



Mabel Louise Bowie

October 31, 1938 - November 7, 2020

Mabel Louise Bowie a/k/a “Miss Daisy”, age 82 of Welcome, Maryland, died peacefully at her home on November 7, 2020. Born October 31, 1938 in La Plata, Maryland she was the daughter of the late Malcolm Hockett and the late Susie Hockett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Benjamin F. Bowie after many years of marriage; her brother, Dale Hockett; and her sister-in-law, Joyce Price.

She is survived by her beloved son, Steven “Steve” Craig Bowie; her granddaughter, Katherine McGarvey (Timothy); her great-grandchildren, Riley and Colin McGarvey of Naples, Florida; her daily companion, Benji, her much loved Schnauzer; her brother, Daniel “Danny” Hockett; her sisters, Ruth Hockett Fennell (Johnny) and Joyce Hockett; her sisters-in-law, Judy Bowie Tippet, Olive Perry, Sally Davis (NC), Carol Bowie; and her brother-in-law, Alton Bowie; and her life-long friend, Barbara Dyson. She has many nieces and nephews living throughout Southern Maryland/Charles County and North Carolina. Although not her son, John Short (Big John) was an extremely cherished and loyal employee for over 50 years and she considered him her “other son.” She is also survived by her many adopted children including Cindy Hampton (Wade), the “girl she never had” and who started working for Mabel when she was 13. Mabel took her under her wing throughout her teenage years and still continued through her life. Also important are Laurie and Jim Kick and her very special grandchildren, Preston Kick, M.D., Heather,

and Rachel. They all considered her their mother and/or grandmother after meeting them on their many camping trips at the Bowie family-owned Goose Bay Marina. Mabel attended their weddings as the honorary grandmother and was escorted down the aisle in that role. Once you met Mabel, you were her friend for life.

It was during their marriage that Ben and his father co-founded Goose Bay Marina along the edge of the Bowie farmland on Goose Bay Lane. Being a co-owner of the Marina, Mabel worked alongside the employees in the boatyard and was always present at the boat store. Mabel was known as a very shrewd businesswoman and was extremely successful at single-handedly running Goose Bay on her own until she retired in 1997. Mabel lived in Florida for a short time but returned to her much-loved Charles County and the Bowie farm. She was an avid animal lover and kept all the strays that Steve very often brought home when he was a child – either domestic or wild – she loved all God's gifts. It was Mabel's wish for donations to be made to Melwood Farm in Ironsides, Maryland where they have been graciously taking care of her beloved donkey, Biscuit, who now entertains the many special needs individuals that go there daily.

The family would like to thank the many caregivers, nurses, and doctors that attended to Mabel in the last two years, especially Dr. Wathen, her friend. A special thank you to Ann Burey, Sue Estevez, and Teresa Hall.

A date for a Celebration of Life gathering will be announced later.

The family has **STRONGLY** requested not sending flowers, but making donations to Melwood, 9035 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy, Maryland 20662.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mabel Louise Bowie*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mabel Louise Bowie*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Mabel was our babysitter in the 50's. Who could not fall in love with such a beautiful person even though my brother and I were only 6 and 8 years old. We'll always cherish her. Thanks Mabel. (Pat & David Cooksey).*

Pat Cooksey - November 22, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *Mabel always had a friendly smile & something positive to say! It has been said, "Where ever a good soul has walked, there is a trail of beautiful memories". This certainly applies to Mabel.*

Dianne & Chuck Goodrich - November 18, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *For years we knew each other as I camped at Goose Bay. And you hung out with my sister Pat Hall, when you all were teenagers.
Mabel, RIP.
Linda Hamilton (Knapp)*

linda Hamilton - November 14, 2020 at 09:35 PM

KH

“ Steve, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. I never met her but you know that I heard so much about her that I felt I knew her! I understand that she was a very special person and was loved so much by her family.

Kathy Hinkle - November 14, 2020 at 06:50 PM

DC

“ Miss Mable, mom, would always light up a room when she entered, she would take anything Steve and I could do to get into trouble in stride. When we got squealed on, she would just laugh and tell them not to worry, they are brother and sister. She will be missed.



Donna Carpentieri - November 14, 2020 at 05:46 PM

PR

“ Dear Steve & Family
I'm sad to have heard the news. Then again a smile comes over my face when I think of all the memories we all have now when we were with her. Love You Cuz XOXO Patty Rice

Patty Rice - November 14, 2020 at 09:56 AM

JE

“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences. Mabel's smile could light up a room. Keech and Mabel grew up all through school and life together. She always said Dr. Edelen was her first boyfriend, she loved Keech and told Joyce she loved her enough to share Keech! Oh how we loved her. Love, thoughts and prayers,
Keech & Joyce Edelen

Joyce Edelen - November 13, 2020 at 11:22 PM