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John (Jack) Edward Bowen, aged 85, of Hilo, HI, peacefully passed away on December 7, 2023. Born on October 11, 1938, in Washington DC, he spent his formative years in Laurel, Maryland. John was a beloved husband, father, and esteemed member of the first responder community.

Educated at Laurel High School, John continued his studies at Western Maryland College and the University of Maryland, College Park. In 1965, he brought his wife and young family to Hawaii to embark on his career with C. Brewer and Co. His talents were quickly recognized, leading him to become a researcher at the University of Hawaii, School of Tropical Agriculture. Throughout his professional journey, he focused extensively on sugar cane, leaving an indelible mark through his well-known and respected contributions that will continue to influence future generations.

Beyond his professional achievements, John had a diverse range of interests and talents. He served as a firefighter with the College Park Fire Department and later became a Haz-Mat Trainer, dedicating his expertise to training firefighters in Hawaii and worldwide. John's creativity extended to his passion for photography, capturing beautiful moments that are cherished by all who knew him. He skillfully combined his knowledge of the sugar industry and his photographic skills to document the sugar plantation way of life, preserving its essence in powerful images that will endure for generations.

John is survived by his devoted wife, Anne Bowen, and his cherished daughters, Maureen Figueira, and her husband Norbert, as well as Denise Marjarum and her late husband Adam, all of Pennsylvania. His enduring love extends to eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, who will carry forward the warmth, wisdom, and humor that he shared with them.

While we mourn the loss of John, we also remember and honor the life of his son, Bruce Bowen, a fellow first responder who preceded him in death.



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A memorial service to celebrate John's life will be held at a later date. The compassionate team at Homelani in Hilo, HI, is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences can be sent to the family via Denise Marjarum, 5277 N. Salem Church Rd. Dover, PA 17315.



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Ann B. posted:

I am very sorry to hear of Jack's passing and my prayers for peace and comfort are with his loved ones. Jack was an incredible treasure to Laurel and he will be missed. His legacy will live on in Laurel and the Historical Society. In peace, Ann Bennett

March 14 at 6:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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