

and prayer, throughout the Nation and asked the people to meet in their perspective places of worship and offer up prayer for forgiveness of the transgressions of the Cherokee people, for the restoration of health throughout the Nation; the scenes of violence and blood-shed and other civil disorders be abated.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Chief's Executive Committee. He died October 20, 1852 at the age of eighty-two. He was buried first at his home south of Tahlequah, later moved to the old burial ground in Tahlequah cemetery. A monument was erected at his grave by order of the National Council. His funeral was preached, in the presence of the National Council and him many Cherokee friends, by the Reverend Samuel Austin Worcester, who used as a text; "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord".

William P. Ross said of George Lowrey: "In the death of this good man the nation mourned the loss of one of its strongest men--the church one of its best-- From early boyhood to the time of his death it was the constant sentiment of my heart to admire George Lowrey". He characterized him as truthful, honest, patriotic and exemplary, as father, as friend, as assistant chief, and a professor of the Christian religion." Major George Lowrey lived through the most strenuous period of Cherokee History when faction was pitted against faction almost to the point of civil war yet he wielded an influence for peace and harmony that may have prevented a real catastrophe. He stood calm and serene during this serious crisis revered and respected by both sides. Some Cherokee leaders have been more spectacular than George Lowrey but few have wielded a greater influence for good among the people. His calmness and wisdom, his fairmindedness, and his advocacy of unity and peace were refreshing and outstanding. In the words on his monument: George Lowrey--"An honored man, a spotless patriot, a devoted Christian."