



## Richard "Rich" B. Bowen

February 7, 1964 - October 8, 2024

Rich Bowen, 60, of North Huntingdon, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, Tuesday, October 8, 2024. He was born February 7, 1964, in McKeesport. Son of the late Coach Dick Bowen and Janie (Sterett) Bowen of White Oak, PA. Rich is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate of 36 years, Denise Conrad Bowen, Daughter Brittany (Zack) Ray of Trafford, Son Sean, of Youngstown, Ohio and Aaron (Juliana Boyd) of North Huntingdon. Grandchildren Kieran and Cecilia Ray and his loving and devoted sister Jodi Bowen Baldrige. Also survived by much loved cousins, in-laws, extended family, several nieces, nephews and Godsons, Matthew Tarabek and Jimmy Blaszkiewicz.

Rich Bowen was a 1982 Serra Catholic graduate and multi-sport athlete, a Parade All-American Quarterback, Dapper Dan player of the year, Co-Captain Pennsylvania Big-33 all-star game and 1981 WPIAL Class A football champion among other achievements. He was a top college recruit and played for both Pitt and Youngstown State.

With an over 30-year successful career as a head football coach and athletic director, Rich worked for local high schools including Serra Catholic, Yough, Elizabeth Forward and Hempfield. He also assisted at Waynesburg University, Norwin and the latest, Greensburg Salem. In 2007, Serra won the WPIAL championship and were PIAA State runners up. Coach Bowen knew how to pull the best out of each of his players to utilize skills they didn't even know they had. His joy was to see the growth and success of each of his players,

instilling in them the drive to win. Over the years Rich was privileged to work with some of the finest coaches and officials in existence and will be greatly missed.

Friends and family will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, October 14, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday October 15, at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Irwin; interment will follow in Union Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers please make a donation in Coach Bowen's name to the football team booster organization of your choice. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
308 2nd street  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ *To Denise and family: Rich was a lovely human being, father, husband, coach and teammate. There are no words that can ease your pain. Just know that we are here for you, no matter what. John Nevotne and YSU Football Alums*



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**John Nevotne** - October 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM

SP

“ *So many people knew Rich Bowen as “Coach” I simply knew him as Friend! A genuine guy with a big heart and a man of faith! In the words of Micheal W. Smith: friends are friends forever  
If the Lord's the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say never  
'Cause the welcome will not end  
Though it's hard to let you go  
In the Father's hands we know  
That a lifetime's not too long  
To live as friends...  
May you rest in peace my dear friend, until we meet again!*

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**Steven Patrick** - October 15, 2024 at 08:33 AM

DS

“*First and foremost, I wish to convey my deepest sympathies to Rich's immediate family. His beloved wife and "Best Friend" Denise, his daughter, Brittany, sons, Sean and Aaron. and, of course, with sorrow, his mother Janie and sister Jodi. Also grandkids Keiran and Cecelia. Then there are other family members, relatives, and far too many friends and football people to mention.*

*So please forgive me if I omitted someone. Now I want to give a special tip of the hat and acknowledge Rich's Dad, the late Coach "Dick"*

*Bowen. Dick Bowen and my late father, Francis "Fran" Snyder, who was active in WO politics, was very involved at St. Angelas RC Church. In addition, my Dad was a successful builder and businessman. He also operated Snyder's Turkey Farm at the Kelly St. dead end of Hill Street..He ran this from 1947 when he got out of the US NAVY following WWII to the Fall of 1975 when his wife, my mother, Dorothy, died unexpectedly at age 56. Anyhow, I describe all this to maybe jog a memory of who my Dad was. He died at 79 after a stroke. If he were alive today, he would be 105.*

*But I digress. My Dad and Dick were cousins. My Dad adored Dick. He followed his football career at PITT and would go to many games at Pitt Stadium. Once or twice a year, he would organize a few cars of guys from White Oak to go to Oakland for the Pitt football games. My Dad often spoke highly of Dick. He held him in high regard.*

*One final observation. Rich was born in Feb. 1964.*

*I first walked into McKeesport Senior High School in September 1967. I do not remember exactly when I first met Dick, but I do remember he was extremely impressive. He was a leader in the classroom and the athletic fields. So, when Rich was three and a half, I was meeting his Dad as a young high school student. My Dad followed Dick's football career. To a lesser degree I followed Rich. I went to see him at a couple of games at Serra and followed him at Pitt and beyond. Through genetics, a shared physiology, and the transfer of Gigabytes of football knowledge and a determined resolve to not only succeed, but share the knowledge and*

*experiences. They both succeeded and now Sean and Aaron are set to carry on the family tradition.*

