



## Heidi Bowman

August 1, 1921 - August 20, 2020

Adelheid (Heidi) J. Bowman

Heidi Bowman, age 99, of Oakwood, GA passed away on August 20, 2020.

Born in Linz, Austria, Heidi lived under German occupation during WWII. After the war, she worked for the US Allied Forces as an interpreter. During that time, she met her future husband, John H Bowman, who remained in Austria to work on post-war reconstruction projects. After leaving the military, they moved back to her husband's home town of Fort Worth, Texas.

Heidi lived a full and exciting life. After moving to Alabama with her family, she worked as an executive secretary with the Jefferson County Board of Education while earning accolades as a longtime member of the Alabama Designer Craftsman's Guild. After retiring, she was a world traveler for numerous years visiting six continents. She has won multiple domestic and international awards for her enamels, cloisonné, paintings, and photography. Some of her art is currently on exhibit in museums around the world.

She is preceded in death by her husband (John Hugh Bowman), three of her children (John Milan Bowman, Heidi Marie Aschmann, Ralph Ernest Bowman), and grandson (John Aschmann). She is survived by children Ronald Hugh Bowman (Beverly), Linda Armstrong Burgess (Eddie) and Roger

Eugene Bowman (Billie), 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Due to COVID concerns, there is no planned funeral or memorial.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Way

<https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/give/#give-online>

Please include Heidi's email address, [Heidi.j.burgess@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.j.burgess@gmail.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Wow! So very sorry to hear of her death. I met Heidi in one of her enamel classes in Birmingham, Al and we became great friends. I loved her enamel work and have several of her pieces. One in particular is my favorite...I was going through a divorce and walked into her home one day. She had one of her enamel works on her wall and I remarked on how much I loved it. She asked me what I saw and I told her I saw Jesus holding a lamb in the garden of eden. She was at first surprised and said she didn't see the Image until she got her photograph of it back then she said "It's yours" I remains at my front door. I also had a panel of the religions of the world that I returned to her since one of her children wanted it..I think it was her son. Such an amazing, spiritual woman. I think of her often and value the years when we lived in the same city and I was able to spend time with her. Lila Payne (Blue Thunder)

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**Lila Payne** - April 08, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ Heidi Bowman

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November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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**Eddie** - September 08, 2020 at 10:17 PM

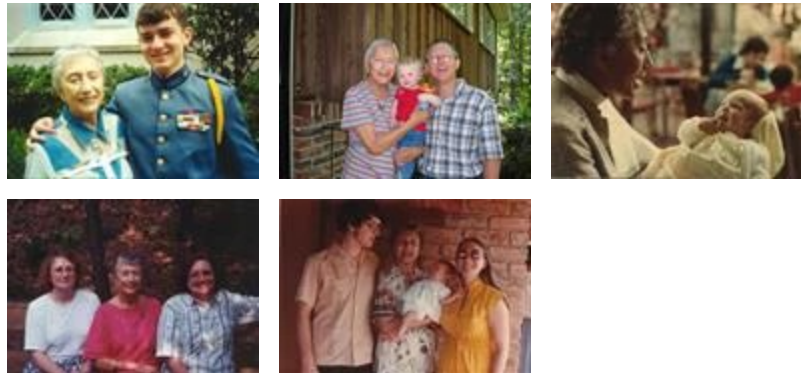


“ I worked in the post office and I had a friend who knew her. I think she gave me a check and I recognized her name. I told her that I had heard of her from a friend and she wanted to know who it was. She was so sweet to me that day. I saw her only one more time in Sylacauga al at an art show she was doing. I had hoped our paths would cross again someday.

Tim Key - September 06, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ She was my first mother-in-law, but even so we got along just fine! Even after her daughter, my wife, Heidi Marie passed away from cancer, she never stopped being my mother-in-law, and even after I remarried we kept in touch. She visited us a number of times in Mexico and Colombia, and loved to go touring with us, and we took hundreds of pictures and made lots of great memories together. She was always Oma to our children, as she was to all of her grandchildren, and later when Betty and I visited her with our own children, she told them that she was their Oma too! She will be greatly missed.



Rick Aschmann - August 31, 2020 at 06:10 PM

ED

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Eddie - August 31, 2020 at 12:41 PM

KB

“ I have so many fond memories of my friend. I will remember her as the strongest woman I have ever met in my life. She was determined and stubborn, but she was also loving and open and true. A cup of tea will never taste the same again. I will miss my friend for a long long time.



Kathy Boes - August 28, 2020 at 03:07 PM

LI

You were a wonderful friend to my mom

linda - August 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ I'm sorry to hear of Heidi's passing. She was a sweet lady and I played bridge with her at the club. Sounds like she had a remarkable life, did many things, and traveled the world. She will be missed. 🙏 Heidi.

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**Jean Searing** - August 27, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JE

“ You are always in my heart.

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**Jeremy** - August 27, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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**Shayne Bowman** - August 27, 2020 at 04:22 PM

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**Shayne Bowman** - August 27, 2020 at 04:20 PM

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Shayne Bowman - August 27, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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Shayne Bowman - August 27, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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Shayne Bowman - August 27, 2020 at 04:12 PM

SB

“ Rest in peace Oma. Your 99-year journey is a marvel. You were quite the inspiration at many times in my life. Because COVID will delay our family’s in-person remembrance, I thought I would share a few memories, as I am sure that you are listening:

- Secretly watching your morning tai chi routine
- Getting a call from you at 2 am, because A) You knew I was up (which I always was) and B) I needed to hear your insights about my life that you had recently gleaned from meditation
- Going on a walk in the woods with you, and our German Shepherds, Banachek and Inga
- Drinking tea with honey and cinammon sticks next to the fire while playing Shoot the Moon with you and Scott all night
- Exploring the treasures of your art studio while you worked on your latest piece
- Making enamels with you and my friends in your studio
- Getting one of your acupressure massages to alleviate my migraines (one of the few dependable sources of relief)
- That time I demanded you put your seatbelt on or let me out of the AMX Hornet because you drove like a bat out of hell through the pitch black, winding back roads of Leeds, AL.. and you conceded to an 8 year old.
- Listening to you recount your latest trip around the globe, eg. when you bribed that guard in the middle of the night to let you hike in and sit between the toes of the Sphinx.
- Your glow when we showed up at your art exhibitions.

*I will miss you dearly Oma.*

*All my love, Shayne*



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**Shayne Bowman** - August 27, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss. Heidi was a warm, caring and compassionate lady. I have wonderful memories of her giving nature especially during the Christmas holidays.

Sue Holt Whitfield - August 27, 2020 at 01:59 PM

MW

“ Heidi was always a delightful and interesting person to run into in Leeds and in Birmingham. I loved to hear her talk and loved what she talked about, the kids, her photography, trips, and her art.

Margaret Gurley Woodall - August 27, 2020 at 01:26 AM

DS

“ I remember visiting her home as a child & seeing all her artwork and works in progress! I passed her old home in Leeds this week and wondered about her. She was a wonderful lady, and I am sorry to hear of her passing. Love to Linda & Roger. Dell Harding Smith

Dell Harding Smith - August 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

JA

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James Aschmann - August 25, 2020 at 03:59 AM

LI

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Linda - August 24, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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Linda - August 24, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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Linda - August 24, 2020 at 05:05 PM

BR

*Heidi Bowman was the most amazing woman I knew. She was so intelligent and talented. It was an experience any time I had an opportunity to talk to her and spend time with her. She had a remarkable life. She will be missed by many.*

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**Barbara E Rodgers** - August 30, 2020 at 09:33 PM