



Bobbie Jo Bowman

September 16, 1941 - October 30, 2025

Bobbie Jo Cowling Bowman daughter of Lloyd and Addie Wade Cowling

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Born on 9/16/1941 in Lake Village Arkansas to Henry Lloyd and Addie Wade Cowling. Lloyd became a pastor and had a heart attack and died while serving as pastor in Lincoln Ar.

Addie and Bobbie moved back to Ashdown where they had family help in getting on with life.

Bobbie met Harvey in high school and they began dating in the 11th grade.

They finished high school and enrolled in what was called Southern State.

After 1 year they came back to Ashdown for their wedding. They returned to school and Bobbie finished her Associates of Art Degree. Their son Lloyd Dale was born when Harvey became a senior. They lived in a small apartment until graduation.

Harvey finished his degree, and they moved to Rogers, Arkansas and went to work with Tyson Foods. Then their daughter Lana was born in Rogers.

Harvey's work changed and he became a sales rep for companies who supplied products for the agriculture industry.

Other family members included Lloyd Bowman and a daughter, Lana Cline with 3 children. Lauren wife of John Bacon and 5 boys. Ezekiel, John Harvey, Patrick, Joseph, Luke and Joseph. Son, Caleb and wife Sanda Tallakson and youngest brother Andrew Tallakson.

Bobbie was a very devoted Christian and thoroughly Baptist. She worked for

multiple companies but was primarily a home maker. The family moved to Springdale because both were working for companies based there. They were members of Elmdale Baptist church for many years but later became members at Cross Church where they served as teachers for adult classes. When Bobbie was in the 4th grade geography class, she fell in love with the idea of seeing the world and that dream never died and she jumped at every opportunity to see the world. Her first love was Switzerland, and she got to see it along with other counties in the area. Harvey's business presented multiple opportunities, and her first trip was Mexico with multiple stops. There were many cruises including Hawaii and the Caribbean. She also went to Hong Kong China and did a prayer walk and visited the Great Wall. She also visited Israel, Italy and the NE US with lady friends. Bobbie and Harvey also served on multiple mission trips to Ukraine.

Business moved the family to High Point NC for 3 years where Bobbie finished her bachelor's degree. Another job change moved them to Modesto California.

They were members of a local Baptist church there and found several families who came from NW Arkansas. After two years there they came back to NW Arkansas. Bobbie became the accountant for their rental properties while Harvey continued his travel in sales.

They had tons of fabulous friends there, but health issues brought a move to Fort Worth with their daughter Lana Cline. After 2 years the decision was made to move to Hot Springs. Two years later they moved to an Independent Senior Living place in Texarkana, Tx.

Bobbie had experienced multiple small strokes that did damage to her memory. Multiple TIAs continued over the years. She dearly loved the family and struggled with the inability to travel and spend time with them.

In Texarkana we had multiple caregivers, and they all loved Bobbie. Her health continued to decline with Harvey as full time caregiver.

She had many friends who she loved with all her heart. They could talk for hours and never ran out of things to discuss. She was terrific at encouraging

cards to friends. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and she dearly loved all those kids.

Instead of flowers please make contributions to a favorite charity. One of our favorites is the Arkansas Baptist Children's in Little Rock Ar.

Memorial services will be at Madden Funeral home in Ashdown on November 10, 2025 with visitation at 10 am and services at 11 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Condolences to the Bowman family for your loss. Bobbie was a wonderful person and a delight to have known. May God bring you comfort during this time. With much love;*
Michelle Gillum



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The photos capture so many amazing photos of Bobbie Jo's love & life. She & Harvey were such faithful friends of our AHS 1959 Class. We loved her deeply; we are thankful for the wonderful care that was given to her — especially during these last years. Bobbie Jo loved everyone; her eyes & smile warmed a room. We pray for Harvey & family as they return to the “new normal.”

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