



William Elijah "Eli" Bowie

October 10, 1992 - December 20, 2013

On Friday, December 20, 2013, William Elijah Bowie, or "Eli" passed away. Eli was a 2011 graduate from Westside High School in Coal Hill, Arkansas. He attended Forrester Davis Development Center in Clarksville, Arkansas until the time of his death.

He is survived by his father, Charlie Bowie of Greenbrier, and his mother and stepfather, Gina and Rick Mars of Russellville. His surviving siblings are Zack and Valerie Bowie of Greenbrier, Alex and Seth Bowie of Russellville, stepbrother-Ryan Mars of North Little Rock, and half brother Drew Bowie of Timbo, Arkansas.

He was born on October 10, 1992 in Conway, Arkansas. He died on December 20, 2013 in Greenbrier, Arkansas. Eli lived his life to the fullest. He loved to travel, eat out at restaurants and at the Church potluck. He enjoyed traveling, listening to music, watching movies, bowling, swimming and riding four wheelers. And he absolutely loved the beach!

Anyone who knew Eli has and "Eli" story to tell because he touched so many lives. When Eli entered a building you knew he was there. He spread his joy to all those around him, and tried to make sure that everyone was ok. Those who were fortunate enough to have made his acquaintance will miss his kindness, cheerful attitude and comedic personality.

Eli's life celebration will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 26, 2013 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas with Pastor Gary Pettit officiating. Interment will follow in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Beauchamp, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

Eli's pallbearers will be Eddie Staggs, Jr., Stewart Staggs, Clay Staggs, Tyler Long, Wayne Clark, Joe Berry, Danny Berry and Jim Bowie.

Eli visitation will be Thursday, December 26, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Waldron, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Beauchamp, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home
1879 West 6th Street
Waldron, AR 72958
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

VK

“Gina and family~ I just found out about Eli. I'm just so sorry for your loss. I only met Eli once when he was a baby and you brought him over to Mom and Dad's in Enola to visit. It sounds like he grew into a fine young man who touched the lives of many. I am praying for you and your family; for the Holy Spirit to give you comfort and peace. God bless you and yours.

Vicky Cox Kindsfater

Vicky Kindsfater - December 27, 2013 at 10:37 AM

RL

“We were kids at the Bowie family reunion and a storm was coming so the adults made us get out of the lake. Shortly after getting back to the camp site we realized Eli was missing. Everyone started looking for him while us kids got on our bikes and went back down to the lake. He was swimming in the rain! He was so happy and enjoyed the simple things in life. He will be missed! Condolences to his mom dad and siblings.

Love Rachel Laird

Rachel Laird - December 27, 2013 at 08:27 AM

CC

“Gina and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet Eli! May God give you and your family peace during this most difficult time.

Connie Crotts - December 26, 2013 at 01:34 PM

JW

“ *To the Family of Eli;
I offer my most sincere condolences on your loss. May the words found at Daniel 12:2 and John 5:28,29 soothe your hearts. It is good to know that he is merely sleeping and not suffering, but soon to awaken to a more vibrant life. My deepest sympathy.*

Jacquelyn Williams - December 26, 2013 at 01:04 PM

BM

“ *I will never forget sitting in Ms. Mars room when Eli would be in there sharing stories and making us all laugh. He was so sweet and a true gentle giant. Eli brought smiles to each and every person who knew him. He was a blessing to all of us. He will be greatly missed.*

Breanna McCormick - December 26, 2013 at 09:12 AM

VH

“ *Eli was a gentle giant.
I'll always remember Gina walking him down the hall in the mornings the year he came to Westside High School and her saying to Eli "See you later alligator." And Eli would reply the classic "After while crocodile." While Eli may have passed on from this world, some day you'll be reunited again.*



Virga Hayes - December 25, 2013 at 01:00 PM



“ *'Faith, Hope, and Peace' Comfort Candle was purchased for the family of William Elijah "Eli" Bowie.*



December 25, 2013 at 09:45 AM

LM

“ OH MY...I am so thankful that I got to know Eli !! Anyone around him could learn sooo many lessons about life and humans and their reactions to things by just watching him and getting to know him. U didn't have to know him well to see inside his mind at times by just the expression on his face. I will always remember a time at church when Eli decided to dance with Miss Carol Anderson...she had been very sick a long time and up in years. I think Eli liked the 'feel' of her...He took her forearms and started swaying..she just swayed with him! She asked," we are gonna dance?" He said "Dance"...he was looking intently into her eyes as if he saw something there maybe no one else could see! after a bit I thought she may lose her balance and I 'cut in'...he frowned at me as if to say, " now did I ask YOU to dance?" I told him I wanted to dance. He again said dance but his heart wasn't in it! He walked away and left me standing! I will always be able to hear him saying the pledge at the mic at church. yes he knew every word and he said them with sincerity. we always clapped and cheered and his expression never changed. He was just doing something he wanted to do.

