



## William Charles Bowen

August 4, 1938 - December 21, 2019

William (Bill) was born in Oakland, Ca. to Carl and Verland Bowen. He had one brother, Howard, who predeceased him, and is survived by his sister, Peg Barkin.

After growing up in Oakland, he attended the University of Kansas and graduated in 1961 with a B. S. Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He started working at General Dynamics and was with them for 6 years. In 1967, Bill began his 31-year "career" with United Airlines in San Francisco, from which he officially retired in 1998.

In 1971, he married Joyce Nichols, and they celebrated their 48th anniversary in June. They settled in Belmont where they raised their family: a daughter, Katy (married to Kevin Finnerty) and a son, Matthew. He was also blessed with one grandson, Jack Larkin Bowen Finnerty.

Bill, with his wife, Joyce, enjoyed traveling in the U. S. and other countries (many times with friends). He especially loved the trips with his family to Hawaii and Disneyland. He had a life-long passion for trains and found great joy in taking train rides in different states and countries. He really liked the challenge of walking the KATY Railroad Trail in Missouri (he and Joyce completed the 240 miles). Also, running his LGB model train was one of his favorite pastimes.

Bill was an avid fixer, builder, and perfectionist. He was a quiet man but very much enjoyed the company of his friends and family. He was kind to all, deeply loved by his family, and he will be greatly missed.

Donations may be made in Bill's name to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, 1:00 p.m., Skylawn Funeral Home, Rte. 35 @ Highway 92, San Mateo, Ca., 94402.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Funeral Service**   01:00PM - 02:00PM  
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Skylawn Funeral Home

Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA, US, 94402

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Skylawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park** - January 23, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“ Barbara and Ken Adams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Charles Bowen.



**Barbara and Ken Adams** - January 14, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ Mr. B was the coolest. We first met back in 1986 when I was in junior high. When I would hang with his daughter, he would always welcome me with a great smile. He never judged my intake of his wife's fabulous chocolate chip cookies. Also, he had the best laugh. Thank you Mr. B for being an amazing father and friend to all of us. You'll be missed.

**Laurie B.** - December 29, 2019 at 02:11 PM

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“ I first meet you February of this year. Bill you were always so kind, polite. Bill you were a true gentleman. I enjoyed coming being with you.  
I remember on time I came & when I was leaving you kiss my hand and said thank you for coming & please come again.  
I miss you.  
Bill, you are the best!  
Sandi Shanks

**Sandi shanks** - December 24, 2019 at 05:12 PM