

John Leslie Bowles

March 12, 1960 - July 3, 2025

John Leslie "Les" Bowles, 65, of Havana, formerly of Easton, passed away at Arcadia Care Havana, at 10:46 a.m., on Thursday, July 3, 2025. He was born March 12, 1960, in Peoria, Illinois. He was the eldest son of John and Ann (Schoonover) Bowles.

Les graduated from Easton High School. He turned his love of and skills in carpentry into a lifelong career in construction. His handiwork contributed to the construction and upkeep of countless homes and businesses throughout central Illinois. Les lived rurally for most of his adult life, often trading longer commutes to work sites in exchange for off time in the country. He loved the quiet of his family's farmland in Mason County, where he enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and caring for a multitude of rescued pets.

He married Ruth Yaeck in 1998, who passed away just one year later.

Both of his parents preceded him in death.

Mr. Bowles is survived by his brother, Scot Bowles (Kathy) of Indiana, his sister, Sally Bowles, of California, a niece, a nephew, three great-nephews, as well as several cousins.

He considered every friend a new family member and will be greatly missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded, and burial will be held at Easton Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to any charity, with the family suggesting that consideration be given to local animal rescues, area healthcare organizations, or community organizations. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Thank you to all who left condolences here and on FB... While we are not having a service -- at least not at this time, our family laid his ashes to rest alongside our parents in Easton Cemetary and I'm ordering a gravestone this week. My brother had a heart of gold and I know he had many friends. Please celebrate him however you see fit-- with a cookout or music or a game of pool. I miss my big brother and I know you all will too. Thank you all, Sally Bowles

Sally Bowles - July 12, 2025 at 09:03 PM

LE

“ LISA ENTWISTLE lit a candle in memory of John Bowles



LISA ENTWISTLE - July 11, 2025 at 05:11 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Charles lit a candle in memory of John Leslie Bowles



Elizabeth Charles - July 09, 2025 at 12:04 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Christen lit a candle in memory of John Bowles*



Lisa Christen - July 09, 2025 at 11:02 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of John Bowles*



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 09, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ *Joy Fischer lit a candle in memory of John Bowles*



Joy Fischer - July 09, 2025 at 07:02 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Hudgins lit a candle in memory of John Bowles*



Lisa Hudgins - July 08, 2025 at 07:06 PM

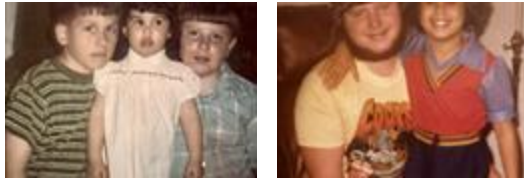
LS

“ Les we had alot of fun in high school on the weekends. We also had alot of good times playing poker. Helen's Place was a major hangout also with alot of pinball, frogger, pool, shuffelboard and foosball. Who could forget Bootsies. Les we grew up in a great time and in a great little town. You will be missed my friend. ❤️❤️

Leroy Smith - July 08, 2025 at 06:24 PM

SB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sally Bowles - July 08, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Leslie Bowles.

July 08, 2025 at 05:19 PM

BM

“ He was a good man we dated for a couple of years, won't ever forget him we were good friends

Bonnie Meeker - July 08, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JS

“ *Jody Smith lit a candle in memory of John Leslie Bowles*



Jody Smith - July 08, 2025 at 04:39 PM

LT

“ *John will really be missed in our neighborhood. He was a wonderful friend. He's walking those streets of gold with both legs and no pain or ailments. RIP We will meet again. Love ya*



Lisa K Tovrea - July 08, 2025 at 03:52 PM