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In Memoriam



RICHARD "DICK" BOWMAN

Dick Bowman, 73, long-time advertising salesperson for SBC Magazine (and previously WOODWORDS), passed away peacefully Sunday, February 8. He was just diagnosed with bone cancer on January 21, so the illness progressed extremely quickly. Family and a lot of love have surrounded him since his illness and he maintained his charm and sense of humor until the end.

Dick served our industry exceptionally well and with a great deal of passion. The day of his diagnosis, he was still working diligently to try to close the March issue of the magazine. At that time, he was in a great deal of pain, but he was persevering through what he thought was a bad case of the flu. He always made sure that each of our advertisers felt important and he took a great deal of pride in being on the SBC Magazine team. He will be greatly missed by our staff.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, his lifelong career was in sales and marketing for the rural construction industry where he also served as a national show coordinator for 30 years. A devoted Catholic, he served as a lector and was involved in youth retreats and funeral ministries in Milwaukee. He enjoyed music, golf and most of all, spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn and his three children; Bonnie (John) Schaefer of Milwaukee, WI; Judi (Bob) Russo of Denver, CO; Tom (Shannon) Bowman of Chicago and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

DONALD J. SMYTH

Donald J. Smyth, Sr., 76, of Orlando, FL, passed away on February 2. Born March 28, 1927 in Jacksonville, Smyth was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, a Navy Veteran of WWII, a member of the University Club of Orlando, and past president of Florida Building Materials Association. He was owner and former president of Smyth Lumber Company, a family business started by his father Leo E. Smyth in 1937.

His integrity and caring touched many other lives. He is survived by Elaine, his loving wife of 53 years. His legacy will live on through his four children—Kathy Wahl of Ocoee, Don (Molly) of Apopka, Tom (Pat) of Palm Bay, and Ken (Lisa) of Apopka—and ten grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in honor of Donald can be sent to Morning Star School, 954 Liegh Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804.

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