

ALWAYS WITH US



by: Shaquan Payton

Your journey here was calm and true, A life well-lived in all you'd do.
With hands that worked, with heart that gave, You built a path both kind and brave.

You wore your smile like morning sun, A gift from momma, passed to son
Who walked with quiet, gentle grace A steady light in every space.

You served your country, served your kin, With strength and peace that lived within.
No boast, no pride, just honest care, A faithful soul so rare, so fair.

Through fields you walked and tools you held, In every task, your love compelled.
General Motors, farm and store Each step you gave a little more.

Beside sweet Maryann you stood, Two hearts as one, so pure and good.
Though no child bore your name or eyes, You loved like fathers, calm and wise.

Now you've returned to where love grows with Maryann, and those you chose:
Dear Ronald waits, and parents too, Arms open wide to welcome you.

Though tears may fall, your peace is earned, And in our hearts, your smile's returned.
We'll hear your laugh in wind and song, In memories that still feel strong.

So rest, dear John, your work is done. The race well-run, the battle won.
Forever loved, forever near, Your light remains, forever here.

PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our family would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness and love shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving care.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



JOHN EDWARD POWELL

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 18, 1941 | SUNSET: JUNE 5, 2025



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First Rock Baptist Church
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F O R E V E R I N O U R H E A R T S

REMEMBERING JOHN

John Edward Powell, a devoted husband, beloved brother, treasured uncle, cousin, and faithful friend, peacefully transitioned to his eternal rest on June 5, 2025. Born on September 18, 1941, in Woodville, North Carolina, he was the cherished son of the late Zahn Powell and Emma Gilliam. His unforgettable, dimply smile, just like his mother's, was a reflection of his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit.

John lived a life marked by service, humility, and integrity. He proudly served in the United States Army, carrying out his duty with honor and pride. After his military service, he found deep fulfillment in his work with General Motors, his greatest professional passion. He also worked with Heilig-Meyers Furniture Store and embraced the quiet reward of farming, staying grounded in hard work and the values instilled in him from childhood. John also took great joy in fishing.

Educated at John B. Bonds School and having completed some college, John was a lifelong learner who believed in leading by example. He lived with quiet dignity, was generous with his time and wisdom, and treated everyone with kindness and respect. He was a quiet, dependable presence and one who led with action, not words, and was deeply loved by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, the late Maryann Powell; his grandparents; his parents, Zahn Powell and Emma Gilliam; and his dear brother, Ronald Gilliam. Though John and Maryann did not have children, their love extended to many. John was a father figure, mentor, and rock for a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whose lives were forever touched by his presence.

John leaves behind a legacy of love and integrity. He is survived by his devoted siblings: Clara Reynolds (late Preston Reynolds), Horace Powell Sr., Elnora Gilliam, Dorothy Keel, and Barbara Gilliam, his sister-in-law Helen Basemore, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong family and friends who will continue to carry his memory in their hearts.

John Edward Powell will be remembered for his faithful heart, quiet strength, and that radiant, dimply smile that mirrored the gentle soul within. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched with his kindness, humility, and steady love. Now reunited with his beloved wife Maryann, his parents Zahn and Emma, his brother Ronald, and many other family and friends. May he rest in everlasting peace, surrounded by love and light for eternity.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation
Pastor Lance Aubert

Scripture Reading-La-Deidra Blake
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection
Psalmist Hayes

Obituary Reading
Shaquan Payton

Acknowledgement
Shaquan Payton

Tribute/Reflections
Family & Friends

Musical Selection
Psalmist Hayes

Eulogy
Pastor Lance Aubert

Benediction

Recessional