



## George Desmond Bowman

January 30, 1924 - December 27, 2011

George Desmond Bowman passed away quietly on December 27, 2011. The longtime local businessman and Santa Barbara native was born on January 30, 1924, to George W. and Katherine Desmond Bowman. George was a 1942 Santa Barbara High School graduate, and was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as an aerial photographer from 1942 to 1945. Upon his discharge in 1945, he hitchhiked his way from Oklahoma City back to Santa Barbara, and began a long career in the car business. He was a automobile dealer and owned and operated Bowman Motors on 118 State Street for 42 years. After his retirement in 1988, his favorite activity was relaxing at his Lake Nacimiento house with his family on the back porch with a nice glass of zinfandel.

Cars were his love, and he was member of the Model A Club, Packard Club, and Mercedes-Benz Club. He was also a member of the Suburban Kiwanis Club. George also enjoyed boating, building a Gary 18 sailboat and racing in competitions in the 1960's. He also loved cruising in his pontoon boat with his family at Lake Nacimiento.

George Bowman married Dolores "Dee" Brady at Santa Barbara's Old Mission on October 7, 1950. They were married for 58 years until Dee's passing in October 2008. He is survived by his sister, Francis Green; daughter Sheila Fink (Ed); sons Steve (Caryl); Stuart (Karen); and Scott (Christie); grandchildren Tara Bowman Vowels (Justin); Brady Bowman (Ceanna); Kevin and Jessica Fink; Sarah Bowman Campbell (Matt) and Sean Bowman; and

Matthew Bowman; great grandchildren Aubrey and Colton Vowels; and Whitney Bowman.

A celebration of his life will take place at Calvary Cemetery (199 North Hope Ave) on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to The Cancer Center of Santa Barbara (540 W. Pueblo St., Santa Barbara, 93105) or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care of Santa Barbara (222 E. Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara, 93101).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-8811  
[http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery\\_id=3](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lori Tuller lit a candle in memory of George Desmond Bowman* ”



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**Lori Tuller** - January 11, 2012 at 08:49 PM