I couldn't take my attention off him at his Grandmothers funeral a few short wks back. His main concern was his mom as always. I don't think he liked her upset at all. He had his arm around Rick the whole time and stroked the back of his head and reached around and patted his Mom from time to time and kept peering around Rick at her.

The last time I talked to Eli the Sabbath before, he was asleep in the back room at church and some of us went in to anoint my sister...he wasn't too happy about having to get up and leave his recliner! he said "leave" really gruff..but he did as he was asked.

Life at church and any of our outings will not be the same with him. It breaks my heart.

God give his family comfort that is so badly needed for a long time to come.

He rests in Gods hands now..

Love u Eli !

Linda Maness - December 25, 2013 at 08:54 AM

BC

“ While I worked at Bradford Elementary, I got to work near Eli often. He was a light in my day. Some days he even felt like giving me a hug. I loved listening to him sing along with the "Cars" soundtrack and to see that smile. May God be with you all during this most difficult of times, and give you strength and peace. I will miss you, big guy.

Brianne 'Throckmorton' Chason - December 25, 2013 at 01:48 AM

GR

“ Eli was a inspiration in my life, he allowed me to see what he saw, it was innocence. In my youth when he was little it was a breath of fresh air and I will always hold close to my heart the gift he gave me. He loved my homemade mac and cheese I didn't know I wasn't suppose to let him have the whole pan till Gina told me no tell'in how many times I did that when he was younger. I don't know if there was ever a gentler soul on this earth that I have stood in its presence. I feel privilege to have known Eli I send my best with him and his family on the rest of all whose journey is still in the making. God Speed the Rollins Family

gessica rollins - December 24, 2013 at 06:10 PM

JD

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Sending prayers of Comfort, Hope and Peace. With our deepest sympathy.

Joyce and Michael Dobbs - December 24, 2013 at 10:44 AM

BM

“ I worked at Bradford School cafeteria and Eli always had a smile when he came to the serving line for his french fries and cup of ketchup ! He always had a big smile on his face ! I missed school for a few days and when I returned he wanted to give me a hug ! He let me know he appreciated me ! My prayers are with the family and friends he leaves behind. What a wonderful reunion we will all have some day !

Brenda Mitchell - December 24, 2013 at 10:29 AM



“ Island Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of William Elijah "Eli" Bowie.



December 24, 2013 at 09:17 AM

PY

“ Paul Young lit a candle in memory of William Elijah "Eli" Bowie



Paul Young - December 23, 2013 at 09:47 PM

GM

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Gina Mars - December 23, 2013 at 08:59 PM

SD

“ *The time I worked at Westside as a Custodian, every morning I would meet Eli in the hallway, he always made me smile, he was a very special person...my heart goes out to the family during this sorrowful time, but what a reunion Eli received, he is in the city, where the streets are paved with gold, no more suffering and sickness, or pain!! The Lord most definitely received a very true and dear Angel!!! R.I.P Eli Bowie....*

Sharon Davis - December 23, 2013 at 08:09 PM

CZ

“ *Every once in awhile I would stay after school and hear him running down the hallways happy and full of joy. He always put a smile on my face. He would always be there helping us with our fundraisers even if he wasn't helping out very much he still showed that he cared. He was such a impact on my life. Going to miss him a lot.*

Courtney Zollicoffer - December 23, 2013 at 06:59 PM

RH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Roger & Jana Holcomb - December 23, 2013 at 06:53 PM

DB

“ *One morning at church, Eli came in and as always headed for the fridge for a drink. He stood there for a good long while, and started to grab for a regular Coke(actually I think it was Dr. Pepper), and I told him, "Aren't you supposed to drink the diet?" The look on his face was priceless! He looked at me like "BUSTED", and grabbed a diet. I always smiled at everything he did...too funny. He will be missed BIG TIME !*

Dana Butler - December 23, 2013 at 02:11 PM