



Arthur Carver Bowen

December 6, 1930 - January 22, 2025

Arthur Carver Bowen was born on December 6, 1930. His parents were Helen Carver Bowen and Henry Bowen. Carver spent part of his childhood living near the old mining town of White River. Each day he would ride his pony to school and walk home. Blacky, the pony, stayed for lunch and then untied himself and went home leaving Carver to walk.

Carver attended Kern County High School. During that time he met Alice Jarvis. They married on December 23, 1950. They lived on Carver's family ranch for the entire 74 years of their marriage. Carver enjoyed working on the ranch, and sharing it with his four children and grandchildren.

Besides ranching he enjoyed flying his 210 Cessna, traveling with his wife, and spending time with his family and friends. His kitchen was often the place where family and friends gathered for refreshments and discussion about the day's activities. The "bar" was always open at Carver's house.

Part of these discussions included talking about history and discussing the latest scientific discoveries. Carver was always reading and learning about something new. His love of learning was passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Carver was the fourth generation to raise cattle in Glennville and expanded his own operation by running stockers and a commercial cow/calf herd.

Carver served as a 2nd Vice President of the California Cattlemen's Association, President of the Kern County Cattlemen's Association, and was chosen as the Kern County Cattlemen of the Year in 1980. He served on the

board of Production Credit, and on the Linns Valley School Board. As a child, Carver attended this little mountain school, and later his children, and his grandchildren did as well.

Carver and Alice have four children: Cindy Bowen, Jeff (Sheila) Bowen, Helen (Dwight) Mebane, and Susan (Dave) McAllister. They have 10 grandchildren: Chet (Liz) Mebane, Rianna Mebane, Justin (Jennifer) Mebane, Bennet (Lindsey) Mebane, Alison (Ryan) Kulka, Amy Mebane, Pascoe (Kelly) Bowen, Meghan (Dan) Dresselhaus, Alicia (Justin) Niesen, and Matthew (Leanne) Bowen. Their 19th great grandchild will be born this year. The great grandchildren are the seventh generation of California cowboys and cowgirls in the family tree.

Carver loved his family and was the link between the first three generations of California ranchers and the three generations who have come after him. Much history was shared and memories made in the home of Carver Bowen. Arthur Carver Bowen passed away at his home near Glennville on January 22, 2025. He will be greatly missed, but the stories and the legacy lives on in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. God bless you, Carver.

The family would like to thank Hoffman Hospice and all the wonderful caretakers that cared for Carver when he needed additional help.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to the Kern County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Fund or to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Oak Grove Cemetery
390 Jack Ranch Road
Glennville, CA 93226

Tribute Wall



“ Love, Joe and Kathy Jarvis and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur Carver Bowen.



Love, Joe and Kathy Jarvis and Family - January 29, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ Love, Joe and Kathy Jarvis and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Carver Bowen.

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Arthur Carver Bowen.



January 29, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Arthur Carver Bowen.



January 29, 2025 at 04:50 PM



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