



Shannon Bowlby

August 20, 1953 - December 25, 2023

Shannon Thomas Bowlby, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th, 2023, at his home at the age of 70.

Mr. Bowlby was born in Lawrenceville, Illinois to the late George and Pauline (Smith) Bowlby.

During the last twenty years of his life, Mr. Bowlby worked as Deck Hand/Lead Man (First Mate) for Luhr Brothers, Inc., which operates barges on the Mississippi River.

He was generous to a fault, and always tried to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Mr. Bowlby was a keen photographer, working both as a professional and a serious amateur. His other great love was tennis and in addition to playing the game, he volunteered as an assistant coach and gave free tennis lessons. He loved the music of the 1960s and 1970s especially, including the Beatles, Credence Clearwater Revival, and the Bee Gees, among others. He also loved to read. He knew every bend of the Mississippi River between Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and New Orleans.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Bowlby was preceded in death by a sister, Mary,

and a brother, Harold, both of whom died in infancy; a brother, Fred Bowlby of Evansville, Indiana, and a sister, Evelyn (Bowlby) Christopher of St. Louis, Missouri.

He is survived by six brothers: Frank Bowlby, Walter Bowlby, George Bowlby, Eldridge Bowlby, David Bowlby, and Daniel Bowlby; and one sister, Shirley (Bowlby) Coffey.

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“ *I'm so sorry about your loss of your loved one. He was a very nice man. My husband called him Mouse. He gave my husband Sean advice on what type of camera that he should buy me and I talked to him a couple of times asking photography tips. I'm so sorry that we are just finding out that he passed away. Prayers for your family.*

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