



## Mary Lou Powell

October 23, 1945 - August 26, 2022

Mary Lou Powell, the daughter of the late Dazie Robertson, was born October 23, 1945 in Raleigh, North Carolina. She departed this life on Friday, August 26, 2022 at Bon Secour St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. Mary Lou was educated in Wake County School System and graduated from Lockhart High School in Knightdale, North Carolina. She also attended North Carolina Central University and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science degree in English. While married and employed, she obtained a Masters in Reading from Virginia Commonwealth University. She was employed by Richmond Public Schools and taught English over 25 years at The Adult Career and Development Center before retiring. Mary Lou accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at New Bethel Baptist Church in her home town of Raleigh, North Carolina. After marriage, she moved to Richmond, Virginia and became a member of Good Shepard Baptist Church. As a member, she served in many different roles. She was the Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and worked in the Nursery, Story hour, and taught Sunday School.

Mary Lou Robertson Powell is survived by her husband, Adolph Powell; son, Adolph Tremain Powell; two granddaughters, Amiyah Joy Powell and Alaila Grace Powell; brother, James Robertson; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Homegoing Celebration

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
1127 N. 28th Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Powell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Gwendolyn Tunstall lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Powell*



**Gwendolyn Tunstall** - September 09, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Mary Was a kind friendly gentle soul, she would always greet you with a beautiful smile, she was enjoyable to work with in the Lockhart School Alumni Association, and will be missed by so many of us. I will continue to lift her family and friends up as we grieve the loss of her. May God continue to give her family strength to endure, during their time of bereavement.*

*Blessings!*

**Rev. Dr. Chaplain Edna Bullock** - September 09, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Rev. Dr. Chaplain Edna Bullock lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Powell*



**Rev. Dr. Chaplain Edna Bullock** - September 09, 2022 at 09:51 AM

TW

“ *Teresa Wilson-McMillian lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Powell*



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**Teresa Wilson-McMillian** - September 08, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Powell.*



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September 08, 2022 at 08:06 AM

CG

“ *Carrie Jones Grant lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Powell*



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**Carrie Jones Grant** - September 07, 2022 at 05:07 PM

CH

“ *Sunset and evening star, and may there be no mourning of the bar when I put out to sea.*



*We are saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend - a classmate - (grades 1-12), and roommate (NCCU). Mary Lou is a true friend, beautifully genuine from the bottom of her heart. She is the epitome of loyalty, honesty, joy and so much more.*

*The tide recedes but leaves behind seashells on the sand. The sun goes down but gentle warmth still lingers on the land. The music stops and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains. For every joy that passes, something remains. The legacy of Mary Lou Robertson Powell lives on.*

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**Charles M. and Joyce Crews Hodge** - September 06, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Powell.*



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September 06, 2022 at 11:24 AM

TN

“ *The Tommy Royster Family, Raleigh, NC purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lou Powell.*



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**The Tommy Royster Family, Raleigh, NC** - September 03, 2022 at 01:02 PM

SD

“ Mary Lou and I were classmates at Lockhart School from elementary school through high school graduation. We were always friends. She was a good friend with a very sweet and kind personality. She was a good person, smart and intelligent. Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolences to the family for your great loss. Praying God will grant you peace and comfort through this most difficult time and in the days to come.  
With Love and Prayers, Shirley Hartsfield Debnam

Shirley Debnam - September 02, 2022 at 04:43 PM

LN

“ Linda Robinson Dunn Raleigh NC lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Powell



Linda Robinson Dunn Raleigh NC - September 02, 2022 at 02:00 PM

LC

“ As student, gymnast and track runner under Coach Powell, I realized his greatness as a Coach and father for some of us without...was due to Coach Mom Mary! She fed us, let us sleep over, nurtured and loved us as her own. Rest well Mom Mary!

Laura Thomas Cooper - September 02, 2022 at 09:32 AM

PH

“ Mrs. Mary was a very loving and caring mother figure/ mentor. She supported her husband in everything he did. She allowed him to be a father figure/coach/mentor to me and so many others. I will always be so thankful to her. Rest In Peace Mrs.Mary. Love you always

Pamela Hancock - September 01, 2022 at 05:13 AM

SR

“*Mary Powell was an absolutely gifted teacher and my friend of over 50 years. Mary understood our students, especially our C.I.S. Students and together we became a “family of friends”. She touched everyone’s life, understood and gave selflessly of her time, talents and heart. There will never be another Mary Powell and all of the Adult Career Development Center will miss her deeply! Sail on, Sweet Friend. Sally Ribeiro, The ACDC staff, it’s students and the C.I.S. Family!*”

Sally Ribeiro - August 31, 2022 at 08:25 PM

AB

“*Aunt Mary was such a loving and caring person. She loved her family so much .I'm going to miss our conversations .❤️*  
*Alice Bailey*”

Alice Bailey - August 31, 2022 at 03:57 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 - August 30, 2022 at 03:38 PM

TA

*Condolences to the Mary L. Powell family at this very difficult time. She was a neighbor friend when I was very young. She was a friendly and caring person. She was very active at the New Bethel Christian Church. We all attended Lockhart School in Knightdale' NC. She will be missed. May she rest in peace.*

Tommy Asbury - September 03, 2022 at 09:47 AM

GW

*Mrs Mary Powell was one of a kind.I worked with her for over Thirty years.She will be missed. Rest in Peace.*

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**Gladys Woodson** - September 05, 2022 at 04:18 PM

SW

*Thank Mrs. Powell for your welcoming and reassuring smile and kindness. May you Rest in Peace and your family find comfort in knowing that you are 'home.'*

*Former Sunday School Student, Sheila A. Ward*

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**Sheila A. Ward** - September 14, 2022 at 07:01 PM