



Stanley Keith Bowman

July 2, 1953 - September 18, 2018

Stanley Keith Bowman, 65, of Bristol, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Bristol, TN, son of the late Edwin and Janice Bowman. In addition to his parents, Stan was preceded in death by his siblings, Jan Bowman and Dwight Bowman.

Stan was a musician, sound engineer, motorcycle enthusiast, and a generous volunteer at his church. He served as recording engineer for many artists in the region, both at Classic Recording Studio in Bristol, TN and as a freelance engineer. Stan was a motorcycle salesman at Yamaha-Kawasaki of Johnson City, as well as manager at Shadrack Watersports and Christmas Wonderland light shows in Bristol, TN – the business named after his band Shadrack and owned by fellow bandmate, Keith Glover. Stan served for decades as a sound engineer and guitarist at Indian Springs Baptist Church in Kingsport, TN. Notwithstanding his relentless work ethic, Stan was a family man through-and-through and will be dearly missed by his loved ones. Surviving relatives include his sister, Pam Pinkerton Townsend; his children: sons Jesse, Zachary, and daughter Ally Hyder; his son-in-law Brett Hyder and granddaughter Adelaide Hyder; and his loving wife of 28 years Leslie.

The family will not be holding a formal funeral service but invite all of Stan's loved ones to share their thoughts and memories of him at the Oakley-Cook Tribute Wall:

<https://www.oakley-cook.com/obituaries/Stanley-Bowman/> or email them to stanthemantribute@outlook.com. A tribute celebrating Stan's life will be compiled from these memories and shared at a later date. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at The Village at Allandale and Life Care Center of Gray, as well dear friends and caregivers Chuck Tipton, Les Ferrell, and Zachary Anders.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the AFTD (<https://www.theaftd.org/support-aftds-mission/>) or the Bluefield Project (<https://www.bluefieldproject.org/donate/>).

Arrangements especially for Mr. Bowman and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Comments



“ We are continuing to pray for all of you. Stan was very special to us. During our time of serving in the music ministry at ISBC, he became a great friend to us both. He not only taught me so much (including how one should play "hammond organ" style on keyboard) but he really cared for us. He almost always greeted me with a hug or high five, and had one of the most welcoming smiles. I loved to watch him play any instrument he touched---he is one of the first people to give me confidence to sing in a microphone and he taught me how to grow. He showed me that I could trust him to make me sound the best I could and that I only needed to focus on worship--he would handle the rest. He had an amazing talent for making everyone sound the best they could. He taught me how to use a soundboard, how to mix, and never made fun of me (at least in a serious way!) for asking so many questions. He loved his family and bragged on them as often as he could. I learned a way to help keep him happy on practice nights or early morning practices was showing up with a Diet Coke and Snickers bar (haha). He welcomed us into his family, and he became a part of ours. Even after our time together ended, he always had a huge smile with a bear hug and a "Hey Jess--I miss you!". He will continue to be greatly missed---I'm thankful for the forever impact he had on our family, our ministries, and our hearts.

Jessica & Adam Poff - October 09 at 05:52 PM



“ I am honored to have spent many hours with Stan as his friend. I will remember Stan as a tall guy with long black hair, excellent musician, great friend to many, teacher, Shadrack van, and a God fearing Christian man. I asked Stan why he never smoked or drank. He said if a child ever saw him do those things they may think it's cool and do the same things. I was inspired by Stan to be a better person. I miss Stan and listening countless times in his basement to Genesis and patiently attempting to teach me Stairway to Heaven on guitar. Stans big smile will live on with all who knew him. Stan earned his place in Heaven. Goodbye Stan our friend.

Jerome Fleenor

Jerome Fleenor - September 27 at 09:03 PM



“ Spent countless hours with Stan in the studio back in the 70's. What a true to life person he was. I could only hope to leave here like he diid... Not an enemy in the world..

