

## BOWEN

Born and raised a "Texas girl", Bucky Gayle Bowen was born in Austin on January 15, 1941 as Betty Gayle Smith. She was an El Paso legend, an overall inspiration and to many in this community she was more affectionately known as "Miss Bucky". As a business woman she was an unrivaled force in almost every arena she pursued, but to those of us who knew her well, she was even more phenomenal as the reigning queen of the Bowen family.



Bucky Bowen was truly a jack of all trades. She took on many responsibilities including being the owner of El Paso Bell, L.L. C.; owner of Bucky Bowen Artist; co-owner of The Bowen Ranch; co-owner of The Edge of Texas Steakhouse; co-owner and President of Bowen Enterprises; and also the co-owner of The Edge Research and Development. Not only did she carry the weight and pressure of all of her titles, she also managed to maintain an extraordinarily close working relationship with her employees and valued staff members. She was often times more revered for her numerous creative, aesthetic charms and qualities. Being the kind of woman who would light up any room when she walked into it was never quite enough for her, she also happened to be a noted artist, pastry chef, decorator, and philanthropist, just to name a few. Her extra efforts around the community live on in her memory as she was involved actively in several little league teams, high school drama, choral, and athletic teams, and completely devoted to helping the military services in any way she possibly could. Even though she was thoroughly involved in touching numerous El Paso families throughout the years, no family was more important to her than her own. She leaves behind her loving husband,

James M. Bowen whom she married in 1973; and their combined four children, Michael J. Bowen, CEO of Bowen Industries, Rick A. Bowen, President of Alcoa Energy, Jodie G. Bowen Newby, President of Bowen Industries, and William A. Bowen, President of Bowen Industries (deceased). Bucky Bowen was also a phenomenal grandmother, or to them known more affectionately as "Nonee". Those who were lucky enough to call her their grandmother are Michael Shane Bowen, Chief Operations Officer of The Edge Research and Development, James Derrick Bowen, student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Kodie Anne Bowen, student at Loyola University, Randy Gayle Mauldin, student at Texas Tech University, Zane Michael Mauldin, student at ACC, Zachary James Mauldin, student at ACC, Samantha Tayler Bowen, student at the University of Texas, Sloan Marie Bowen, student at Texas A&M University, and Nathan Allen Bowen, student at Edison Hope School. The family would also like to include a very special thank you to an honorary grandchild Michelle Anne Rollins, without whom we would have been lost. To those of you who would like to pay your final respects there will be a memorial reception at Martin Funeral Home East on George Dieter on Wednesday March 25, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers Bucky would like you to instead make a donation in her name to your favorite charitable organization. On behalf of the Bowen family we thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Service arrangements have been entrusted to MARTIN FUNERAL HOME EAST, 1460 GEORGE DIETER DR., EL PASO, TX. 79936. (915) 8