*Rich was simply the best. He loved deeply and was deeply loved. May he rest in perpetual peace.*

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**David Snyder** - October 15, 2024 at 12:59 AM

DS

“ *First and foremost I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Rich's immediate family. His beloved wife and "Best Friend" , De*

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**David Snyder** - October 14, 2024 at 10:45 PM

DS

*Note : This is the start of Tribute #3 that got cut off and misdirected. I could not even delete it. The next edition will be my last. I could write a nice, long letter in cursive faster.*

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**David Snyder** - October 14, 2024 at 11:00 PM

RS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Robie Shoff** - October 14, 2024 at 08:59 PM

RS

*Heaven surely has gained an "ALL-STAR" we sure will miss you Coach ✨ Love you Neici, the Shoffs*

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**Robie Shoff** - October 14, 2024 at 09:15 PM

DS

*Wow ! Robie Shoff. What a GREAT photo. A note giving the date and location would make it even better.*

David Snyder - October 14, 2024 at 10:20 PM

CI

“ Charles I. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

Charles I. - October 14, 2024 at 08:16 PM

LP

“ Was a parent of one of the kids he coached at Yough. Only the best things the kids would say of him. He was tough but fair. So sorry for all your loss.

Linda Penska - October 14, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



October 14, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JC

“ John, Amy, Jake, Josh Cahill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

John, Amy, Jake, Josh Cahill - October 14, 2024 at 04:46 PM

EV

“ So sorry for your loss and my deepest sympathy . Rest in Peace.

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**Eli Visnick** - October 14, 2024 at 03:38 PM

BO

“ Vida and I are so sorry to hear of Rich's passing. We will keep the Bowen family in our prayers.  
Bob O'Neil

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**Bob O'Neil** - October 14, 2024 at 02:35 PM

NS

“ Norwin Football Players & Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



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**Norwin Football Players & Staff** - October 14, 2024 at 01:08 PM

GS

“ Dear Jane,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved son, Rich. My deepest sympathy to you and the family. May he rest in peace and GOD give the family the comfort to know he is still with us in spirit.  
Dave Sivak

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**G. David Sivak** - October 14, 2024 at 11:31 AM

CF

“ *Chrisman and McDowell Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*



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**Chrisman and McDowell Families** - October 13, 2024 at 06:28 PM

RF

“ *Roy & Norine Jenkins & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*



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**Roy & Norine Jenkins & Family** - October 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM

RF

“ *Roy & Norine Jenkins & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*

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**Roy & Norine Jenkins & Family** - October 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*



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October 13, 2024 at 01:01 PM

DS

“ Dr. Ralph Passarelli and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

Dr. Ralph Passarelli and Staff - October 13, 2024 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ The DelleFemine family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

The DelleFemine family - October 13, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



October 12, 2024 at 09:15 PM

RF

“ Rege and Jean and Faddish Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



Rege and Jean and Faddish Family - October 12, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RF

“ Rege and Jean and Faddish Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

Rege and Jean and Faddish Family - October 12, 2024 at 05:53 PM

NK

“ Nate, Sharon, Ava, Adam & Greta Kluiters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



Nate, Sharon, Ava, Adam & Greta Kluiters - October 12, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



October 11, 2024 at 09:10 PM

DP

“ Dayne Popa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

Dayne Popa - October 11, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*



October 11, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ *From your friends at the Colonial Grille planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*

**From your friends at the Colonial Grille** - October 11, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*



October 11, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Ron Palarino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.*

**Ron Palarino** - October 11, 2024 at 09:16 AM

TS

“ I got to know Rich while he was at Waynesburg and my son was playing there. They were busy with team activities on Friday nights before Saturday afternoon games so he couldn't follow the High School games at that time as closely as he normally would. After the Waynesburg games we would talk about the local games, he knew I followed it closely. Great memories.

Tom Paulone, Sr - October 11, 2024 at 12:11 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



October 10, 2024 at 07:19 PM

SF

“ Scott & Michele Barnes and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

Scott & Michele Barnes and Family - October 10, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



October 10, 2024 at 06:14 PM

CR

“ Cody, Chrissy, and Violet Ray purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



Cody, Chrissy, and Violet Ray - October 10, 2024 at 04:52 PM

R,

“ Rose, Sue ,Victoria purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.



Rose, Sue ,Victoria - October 10, 2024 at 12:18 PM

R,

“ Rose, Sue ,Victoria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" B. Bowen.

Rose, Sue ,Victoria - October 10, 2024 at 12:18 PM

EH

“ Deepest Sympathy and condolences to the family of Rich Bowen. I remember him from Serra and his football playing days.



Erin M. (O'Donnell) Huff - October 10, 2024 at 09:48 AM