



William Oliver Powell

July 23, 1941 - March 24, 2013

William Oliver Powell, a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, stepfather and friend went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 24, 2013.

William was born on July 23, 1941, to the late Deacon James E. and Deaconess Henrietta Johnson Powell in King William County. He is the sixth oldest of eleven children: four boys and seven girls. He received his early education at King William County Public Schools in King William, Virginia.

William accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age, and was baptized and fellowshipped at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Aylett, Virginia. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961, and served on the USS John Paul Jones. As a Communications Officer, he served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1965.

After serving his country, he went on to work as a Machine Technician for Phillip Morris USA, where he worked faithfully for over 30 years. He was affectionately known by his family and friends as "Red," "W.O.," and "Bill".

In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. As a youth, he participated in baseball and basketball. However, he watched all sports and he truly enjoyed bragging to his brothers about the Washington Redskins.

Later in life, he cultivated a firmer appetite for golf. His epitome of all sports icons was witnessing Tiger Woods in action.

William lived as a man of his word, living life on his own terms. He enjoyed helping others, and often supported family members with their educational endeavors. He believed in responsibility, accountability, and above all perseverance. William lived his life to the fullest.

William's legacy lives on through his loving children, Shawn Tompkins of Highland Springs, VA and Dena Spruill of Richmond, VA; siblings, Estelle E. Brown of Spotsylvania, VA; Rosa B. Vessels (Mackes) of Aylett, VA; Rev. Anne D. Vessels and James D. Powell of Washington D.C., Doris H. Powell of Hyattsville, MD; Ellet R. Powell of Richmond, VA; George E. Powell (Deceased); Margaret B. Powell and Barbara E. King (Norman) of Washington D.C.; Patsy L. Butler of Mitchellville, MD; grandchildren, Bahja Canty and Re'Shawn Powell of Richmond, VA; stepson Sandy Eddleton of Richmond, VA; sister-in-law, Clara B. Powell of Aylett, VA; devoted nephew, Wayne Powell of Richmond, VA; and a host of other very special and devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private/Richmond

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR **29.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAR **29.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR **30.** 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Pauls Baptist Church
1995 Globe Road
Aylett, VA 23009

Tribute Wall



“ *William Oliver Powell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Family and Friends,*

It is understood that the pain, the grief, and the feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable when you lose a loved one. During these times, you can find comfort in God's Word. The Bible helps us to understand how Jehovah and Jesus feel about death. Jehovah promised that "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore."—Revelation 21:4 Jesus said that "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Jesus'] voice and come out." (John 5:28, 29) People who are to be restored to life right here on earth will be reunited with their loved ones. The dead will not be raised to life in a world filled with war, crime, and sickness, because God's purpose is that the whole earth be made into a paradise. They will have an opportunity to live forever on this earth in peaceful and happy conditions. What a loving God and such a wonderful hope for you and your loved one.

*Sincerely,
A Bible Student*

A Student - March 31, 2013 at 09:41 PM

B.

“ To the Family and Friends of William Oliver Powell,

I express my deepest condolences to you all at this time. I can surely sympathize with the pain you are going through because like everyone else here on this Earth I have lost a loved one in death. God's Word describes death a sting because it causes us so much pain and grief. Wouldn't it be great if we could just eliminate this enemy today. Well although we can not, it will be gone in the future. At Revelation 21:4 we read, " And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Jehovah sets out this hope before us and it is no doubt very encouraging. What a wonderful thing it will be for death to be a thing of the past. My heart goes out to you at this time and your family is definitely in my prayers.

B.J - March 31, 2013 at 06:49 PM

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“ To the Powell Family:

I share your loss as William was one of my favorite classmates in the class of 1961 from HHHS. Remember the Word of God says "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Matt. 5:4

*Iris Roane Craighead
New Castle, DE. 19720*

Iris Roane Craighead - March 28, 2013 at 04:29 PM

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“ *Danielle King lit a candle in memory of William Oliver Powell*



Danielle King - March 28, 2013 at 02:30 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 - March 26, 2013 at 12:26 PM