



## William Reginald Powell

January 3, 1935 - July 26, 2021

William Reginald (Reggie) Powell  
1935-2021

William Reginald (Reggie) Powell passed away on July 26, 2021 at Warm Hearth Kroontje Center in Blacksburg, VA at the age of 86. He was born on January 3, 1935 in Zuni, VA and amazingly shared the same birthday with his then future mother-in-law, Lillie Brinkley Rose.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley Rose Powell; son and daughter-in-law, Bill & Debi Powell of Lynchburg, VA; daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie & Davie Key of Roanoke, VA; grandchildren Zachary (Sarah) Powell of Tampa, FL, Joshua & Dillon Key of Roanoke, VA, and Grace Powell of Lynchburg, VA; brothers, Russell Powell and T.A. (Betty) Powell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends. Reggie was predeceased by his parents, Homan & Elizabeth Powell, and loyal chocolate lab, Abby.

Reggie was retired from Royster Fertilizer Co (where he served as CEO and President). Once he retired from Royster, he worked with a group continuing in the industry as a consultant with other companies.

Reggie was an avid golfer and Virginia Tech Hokie fan, his alma mater. He loved cruising and spending time with all of his family. He and Shirley lived in

several different locations across the eastern US, living most of their years in Suffolk, VA on the Chuckatuck Creek, where Reggie loved to golf and fish on his dock in the afternoons. He and Shirley spent many winters in Florida, first in Lakeland then Vero Beach, where they met so many treasured friends. They finally settled in Blacksburg, VA, where he attended many Virginia Tech football games and other VT events. Reggie always considered Virginia his home state.

He was a stoic businessman and rarely showed much emotion until he had grandchildren, which opened up the tear ducts and allowed him to get emotional at TV programs, or any family event.

There will be a celebration of life at 11 AM on Monday, August 2nd at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, VA. The family will receive friends and family at 10 AM at McCoy before the service. Interment will follow the service at Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Warm Hearth Kroontje Center and Good Samaritan Hospice for caring for Reggie during his final year.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution to the William Reginald Powell Endowed Scholarship. Checks can be made out to the Virginia Tech Foundation, 902 Prices Fork Rd., Suite 4500, Blacksburg, Va. 24061, with "W.R. Powell Scholarship 884269" written on the memo line, or a contribution to Warm Hearth Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

2551 N. MAIN ST.  
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William Reginald Powell.*



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July 30, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Reginald Powell.*



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July 30, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Reginald Powell.*



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July 28, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *So many good times shared with the both of you during our time in Blacksburg. May you find comfort during this time of loss in your memories of all the joyous times you shared together. Wishing you peace during this very difficult time of loss. Sharolyn and Davis*

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**Sharolyn Heatwole** - July 28, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Reginald Powell.*



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July 28, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *I got to know you when I had married into the family, and the light, which you shown to all of those around you. Truly helped us to see the light in one another. You were always welcoming to me and made me feel right at home.. Along with your daughter and your grandsons.. You have truly earned your wings and I know that you will be surely missed by those who knew you and loved you... May Our Father above Grant you rest, and may He be with those who called you Patriarch, Dad, Hubby, Grandfather and Friend... Until We Meet Again Rest until Our Lord and Savior Returns to bring all those who knew Him Home... We know you will be with us always in dreams and more and thus we are Never Alone!!*



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**Chaplain Palmer Kane Allen** - July 27, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ *I didn't know your Father, but if he was like my friend Bill Powell, an old associate, your father passed down all the traits of a gentleman!!*

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**Rick Meyers** - July 27, 2021 at 06:02 PM