



Louis Allen Bower

August 4, 1931 - January 26, 2016

Memorial Services for Louis Allen Bower, 84, of Tyler, will be held Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. at Marvin United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 300 West Erwin St., Tyler, with The Rev. Gerry Giles and Dr. Doug Baker officiating. A private family burial at Rose Lawn Cemetery will be held prior to the service, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Louis died Tuesday, January 26, following hospitalization for an aggressive Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma tumor.

Born in Scottsbluff, NE on August 4, 1931, the second son of Charles Edward Bower and Mabel Fern Snyder Bower, his early education was in Scottsbluff in Mitchell, NE where his father taught high school physics, advanced mathematics and coached football. The family's 1945 move to Jefferson City, MO brought Louis state honors in football, basketball and track events. He graduated in 1950 from Jefferson City High School with Conference/District football honors, and was a freshman recruit of University of Missouri University "Split-T" Coach Don Faurot.

A two year stint with U.S. Army service during the Korean Conflict interrupted Louis's Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture conferred by MU in 1957 where he was in Block and Bridle Club, livestock judging teams and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Louis married Betty Jean Rudy, his high school and college sweetheart on January 17, 1954, and recently marked their 62nd Anniversary.

Following M.U. graduation, Louis served the University of Illinois Agricultural

Extension Service as Assistant Farm Advisor in Madison County, IL. for 10 years. Other employment included: Manager of the American Cyanamid Farm Fertilizer Plant (Pekin, IL), owner of All Seasons Lawn and Leaf Service in Pekin, IL and later established in Tyler, Texas when he moved to Tyler in 1983.

A general partner in the family's oil and gas interests, and owner of a hay and pine tree farm in Smith County producing county Hay Show Blue Ribbon bales.

Survivors include wife, Betty Jean Bower (Tyler); son, Kevin Rudy Bower, M.D., (Lara) Southlake, TX; daughter Susan Bower Astroff (Barry) Ft Worth, TX ; Kent Andrew Bower, Tyler.

Eight grandchildren: Mischa A. Astroff (Kristine), Dallas; Hannah A. Astroff, UT Medical School, San Antonio, TX; Addison Astroff, University of Oklahoma, Norman Okla; Camille, Genevieve, and Charlotte Bower, Southlake, TX; Bailey and Bethany Bower, Tyler; Sister-in-law Pauline Rudy, Tyler; Nephew Clark Rudy (Cindy) Temple; TX; Nieces Morgan Rudy, Dorothy Keim, Davenport, NE. and Cousin Nelda Rudy Billups, Memphis, MO; Preceding Louis in death were his parents, Mabel and Charles E. Bower; and an elder brother, John E. Bower.

Louis was an active member of Marvin UMC, Pairs and Parents Sunday School Class; Marvin Ushers, Mission Week volunteer, Tuesday Marvin Men's Bible Studies, Smith County Farm Bureau, Smith County Farm and Ranch Club, Tyler Sister Cities, and the Texas Forestry Association. Recently, Louis was the recipient of the 2015-16 East Texas Symphony Orchestra Gerald Award.

If desired, memorials may be made to Marvin UMC Missions, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, 75702 or the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, P O. Box 6323, Tyler, 75711.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Bower, Kent, Susan, Kevin,
I was sad to hear Mr. Bower has passed away. He was truly one of
the kindest men
I have ever known. This news has brought back some great
memories of growing up
as your neighbors on Audubon Dr. In Pekin. May God bless your
family.
Take care,
Kurt Zuercher

Kurt Zuercher - January 30, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of
Louis Allen Bower.



January 29, 2016 at 03:55 PM

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“ Milliman Family purchased the Emerald Garden
Basket for the family of Louis Allen Bower.



Milliman Family - January 28, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Allen Bower.*



January 28, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ *Betty, Kent & all the family, May God's loving & comforting arms surround you during this difficult time. I always enjoyed his smile whenever I saw him.*
Cathy Hirt

Cathy Hirt - January 27, 2016 at 11:49 AM