



Bonham Ray Bibb

October 11, 1941 - May 25, 2025

Bonham Ray Bibb, age 83, of Bowling Green, MO passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025, at the Country View Nursing Facility.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green, with Lay minister Chris Gamm officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green with Military Honors under the direction of Missouri Military Funeral Honors and VFW Post #5553. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm until 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the funeral home. Bonham's request for those attending services was to come dressed casually, especially in sports or patriotic attire.

Bonham was born October 11, 1941, in Bowling Green, MO, the son of Earl Benton and Frances Elizabeth (Freeman) Bibb. He attended Bowling Green Schools and graduated alongside the class of 1959. While attending Bowling Green High School, Bonham was active in Basketball and Baseball for the Bobcats. Upon graduation, he enrolled at Missouri Valley College where he would continue to play both sports and graduated in 1963. Bonham would go on to enlist in the United States Navy and serve on the USS Norfolk, protecting the South American Countries during the Vietnam War.

Bonham married Joyce Clare Niemeyer at St. Clement Catholic Church April 30, 1966, and together, had three children. Bonham's working career consisted of 31 years, working for Sonoco in Louisiana, MO, until their closure. Bonham would work for one year at Louisiana Plastics, until he took a job at the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center, in Vandalia, MO where he worked until he retired in 2009.

Being a Bowling Green native and living most of his life in his hometown, Bonham gave back to his community over the years, serving as a member of the VFW Post #5553, as a member of the BG Park Board, Jaycees, Senate Bill 40, Khoury League, as well as the Bowling Green Bobcat Boosters.

Bonham's passion for sports would be passed down to his children, grandchildren, nieces

and nephews, often playing pitch and catch in the back yard or across the ditch between his and his parents. Bonham loved Cardinal Baseball and was often found sitting in his recliner in the living room with the game on the television, but with the sound tuned off while listening to the radio broadcast of the same game on KMOX. He also enjoyed St. Louis Blues Hockey, Kansas City Chiefs and Missouri Tiger games. Most important of all the sports he watched were the games his grandchildren were involved in. Bonham's love for family was visible everywhere. He enjoyed family gatherings in his back yard, at Bibb Lake, or anywhere the family was gathering. He enjoyed BBQing, playing cards and poker, along with bowling in his younger years.

Those left to share his memories are his wife of 59 years, Joyce Bibb, of Bowling Green; children Cary (Janese) Bibb of Bowling Green, Julie (Paul) Bailey of California, MO, and Marcia Bibb of California, MO; grandchildren Emma, Gabe and Ella Bailey, Dianna and Claire Bibb; siblings Betty Mitchell of Bowling Green, Mona (Dave) Grote of Bowling Green, Jack (Cathy) Bibb of Bowling Green; brother and sisters-in-law Richard (Connie) Marchetto of St. Louis, Marcine (Elaine) Niemeyer, Ellen (Denis) Sutter, Jeanette Marcus, Eugene (Teese) Niemeyer, and Alice (Phil) Shocklee; nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Judy Marchetto; brothers-in-law Denis Niemeyer and James Mitchell.

Serving as pallbearers will be Gabe Bailey, Brad Niemeyer, Brock Niemeyer, John Niemeyer, Aaron Pruitt and Tim Mitchell.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Emma Bailey, Ella Bailey, Dianna Bibb, Claire Bibb, Buzz Orf, Clem Green, and Tom Lovell.

Memorials may be made to the B.G.H.S. Alumni Association, Bowling Green VFW Post #5553, or Pike County Home Health and Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

Bowling Green, MO 63334

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
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Funeral Service

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EL

“ *Elenora Traynor Lobb lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb*



Elenora Traynor Lobb - February 17 at 06:14 AM

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“ *Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb*



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - October 28, 2025 at 07:50 AM

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Will miss our great cousin

Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - October 28, 2025 at 07:49 AM

ZS

“ *Our sympathy and prayers for all of Bonhams family. Mya you take comfort knowing he is with our Lord and Savior. Stephen and Zenda*



Zenda and Stephen - October 11, 2025 at 09:13 AM

PP

“ *Joyce and family, I am keeping all in my thoughts and prayers.. You were blessed to have Bonham in your lives! Paulette Powelson*

Paulette Powelson - June 05, 2025 at 12:26 PM

SD

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Bonham's passing. He was a precious man, and the kids loved him. Joyce, my prayers are with you. Cary, Janese, Julie, Paul, Marcia, and families, losing a father/grandfather is so hard. I'm truly so very sorry for your loss.*

Stacey Dixson - May 28, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SK

“ Susan King lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb



Susan King - May 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ 167 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - May 27, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonham Ray Bibb.

May 27, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bonham Ray Bibb.



May 27, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MJ

“ Joyce and all, Sending you hugs and prayers. Hang in there.

Margie Jamieson - May 27, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bonham Ray Bibb.*



May 27, 2025 at 09:46 AM

MC

“ *Mark Cohea lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb*



Mark Cohea - May 26, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ *WE SO ENJOYED GETTING TO KNOW BONHAM WITH THE CLASS OF 63 MONTHLY LUNCHEONS--OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR JOYCE AND FAMILY THROUGH THE DAYS AHEAD*



Larry-Nancy Nation - May 26, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CM

“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb*



Carla Mills - May 26, 2025 at 04:05 PM

JS

“ *Deepest Sympathy, Joyce. You lucked out being married to such a great guy. Hugs and prayers to all of your family.*
Jo

JoEllen Storch - May 26, 2025 at 03:13 PM

PP

“ *My deepest condolences to the families.*



Peggy Perkins - May 26, 2025 at 11:45 AM

EG

“ *Our Prayers go out to the Bibb family. Their house was a second home to my sons growing up, they used to tell me what good cookies they always had. Such a nice family to be acquainted with. Love and hugs to all.*

Ernestine Grimmert - May 26, 2025 at 11:44 AM

DS

“ *Bonham was a good kind young man, to this younger lady. I remember being at the Blbb home in my youth, and always felt so welcome. Benny and Frances raised such nice and caring children. My prayers and sympathy go out to all of the Bibb/Mitchell family. May God give them comfort and bring smiles to their face and heart with many wonderful memories of Bonham, and time together.*

Donna (Jones) Sheets - May 26, 2025 at 09:46 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb*



Cheryl Bradshaw - May 25, 2025 at 11:09 PM

JR

“ *Our prayerful sympathy for the entire family. As a youngster I enjoyed spending nights at the Bibb home. We were also college classmates at Mo Valley. May the Lord bless this family as they grieve.*

Jim Rogers - May 25, 2025 at 09:18 PM

DC

“ *My deepest condolences to The family. Such a wonderful family. My prayers going up.*



Dianne Barksdale Collins - May 25, 2025 at 05:06 PM

GB

“ *Gail Branstetter lit a candle in memory of Bonham Ray Bibb*



Gail Branstetter - May 25, 2025 at 05:00 PM

DE

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Sympathy to the family..*



Deanie Ebers - May 25, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JK

I'm so sorry to hear about Bonhams passing. Blessings to his family and friends. I was so happy that I got to see him last summer at the cabin not realizing that I wouldn't see him this summer. I will definitely miss him!

Jeanne Krein - May 25, 2025 at 05:09 PM



So very sorry to hear of Bonhams passing. He was a good friend and helped us at the VFW with so many of our projects. He will be missed by so many of us. He was a good friend to about everyone he ever met. Blessings to the family from us all.

Tom Marshall - May 26, 2025 at 09:50 AM