



Edward A. Powell Sr

December 31, 1949 - June 14, 2024

Over the past decades, VT football fans heard the chant, “Hit Somebody.” They knew Ed was there cheering on the Hokies to victory. Nothing made him happier, especially when the wins came against UVA in Charlottesville.

Ed was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Annandale, VA. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1968. It was there that he met the lovely Judith Faith. He went on to graduate from VT with Bachelor & Masters degrees in business administration. Later, Ed & Judie married and lived in Manassas Va for 23 years before realizing his dream of returning to SW Va to build a home in Giles County. Ed designed his dream home but always kept in mind the concept, “If Momma’s not happy, nobody’s happy.” The Powells spent 15 years living in this very special neighborhood among the folks who would become much beloved & cherished friends.

Ed’s career focused on human resources in the electric utility industry. He worked for a variety of businesses including Dominion Electric and Edison Electric Institute (EEI) followed by 20 years as a compensation & benefits consultant in the company he founded, EAP DIS LLC. His company grew out of the exceptional value his longtime clients at EEI saw in him during his years of service to them and their desire to maintain those relationships. He retired in 2022.

Ed is survived by his wife Judith F. Powell, son Edward A. Powell, Jr. (Vanessa), Brother-in-Law John Faith Sr. (Terry), Nephew John Faith Jr. (Jayne), William B. Faith (Theresa), Great nephew Jackson Faith, Niece

Christine Faith, Nephew Robert Denison, Niece Ellen Denison, and many wonderful Cornelius & Powell cousins. His parents were Carl C. Powell (Green County, Va) and Alberta C. Powell (Waterloo, Iowa).

Not to be omitted are the treasured line of pug dogs that enriched his life from childhood throughout his later years. His 1st pug was Bolger who learned the hard lesson to never eat the bread dough Alberta had rising on the hearth. Others were Hoover, Lily, Ernie, Miss Scarlett, and Mr Rhett. He leaves behind Beau (6 yrs old) to look after Judie in Ed's place, knowing that Beau is already dedicated to this task.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Ed's name to any of the following: VT Pamplin School of Business, the Parkinsons Foundation, or the VT Veterinary School.

The Powell Family wishes to thank the many individuals and businesses who supported Ed, especially after his hospitalizations and admission to long-term care. You know who you are, saints who made his last days as tolerable as possible. May God bless you all!

A graveside will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 12:30 PM in the Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley. Before the graveside, a visitation will be held at McCoy Funeral Home from 11-12:00 PM

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

2551 N. MAIN ST.
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

JUN 24. 12:30 PM (ET)

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BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am sad to learn of Ed's passing. I went to look him up today and learned of the news. For his family, I was associated with Ed for about 15 years through work. I'm not sure there was ever a discussion of over 5 minutes that his family didn't come up. He was prouder of you than anything he did over his career. I offer you my condolences. Jim B

Jim Byrne - September 11, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ We attended Poe Junior High and Thomas Jefferson High. We were also on the debate team. We would talk for hours, which drove mad dad crazy! He left some good memories and will be missed!

Deborah Scheid - July 28, 2024 at 03:40 AM



“ Deborah Scheid lit a candle in memory of Edward A. Powell Sr



Deborah Scheid - July 28, 2024 at 03:32 AM

MT

“ Millennium Enterprise Corp. Team purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Edward A. Powell Sr.



Millennium Enterprise Corp. Team - June 20, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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“ Millennium Enterprise Corp. Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward A. Powell Sr.

Millennium Enterprise Corp. Team - June 20, 2024 at 07:31 PM

VR

“ Ed was a Hokie to his toes, he was not content unless they won a game. We are sure he will be the teams Guardian Angel. Bless you friend.



Veronica Roth - June 20, 2024 at 07:04 PM

RR

“ Ronnie & Ron Roth purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward A. Powell Sr.



Ronnie & Ron Roth - June 20, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TS

“ Edward was such a kind man. He had a good sense of humor. I had the pleasure to work with Ed. May you RIP buddy.

Tina Summers - June 19, 2024 at 06:21 PM