

STEPHEN T. BOWERS  
1944-2014

**FAMILY HISTORY:**

Stephen Thomas Bowers was born in Albany, New York on November 18, 1944 to parents Stephen B. Bowers and Estelle (Lamb) Bowers. Stephen had 1 sister, Mary. Steve grew up in Snyder's Lake and later resided in Wynantskill.

**EDUCATION:**

Stephen attended West Sand Lake Grade School, Our Lady Help of Christians, St. Jude the Apostle School, and Vincentian Institute. He graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 1962.

**HISTORY:**

Stephen was inducted into the United States Air Force on May 25, 1965. He worked as a ground radio equipment repairman. Stephen worked his way up through the ranks and became a Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged on April 21, 1969. For his brave and honorable service to his country, Staff Sergeant Stephen T. Bowers was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

**PERSONAL:**

Steve married Barbara (Beaudoin) Bowers on July 10, 1981 in Wynantskill, New York. He was the father of 1 daughter, Melissa. He was blessed with 5 grandchildren; Shaé, Dominique, Madison, Arron, and Johavon.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

He was employed with Wells Communications Service and retired after 40 years of dedicated service. He was a two-way radio communication technician with Wells.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:**

Steve was a 37 year member of the North Greenbush American Legion Post #1489, held the offices of Post Adjutant and Sergeant-at-Arms, and served on numerous committees with the Post. On November 16, 2006, he became a Life Member of the Post. He served as Commander of Rensselaer County American Legion from 1984-1985. Steve also held the offices of Historian, Adjutant, and

was the Oratorical Chairman for Rensselaer County. Steve served as the Zone 3 Oratorical Chairman for the American Legion for the Department of New York. Zone 3 consists of the 18 counties that make up the 3rd and 4th Districts of the American Legion Department of New York. He served on the annual Memorial Day Parade Committee and he was the past member of the Adirondack Woodsmen, Inc. and held several offices in the Club. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, camping with his grandchildren, NASCAR, traveling, woodworking, and reading.

Sadly, Stephen T. Bowers passed away on March 7, 2014 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Wynantskill, New York.