



Joseph Powell Sr

December 21, 1943 - May 14, 2015

Joseph Powell, Sr. departed this life on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was born December 21, 1943 to the late Mother Violet Dowd Powell and the late Reverend Essie Lee Powell, Sr. in Tarboro, North Carolina.

He grew up in Edgecombe County, North Carolina where he attended George Washington Carver High School. At a young age, he decided to sacrifice furthering his education in an effort to assume responsibilities to help support his family. He was always willing to help people in need. He enjoyed life and lived his life with few regrets. Joseph was often known for saying, "If you can't be nice, be careful!", "Breaker-Breaker 10-4", and "BAM", I'm gone!"

Joseph was known by various names depending on who was speaking of him to include, but not limited to "SAP", "Breaker Breaker", "CIGAR", "GGP", "Grand Pop", "Da", "JP", "Daddy", "Joe" and "Jo-seph". Although never an active member of the U.S. Military, Joseph was a true foot soldier to life and in the streets. Joseph's personality reached many people on many different levels and he made friends wherever he went. Thus begetting the saying, "To know him is to love!", "Papa was a rolling stone!" and "Trying to love two, sure ain't Easy to Do!" Joseph had a keen passion for fighting which he developed at a very young age that followed him throughout his adult years with no fear of throwing up his fists and fighting, "OG (Old Gangsta) style".

Joseph was employed as a sheet metal mechanic at Bethlehem Steel Shipyard for many years until he retired at the age of 47, while working part-time for many years with the National Detective Bureau, as well as other part-time job opportunities where he provided exemplary services and left a remarkable impression for the work he did. Joseph was very skillful with his hands and enjoyed working on automobiles, repairing electronics, and renovating houses.

In 1963, Joseph married the love of his life, the late Jessie Mae Leak and during this union, he had one son Joseph, Jr., and three daughters: Janietta, Justina, and Jill. Joseph loved each of his children and would proudly state such.

As the son of a Preacher, Joseph was also ordained a Minister and Deacon. He found consolation in his favorite scripture, Matthew 18:1-6.

He leaves to cherish his memory and to continue his legacy: five children: Joseph Powell, Jr. (Sandra), Janietta Powell Murdock (Randy), Justina Powell, Jill Powell, and Tanya Miller (Mikal) all of Baltimore, Maryland; five sisters: Mary Hart (Cherry) of Nashville, NC, Emma Johnson (Columbus) of Battlesboro, NC, Annie Nelson and Betty Jean Pitt of Rocky Mount, NC, Geraldine Gorham (Lester, Sr.) and Corine Barnes both of Bridgeport, CT; two brothers, Rev. Essie Powell, Jr. of Portsmouth, VA and Apostle George Powell of Tarboro, NC; seventeen grandchildren: Stanton, Trequisha, Ashley, Phillip, Kyle, Courtney, Justin, Janay, Jatwan, J'Shawn, Timothy, Tyrell, Taiwan, Takai, Destinee, Brittany, and Marcus, twenty great-grandchildren, a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces, great nephews, family, and friends.

As a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, Joseph shared unforgettable memories with his Baltimore family: Mr. Donald Cherry & Family and Ms. Eunice Ward &

Family. He also shared a special bond with his nephew who he took as a second son, Mr. Robert Battle, Jr. & family of North Carolina.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **22**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Family Hour

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAY **23**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Powell Sr*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Tanya Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*

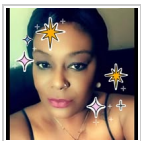


Tanya Miller - October 20, 2020 at 09:20 PM



Daddy it's Now 2025 My heart ❤️ is still Heavy i went and gave you Flowes & Gifts 🎁 for your Birthday my love for you will live forever as long as GOD gives me Breath ☐

TANYA Miller - January 03, 2025 at 11:57 PM



“ *Tanya Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



Tanya Miller - April 24, 2018 at 06:06 PM

TM

“ *Tanya Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



Tanya Miller - May 04, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ *Its that time Again your birthday in a couple of weeks and Daddy iam still missing !!! You are always in my heart Love you Daddy Your Daughter Tanya*



Tanya Miller - December 07, 2016 at 04:14 PM

TM

“ *Tanya Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



Tanya Miller - May 05, 2016 at 04:50 PM

TM

“ *Tanya Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



Tanya Miller - June 21, 2015 at 09:37 AM

TM

*Happy Fathers Day Daddy You're truly being missed Love You******

Tanya Miller - June 21, 2015 at 09:38 AM

TM

*“ My Daddy** still hurting still today Daddy was my treasure and I still don't know why ?God does everything for a reason , And we don't never question why Things happens but my Daddy was my Everything Still Heartbroken your Daughter Tanya*

Tanya Miller - June 07, 2015 at 02:56 PM

FL

“ Sister-in- law will miss the funniest brother-in-law in the world. Rest in peace.

Faye Leak

Faye Leak - May 24, 2015 at 07:10 PM

FL

“ Faye Leak lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr



Faye Leak - May 24, 2015 at 07:06 PM

MH

“ From the Farmer/Herring Families: We are sending our love and prayers to you all during this time of loss. Know that God is your shelter and peace during the time of storm and He will give you comfort to move on. Love you all.

Melanie Herring - May 23, 2015 at 12:35 PM

MH

“ *Melanie Herring lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



Melanie Herring - May 23, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Powell Sr.*



May 22, 2015 at 06:37 PM



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May 22, 2015 at 06:09 PM

TC

“ *My condolences to my good friends Jan, Tina, Jill & Jr. May Mr Joe rip and give yall the strength to overcome his death he's in a better place now, my blessings to all of you. Love yall . Tonda & Family*

Tonda Coates - May 21, 2015 at 08:15 PM

TC

“ *Tonda Coates lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



Tonda Coates - May 21, 2015 at 08:10 PM

CR

“ *Carolrene Raghner lit a candle in memory of Joseph Powell Sr*



carolrene raghner - May 21, 2015 at 06:07 PM

TM

“ *Daddy We truly Love you, The hurting of our hearts seems to be unbareable But we know you are in a better place. Rest now Daddy You will live forever in our Hearts Your Daughter Tanya*

Tanya Miller - May 21, 2015 at 09:40 AM

LF

“ *Our family would to extend condolences to The Powell Family. May you find peace and comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your Family.*

linn Family - May 15, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 15, 2015 at 01:53 PM