



Rev. Richard Bowser

April 21, 1949 - April 26, 2026

Rev. Richard “Rick” Bowser, 77, of Clarion, PA, passed away at his residence surrounded by the comfort of his family after a courageous battle with cancer early Sunday morning (04/26/26). Born in West Monterey on April 21, 1949, he was the son of the late Earl C. and Elizabeth Dunkle Bowser. Rick served in the US Army during the period overlapping the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and was honorably discharged as an E-5. He was a lineman for Central Electric, where he retired after 34 years of service. He later found his calling to serve God by spreading the word of Jesus for 24 years as a United Methodist clergyman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, fast cars, and motorcycles, and had a tremendous sense of humor that he shared, even from the pulpit. Rick lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed sharing the word of God. He was truly a blessing to all who knew him. He loved his faith, family, and his grand and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Deb Morrow Bowser, whom he married on June 30, 1979. Sons: Greg (Amy) Bowser of Punta Gorda, FL; Bob (Lori Cratty) Bowser of Parker; Tim (Casey) Bowser of Fayetteville, NC. Grandchildren: Alley (Joe), Dillon (Billie), and Connor. Great-grandchildren: Anna, Rhett, Jase, and Jaxon. Three sisters: Gloria (Frank) Sullivan; Mary Lou (James) Delaney; Rita (Dick) Morrow. Brother: Jerry Bowser. Sister-in-law: Dixie Bowser. Numerous nieces, nephews, and bonus grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James “Jim” Bowser.

Friends will be received at the H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home in Parker (201 S. Wayne Ave.) on Wednesday from 2-4 & 6-8pm. On Thursday from 12-1pm, military honors will be held at 1pm, with the funeral to follow. Interment will take place in Perryville Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Perryville Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Parker
201 S. Wayne Street
PO Box 21
Parker, PA 16049
(724) 791-2484

Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Parker
201 S. Wayne Street
PO Box 21
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Visitation

APR **30**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

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Tribute Wall

PT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Deb and hie family. I cherish the memories of serving as Rick's pastor at the West Freedom United Methodist Church. In the midst of or sorrow we can rejoice that Rick has gone to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!! In Christian love, Pastor Ron Thomas

Pastor Ron Thomas - April 30 at 08:10 AM

JD

“ Jim & Mary Lou Delaney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Richard Bowser



Jim & Mary Lou Delaney - April 28 at 11:21 AM

MR

“ Marylou R. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev. Richard Bowser.



Marylou R. - April 28 at 11:13 AM

GK

“ Dear family..... Janet and I have so many fond memories of your life, love, and witness in ministry as a team, Rick & Debbie, particularly here in the Petroleum Valley. We pray that God 'go ahead' and 'surround' you with the precious promise of eternal life, and with your knowing that the 'race has been run.'
God's grace.... Glenn Kohlhepp

Glenn Kohlhepp - April 28 at 10:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Richard Bowser.

April 28 at 09:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Richard Bowser.



April 28 at 09:35 AM

TA

“ Pastor Rick was funny and creative and very kind. He was so good to my mother and tolerated our much loved dog Lucy singing at the church picnic!
I loved having lunch with Deb and Rick at the little Chinese restaurant in Carmichaels, PA.
He was a blessing and together Rick and Deb were a double blessing.
I can only be with you in your sorrow and loss until that day when there will be no more crying or pain!

Tammy Amalong - April 28 at 07:37 AM

PC

“Rick was sincere and genuine. He and Deb had the most strongest faith of most anyone I ever knew. They were a team together. He was wonderful to serve under as my senior pastor. He will be missed, but we will meet again.

Pastor Brian Carroll - April 28 at 03:33 AM