



Carl Bowling

June 4, 1940 - July 26, 2024

Carl Bowling passed away July 26, 2024, resulting from an accident while riding a motorcycle near Hiawassee, GA; where he enjoyed his summers with his family in the North Georgia mountains. Carl was 84 years young, born in 1940 in Black Mountain North Carolina. He was one of 2 boys and 5 girls. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Joan; as well as his 5 adult children Tony and his wife Dawn, Tammi, Mark, Keith, and Delaney. He was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Carl's love for God and sharing the blessings God has given him was his greatest passion. He was quick to tell others of God's blessings in his life including saving his life after crashing his private plane 6 years ago.

Carl started in the race horse business in 1972, when he and his family started racing Quarter Horses. His racing operation added the name Straightaway Farm and was remarkably successful in the Quarter Horse circuit with notable horses such as Passum Flight, Wranglerette, Go Dicks Girl and many others. In 1977, Carl started the transition into Thoroughbred racing. His Straightaway Farm became known quite extensively through his success with horses such as City Zip, Western Pride, She Says It Best & many others. He was a great horseman with a vision, as well as a businessman with integrity, foresight and the desire to promote the racing industry. Carl was one of the pioneers in the "Pinhooking" of yearlings to 2

year olds, before it ever gained the moniker of a pinhooker, at his farm in Ocala, Florida. Carl was a respected horseman, known for his knowledge of horses, his foresight promoting the racing industry, and his ability to choose top racing prospects. Even more than those accomplishments, Carl was always ready and willing to help others succeed in this tough industry. He was always there to help anyone that asked, and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and passion of the industry. As one of the first to provide knowledge to Ocala Breeders Sales Company at its inception, Carl has also served on the Board of Directors there for many years. He retired from the Board following giving up the training aspect of his operation but was still partners with other horsemen, benefiting all involved. Carl was an icon in the industry and will be greatly missed by many.

A celebration of Carl's life is scheduled for Thursday August 1st at 3:00pm, at Bevis Funeral Home 200 John Knox Rd. Tallahassee Florida. The family request that anyone that would like to, please make a donation to Ocala Farm Ministry, 489 NW 110th Ave Ocala FL 34482 or www.ocalafarmministry.org in Carl's memory. The family knows not everyone can make it to the celebration of life, it will be live streamed at www.bevisfh.com
Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carl Bowling*



Bevis Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 06:50 PM

RB

A beautiful service for a wonderful man! He is deeply missed!!💔

Richard Brenner - August 01, 2024 at 03:58 PM

DR

“ *We will miss the best neighbor we ever had and such a great friend. We will miss him wandering over when Donnie was cooking on the grill. He would always say "what can Joan bring, I'm bringing a knife and fork". We loved sharing meals and fellowship. We were blessed to have you as a friend and neighbor. We were so looking forward to spending the winters with you on the farm. We will still be there with Joan and everyone and you in spirit. We will miss all the interesting stories, and there were many. We love you Carl. You will be truly missed! I will still look over when I go out to see if you are sitting on the porch, and I will still hear the "howdy neighbor". Love, Debbie and Donnie*

Debbie and Donnie Rhodes - August 01, 2024 at 11:10 PM

JA

“ We are so sad to hear the news of Carl's passing. We met him several years ago when he pulled up to our dock in his boat and introduced himself as the original owner of our home. We adored him from the moment we met him, and enjoyed his visits and stories that he shared over the past few years. His love for God & family, and especially Joan, was very evident. We will cherish the memories of our time with Carl. He truly was a legend. Our deepest sympathies go out to Joan and the entire Bowling family.
Michael & Janine - Hiawassee, GA

Janine - August 01, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.



August 01, 2024 at 08:15 AM

BJ

“ *In memory of Carl, his love of life and his great achievements.*
Brenda Jones

Brenda Jones - July 31, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.



July 31, 2024 at 02:25 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Debbie Munz, Gray, Abbie & Josh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Bowling.

Steve & Debbie Munz, Gray, Abbie & Josh - July 31, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.



July 31, 2024 at 11:16 AM

LF

“ Love, Bert & Sherri Meadows and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Bowling.

Love, Bert & Sherri Meadows and family - July 31, 2024 at 10:54 AM

LF

“ Love, Bert & Sherri Meadows and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl Bowling.



Love, Bert & Sherri Meadows and family - July 31, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Sherri Meadows lit a candle in memory of Carl Bowling*



Sherri Meadows - July 31, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.*



July 31, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.*



July 30, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Greg & Karen Dodd & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Carl Bowling.*



Greg & Karen Dodd & Family - July 30, 2024 at 06:13 PM

TY

“ The Gilberts New York planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Bowling.

The Gilberts New York - July 30, 2024 at 02:45 PM

TY

“ The Gilberts New York purchased the Rainbow O f Remembrance Spray for the family of Carl Bowling.



The Gilberts New York - July 30, 2024 at 02:45 PM

VH

“ Vertical Church Hiawasseee purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carl Bowling.



Vertical Church Hiawasseee - July 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

BD

“ Beckie Cantrell and Valerie Dailey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl Bowling.



Beckie Cantrell and Valerie Dailey - July 30, 2024 at 09:52 AM

BD

“ Beckie Cantrell and Valerie Dailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Bowling.

Beckie Cantrell and Valerie Dailey - July 30, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.



July 30, 2024 at 08:39 AM

KJ

“ Mr. Carl was someone you meet and never forget. Although my family and I did not know Mr. Carl for very long, when we did see him it was like we had been friends/family for many years. He has left a lasting impression on us and will forever be missed.

In our hearts until we meet again! Love Travis, Kristin, and Laya (his little buddy)

Kristin Jordan - July 30, 2024 at 08:36 AM

OF

“ Ocala Breeders Feed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Bowling.

Ocala Breeders Feed - July 30, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carl Bowling.



July 30, 2024 at 08:28 AM