



Max T. Lowery

Dec. 13, 1938 - Oct. 1, 2023

Max T. Lowery, 84, of Morganton, NC, transitioned to his heavenly home Sunday, October 1, 2023.

A native of St. Pauls in Robeson County, he was born December 13, 1938 to the late John Duren Lowery and Nellie Holder Lowery.

Max attended Appalachian State University and graduated from Pembroke State College in 1963. He began his business career at Whiteville and Charlotte before coming to Morganton in 1970.

Max worked for Morganton Savings and Loan and was the 3rd man to serve as top CEO since the association was established in 1903. His life of stewardship made Morganton Savings and Loan one of the most successful financial institutions in the county.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Morganton as a member of the Huffman Sunday School Class. He was also past chairman of the church's auditing committee.

Mr. Lowery engaged in various business, civic, and recreational activities including Burke Mission Station, hospice, Western Piedmont Community College, Burke County Public Library, Habitat for Humanity, and the South Mountain Children's Home. Max

was a member of Burke County Kiwanis Club and served as its president in 1974. He was a member of the Burke County Board of Realtors, past chairman of the Burke County Heart Association, director of the Morganton – Burke Merchants Association, and had been treasurer of the Fourth of July Celebration Committee. He was instrumental in the preservation and history of the Cedar House. Mr. Lowery was also a veteran of the NC National Guard and a charter member of the Mimosa Investment Club.

An avid outdoorsman, Mr. Lowery had served as state treasurer of Trout Unlimited and held the same office in the local Table Rock Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He also served on the state committee of Ducks Unlimited.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 58 years, Lois A. Lowery; son, Greg Lowery and wife, Myriah; daughter, Kelly Story and husband, Scott; granddaughter, Madison Story; and step-grandchildren, Luke and Mason Carlisle.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2023 at First Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Dr. Thomas A. Bland, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to First Baptist Church in Morganton.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



–Cliff becktel



Oh, such a great man! Such powerful presence and good character! My condolences to Lois , his soul mate and beloved wife! May you rest in peace Max.

–Julia Heinlein



Lois and family: I was saddened to learn of Max's passing this week. Please know I will have you all in my upcoming thoughts and prayers. Remember and cherish the wonderful memories you have and remember he will be watching over you all. My love to you, Debbie P Britt

–Deborah Price Britt



My condolences go out to the Lowery family. God bless you all. Vanya McElrath

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—Valya Ivcehan

Our deepest sympathies to Lois, Greg and Kelly, Max was a wonderful man and I know he did so much for his community. We always enjoyed the time we spent with him and will miss him. We are thinking of you all. Joan, Jim and Christopher

—The Stewart Family

Lois, Kelly, Greg. I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I know that Max was so loved by you all. I'm gonna miss him. To Mr Max Lowery.....Go rest high on that mountain my friend.

—barbara Pearson

Lois, Max was such a blessing to Jack and me, so many years ago. He was not just a banker, he became our friend. You two were a special pair. With love and sympathy to you and all the family, Guinn Huffman (Mrs. Jack Huffman)

—Audry (Guinn) Huffman



So sorry to hear about Max. You and your family are and will remain in my thoughts and prayers

—Donna Benner

Deepest Sympathies for the entire family.

—Denise Thompson

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

—Ron and Annelle Mulwee



To the family of Max Lowery just wanted to let you know that you are in my prayers and let you know that Max was a good friend of mine I always enjoyed talking to him down at McDonald's and one we will talk again in that where we never die but I wanted to you are my prayers

–Sidney Lane

I'm so sorry for your loss. I thought a lot of Max and always enjoyed talking to him.

–Jake Wheeler



So sorry Greg Dad's are special May God bring grace and comfort

–Roy Henson



My sincere condolences to Max's family. I served on a couple committees with him. He helped our town with his volunteerism. May God bless each of you during this most difficult time in your lives.

–Diann Thomas Tate

My condolences

–Windy Powell

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. A friend to many who thought highly of him. Rest in Peace, my friend.

–Jacquelyn Ward

Dear Lois, We're going to miss Max, but have so many great memories with you all... breakfast at McDonald's, so many dinners, cookouts, Halloween and Super Bowl parties...and trips, long and far. I don't think Max or you ever met a stranger

that you didn't welcome. We wish you peace, rest, calm, and courage in the coming days... Bill and Sherry

Bill and Sherry Wilson

A kind and generous friend. Always had fun when we all got together! Love to Lois and the family.

–Sherry Wilson

I am sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Max will be missed.

–Laura McCoy

A Good Man & Friend! Lois, you're in my prayers.

–Jerry Norvell