Alan Linkous - September 25 at 08:40 PM



“ Knew Stan from high school. We were in the band together, and he even dated my sister for a time. Always remember him as a fun and funny guy to be around. My deepest sympathies to his family.
Doug "Sonny" Poole

Doug Poole - September 25 at 01:27 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Stan's passing. He was a great friend and an incredible musician. He taught me more than I could tell about sound engineering and running sound. He was truly an artist that I am convinced could make anyone sound good. We spent many late nights getting ready or breaking down a setup for a cantata. He is without a doubt one of the most talented musicians I have had the opportunity work and play with. I have never met anyone with an ear like his. He could hear the smallest nuance in a recording and immediately knew what it was. But above all of this, he was a great friend. The picture above is how I remember him. He always had that infectious smile.

Leslie, Jesse, Zach, and Allie, may God grant you comfort during this time.

Dave Martin - September 24 at 01:06 PM



“ I was office manager during the years Stan was at Shadrack. He was a wonderful boss and friend and almost always had that big smile on his face. He was a devoted Christian and this was shown in his every day life. I know he is in a much better place now with no more pain and suffering but I know it is hard to give him up.

Mary Miller - September 24 at 12:05 PM



“ Uncle Stan was a wonderful loving man. Every time I would see him out, he would always welcome me with a warm hug and precious smile. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Thoughts and prayers to Leslie and the kids.

Angie Bowman Burress - September 24 at 07:49 AM



“ Pam, we are so sorry for your loss. We love you. Jim and Connie Bird.

Connie Bird - September 24 at 12:21 AM



“ I was office manager at Shadrack and worked under Stan for all the years he was there. He was a great manager, friend and most of all served the Lord which reflected in his every day life. I look at the picture posted of him and can still remember his great smile. I'm sorry to hear of his death but know he is in a better place now with no more pain and suffering. Mary Miller

Mary Miller - September 23 at 01:25 PM



“ Our family loved and respected the great talent and dedication of Stan. He was a mentor to all three of my sons and they learned so much from him about music and sound and serving the church. Not many church staff would let a 5th grader Brian Eaton come along side him and learn about sound and running the board and trusting him with they lyrics. James was fortunate to learn from Stan and then work along side him at ISBC and David learned much from him on playing bass and gaining confidence. Our prayers are with the entire Bowman family.

Vicky Eaton - September 22 at 04:11 PM



“ I have known Stan since we were Kids. When Danny was interested in bikes, He would always go to Stan about what to buy and usually Stan would sell one to him. We have been friends all through the years. I had and knew the kids through school. Your Dad and husband was a very good person who was caring and loving. He will be remembered by a lot of people. I pray that God will give you peace during this time.
Vickie Massey

Vickie Massey - September 22 at 02:07 PM



“ I am so deeply sadden to hear about Stan's passing. Stan was an incredible man that loved working in music, loved his church and loved his family. He was very important part of my life as he was my bass guitar instructor, a mentor and an incredible friend as I got older. My prayers go out to The Family and I just know you are in my heart!! I look forward to the day I get to see Stan again in heaven working on the sound board once again!

andy leonard - September 22 at 01:01 PM



“ Stan was a shining example of having a servant’s heart. He worked tirelessly at church to make sure everything with the sound system was just right. He was a good friend and we have missed seeing him. We are praying for the family during this time of loss. May God gently hold you in the palm of His hand. We love you guys.
Melinda and Ron Ligon

Melinda Ligon - September 22 at 08:25 AM



“ Stan Bowman...There are not enough great words in this world to say about this man!
Stan always said hi with that boyish grin no matter how busy he might be! His love for his family was a precious love that most only long for! He and Leslie were a great example of God’s plan for marriage. Two shall be one and that is what they were! We sure missed you Stan when your illness took you away! Your light was always shining and now that you are with Jesus I know you are healed, happy and shining like never before!
When I think of you this verse comes to mind!!

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

I love you Leslie, Jesse, Zach and Allie!

Karen Manis - September 22 at 07:31 AM

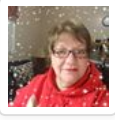


“ We are so deeply saddened at the news of Stan's Homegoing. Yet, we know also these last years have been hard ones for those who love him the most. Every memory of Stan, Leslie, and the kids are full of love and sweetness. Stan's smile lit up the room. He was funny and kind and hard-working. We remember a man who adored his family. His love for Leslie was complete... We have been away from Tennessee for too many years, but I will always remember the delight in his face just looking at her. We all want our spouse's to think we are funny, or talented, or full of reason...that's how Stan seemed to view Leslie, with deep devotion.

