



## Francis W. Bowman

October 17, 1918 - April 6, 2011

Francis W. "Kayo" Bowman, 92, passed away on April 6, 2011 at his home in Longwood, FL.

Kayo was born on October 17, 1918 in Whitesburg, KY. In 1976 he moved from Jacksonville, FL to Longwood to found Wekiva Golf Club. During this time as owner of Wekiva Golf Club he became one of the few men to hold the distinction of becoming a Lifetime Member of the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) and a Lifetime Member of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA). In the early 1990s he was honored by the PGA as Merchandiser of the Year for Semi-Private Golf Courses. Kayo was also listed in Who's Who in America. In 1998 he sold Wekiva Golf Club and retired. His love for the game of golf and turfgrass management was evidenced by everyone whose life he touched.

Kayo is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Leola and survived by his daughter Tammy and son-in-law Chris Wilmot.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 1:00pm at the Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, 312 Washington St. Frankfort, KY 40601, 502-227-4526. Visitation will be 12:00pm to 1:00pm preceding the memorial. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Florida Gateway College Foundation, Kayo Bowman Scholarship for Golf Course Operations, 149 SE

College Place, Lake City, FL 32025.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Kayo gave me my first job as a kid, picking up golf balls, then cleaning carts several months later. He was such a good, and genuine person in my memory, I'll never forget him. He taught myself, and my best friend Eddie a lot of the skills we'd need later in life. Rest in peace, sir. I really wish I could have let you know how much you made an impression on me and Eddie. <3

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**Jason** - August 31, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ Francis W. Bowman

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

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“ My condolences to Tammy and her family. I am so sorry I am unable to attend the memorial service.  
My favorite memories of Kayo will always be his encouraging and supportive words for my goals as a young man.

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**Mike Bowman** - April 14, 2011 at 12:52 PM