

# Former Bangor City Manager Royce Downey dies in Kentucky

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MARION, Ky. — Funeral services were held Sunday for former Bangor City Manager Royce Downey, who died Thursday night of an apparent heart attack moments after accepting an award from the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Downey, 60, served as Bangor city manager from 1979 to 1986, when he resigned after being indicted by a federal grand jury on

charges of misusing a federal grant to the city.

Downey was subsequently acquitted of the charges.

For the past year he had been city manager of Marion, a western Kentucky community of about 4,000 people.

Downey died during a dinner Thursday night where the Marion-Crittenden County Chamber honored him for his efforts in attracting five industries to the area.

The funeral was held in nearby Lowes, Ky.

The federal charges involved \$235,000 awarded to Bangor for a wood products firm. Downey was

acquitted by a U.S. District Court jury in Grand Rapids on Oct. 31, 1986, on all 22 counts in the indictment handed down by the grand jury.

He resigned as Bangor city manager before the trial, citing poor health.

Downey filed a Van Buren County Circuit Court lawsuit seeking payment by the city of \$35,975 in legal bills stemming from the trial.

The Bangor City Council has voted not to pay the bill, and City Manager Sandra McDougall has said it is the council's position that the city is not liable for the bills.



ROYCE DOWNEY  
Dies after getting award

## Migrant health group names top employee

Stephanie Duncan has been named 1987 Employee of the Year by the Migrant and Rural Community Health Association, the organization has announced.

Duncan is the business office manager in the association's Main Street Community Health Center at 92 W. Main St., Benton Harbor. She has been at the center since January 1985.

The award was presented by Velma Hendershott, association executive director, at the organization's recent annual spring conference in Benton Harbor.

Service awards also were presented during the conference in the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn. Gertrude Suseland, Cassopolis, received special recognition for 17 years service while Delores Szymanski, Dowagiac, Harriet Thomas, Bangor, and Zully Westrate, Eau Claire, were recognized for 15 years with the association.

Five-year awards went to Katherine Dragon, Bangor; Donna Liggett, Dowagiac, LeRoy Martin, Benton Harbor; and Sally Montez, Holland.

The association is headquartered in Bangor and provides health and nutritional services to migrants and others. It has offices in Bangor, Benton Harbor, Dowagiac, Eau Claire and Holland.



STEPHANIE DUNCAN

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