He was so full of love. His love for the Lord has assured us all that we will see him again.

We can't imagine how hard these last years have been for you, Leslie, and for the kids. So so sorry we weren't around to be a help to you all. It is a grief we now bear along with his loss. You will be comforted by the good memories and the knowledge of how much he loved you all...even when his ability to communicate and remember caused that to dim.

Love you all, Debbie & Dave Mills, Richmond, Va.



“ Dear family,
We are so sad to see that Stan has passed from this life, but he is in heaven rejoicing with the Father. He was a sweet, thoughtful man, and he will be missed. He was a very important person in service to the church. We will keep you in our prayers!

Jan Maiden - September 21 at 06:01 PM



“ Stan was a wonderful guy and would buy newspapers from me daily in the mid 70's which I saved enough money to buy one of my first electric guitars. He cut me a deal when I almost had enough money to buy it. He was an inspiration to me as a beginning guitarist. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

Allen Walsh - September 21 at 04:12 PM



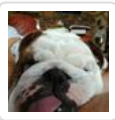
“ Stan was my neighbor on 24th Street. I bought my first set of drums from him when he managed Morrell Music in the mid-seventies. Stan was “instrumental” in my progression as a drummer and understanding the kit as a whole. He would often “babysit” my brother and I when we were kids while Mom ran to the Giant Grocery and Dad was on patrol. Stan was an immense talent and as humble as could be. He was a fine guitarist, and even finer person. I’m blessed to have fond memories of him...and those are the memories that make me a wealthy soul.

Benjamin Holmes - September 21 at 10:30 AM



“ Pam we had found memories of all your family and knowing your mom, dad, and all three brothers. I know you will miss all. Thanks for your friendship over the years, will keep you in our prayers.

Don Turner - September 20 at 08:18 PM



“ Stan was a great guy and friend. The times we had in high school and band are great memories. Can't remember him ever being cross or upset or unkind. Very sad and very sorry to hear of this. All my condolences to his family and friends.

Kevin M Dugan - September 20 at 08:08 PM



“ Stan was always a fine Christian and a gentleman. He always had a good and encouraging word every time I saw him. He is greatly missed. I will be celebrating his Heavenly arrival.

Johnny&Pam Hood

Johnny Hood - September 21 at 06:28 PM



“ My favorite memory of Stan was the smile on his face, no matter what was going wrong at the time. He was also such a encourage with anyone needing his knowledge revived all he could provide, willingly..praise he is now healed and I am sure he and Bill are having a great time together. .my love goes to the family. Ann Collins

Ann Collins - September 22 at 02:05 PM



“ We told people we were brothers. His Dad was Edwin G. and my Dad was Edwin M.. It was fun. We played guitar together. Same Church and Same school. I can't believe we drifted apart with no contact for many many years.

Tom Bowman

Tom - September 24 at 12:35 PM



“ I probably spent more time with Stan than any of his friends. Countless hours in recording studios, We probably road every trail in the area on our dirt bikes. I worked with him at the motorcycle shop. I also enjoyed many more hours just being a friend in the early stages of his illness. Never once did he complain. I could tell you so many stories about his character, but the one that sums up his goodness happened in the little studio he had in his basement. Stan and I and a couple of other musicians had been working for a couple of hours on some tunes when Stan came out of the control room to adjust a mic or something and almost stepped on a bug crawling across the floor. He quickly fetched a tissue and gently picked up the little guy and took him outside and turned him loose. That was Stan Bowman, he cared for everyone and everything he came in contact with. I will miss him!

My prayers are with Leslie, Jesse, Zach, Allie and Pam

Chuck Tipton

Chuck Tipton - September 25 at 01:41 AM



“ Stan was an example of what we should all aspire to each and every day. His love of life and family was ever apparent and especially shown brightly through the gifted lives of the family he loved so much. Celebrate all the memories and wonderful works he left behind, as I recall his excited and animated expression that shown as he prepared for a trip to Disney World! Thanks buddy for all your love!!

David Thompson - September 25 at 07:32 AM