

Richard Bowles

1929 - 2014

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RICHARD J.

BOWLES

Richard Joseph Bowles was born on May 23, 1929 to Leo Thomas and Margaret Mead Bowles in Jacksonville, Florida. He passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 22, 2013 at the age of 84. A private service and burial will be held at the convenience of his family. Waters and Hibbert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

He was a 1952 graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with specialty in Real Estate and Insurance. Instead of pursuing a career in Real Estate or Insurance, he entered the seminary of St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky followed by St. John's Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated with an MDiv from St. John's Seminary in 1961. He was ordained on February 19, 1961 and served as a priest in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

In 1975, he served as a priest of the newly formed Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Special gratitude is expressed to his niece, friends and Church family who continued to care and show concern for him as he struggled with various physical ailments over the years.

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May 16, 2014

I met Fr. Bowles when he was at Holy Spirit in Jacksonville. i was baptized by him at Easter in '68.we became very good friends. he had a great sense of humor as well as intellect. i was saddened to learn of his passing. i look forward to seeing him in heaven.

Rest in peace my friend.

Randall Collins

April 14, 2014

Loveternalife+++ *

February 1, 2014

We were one of the lucky young couples who had Fr Bowles officiate at our wedding 46 years ago. I will always remember his toast at our rehearsal dinner, "May all of your troubles be 'little ones'." I am sure he used that toast many times and others remember it, as well.

Mary Stack Stormes

January 30, 2014

We were friends of Fr. Bowles and his family in Jacksonville before he entered the seminary. He assisted at the marriage of our son and daughter-in-law in Mobile. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Catherine and Jim Monahan

January 20, 2014

I have good memories of Fr Bowles at Sacred Heart as an alter boy and later at St Micheals . I will miss his humor ... May he rest in peace

John Bell

January 12, 2014

Richard Bowles was a man of honor & dignity. Our prayers are for him. Much love to his niece who gave him great love & support. He will be missed. Marie Nahikian & Gene Seymour

January 12, 2014

We wish him eternal rest.

Richard andd Tricia Foster

January 10, 2014

Monsignor Bowles brought my family a lot of peace through sad times and brought a lot of joy in many good times. He was a unique individual and will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Ed Villar

January 8, 2014

May Father Bowles Rest In Peace.

P.D.T.

January 7, 2014

Father Bowles was a special priest for the Leary family. I'll never forget how he cared for my mother and visited her when she was ill. My prayers are with him and his family.

Carl Leary

January 7, 2014

I remember Fr. Bowles and his dad, Leo Bowles. Both were dedicated to the Church and made significant differences in many parishnor's lives. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Steve Kujawa

January 6, 2014

Father Bowles was a good friend to my Mom and to our family. God Bless you for your kindness Father Bowles....Rest in Peace.

Tim Banfell

January 6, 2014

Rest in Peace Father Bowles. God Bless & Keep You.

Skip Banfell

January 6, 2014

FATHER BOWLES WAS A WONDERFUL PRIEST AND FRIEND. IT WAS ALWAYS A COMFORT TO SEE HIM AROUND SHH// GRAND CONFESSOR...NOW OUR NEW YEARS ANGEL..PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY TO FAMILY..FONDLY,GAIL MAINES COOL/KRAFT RN/RET SHH/OR

GAIL KRAFT

January 6, 2014

I was a student at Bishop Kenny when he taught there. We would always greet each other in the hallways with "Howdy Cuz!". He could not help but stand out as one of the only domestically born priests on the faculty. He was a frequent visitor during my incarceration at St. Vincent's following a traffic accident, as was his mom, Mary.

I will miss him.

James William Mead

January 6, 2014

First Met Father Bowles before he was ordained when he was a counselor at Camp Cullen in Battles Wharf, Alabama. A good man and a priest who related to his flock. Steve DLugos

January 5, 2014

Father Bowles was there on our very special day to marry us. We now pray that he is smiling and enjoying his special day in Heaven. Many thanks to all that helped take care of Father Bowles and comforted him. He will be missed, but he will be cherished always.

Ed McManus

January 4, 2014

Father Bowles was a part of our family by the fact that he was there in our midst for so many of life's special moments. He married my sister and her husband. He married Scott and I. He baptized both my children. He was there with us at the hospital as my father was dying of cancer. And he officiated over my father's funeral. At my son's baptism I presented Father Bowles with a tankard made of Waterford crystal engraved with the letters VF (a reference to a joke inspired by Fr Bowles during my wedding week). He brought that tankard over to our home to raise a glass to my mom a few months before she died. I will think of him at any of life's special moments yet to come and I will miss him!!!

Penny Tinkler

January 4, 2014

I considered Father Bowles to be one of my dearest friends. It was an

honor to serve as his deacon for many years at St. Michael Parish. Although parted by distance for the past 23 years, we were close allies throughout difficult times. He touched the lives of many over his long years of service to the Church, and so I am confident that I am not alone in my grief. I shall miss him greatly!

George Gaines

December 31, 2013

I was so sorry to hear about Father Bowles passing away. He will certainly be missed, but we will remember the fun times...when he married Chip and I, when he joined the EOHS with mom and dad....but especially when my flight was delayed for my dad's funeral and I had hoped to slip down the side aisle and into the family pew, when Father Bowles calmly announced for me to "come on down, of course we are on Scotto time!" Yes, he will certainly be missed but I am sure he is in a much better place. Rest in Peace Father Bowles! Lucia

Lucia Scotto Moes

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