed help to so many in town-clothes, shoes, furniture, errands, projects, food just to name a few things!!!

He never stopped-his energy was as contagious as his smile and you found yourself hurrying to help him unload so he could get back on the road to help more people.

Because that's what David was all about: helping others.

The amount of water, snacks, kleenex and chocolate that he brought to us over the past 8 years since we have opened...Veronica and I would shake our heads and try to pay him or pay him back and he would have none of it!! He only wanted to help...and he truly was the greatest helper of all.

He is irreplaceable and we will miss him SO MUCH.

But we will continue his legacy---we will HELP.

We love you, David and we are so blessed to have been able to call you our friend.

Max and Veronica

Max - April 22, 2024 at 10:08 PM

FF

“ *Frans family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of David Bowden.*



Frans family - April 22, 2024 at 05:58 PM

FF

“ *Frans family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bowden.*

Frans family - April 22, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David Bowden.*



April 22, 2024 at 04:03 PM