



Lowell "Tommy" Powell

August 22, 1934 - August 1, 2011

Bluefield, WV- Lowell T. "Tommy" Powell, 76, of Route 1, Box 183-A, Bluefield, WV, died Monday August 1, 2011 at his home surrounded by his family. Born August 22, 1934 in Berwind, WV, he was a son of the late Newton C. Powell and Ida B. Cochran Powell. He was a 1952 graduate of laeger High School, where he met and married his high school sweetheart. Mr. Powell proudly served as a Hospital Corpsman in the United States Navy. He was a Dispatcher in Transportation at the Naval Hospital, while stationed in Camp Lejuene, NC. Mr. Powell retired from Norfolk & Southern Railway where he was employed as an Engineer for 34 years. He loved trains and was an avid collector of railroad memorabilia. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Tommy enjoyed coin collecting; and as an animal lover, he also enjoyed bird watching. Mr. Powell was a diehard West Virginia Mountaineer fan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, Olaf Louise "Bootie" Powell; one son, J. Mark Powell; two sisters, Dorothy Walls and Mildred McKinney; and one brother, Hobart Powell. Left to cherish his memory are his children Steve Powell and his wife Sam of Princeton, WV, Vickey Powell Tolbert and her husband Jim of Princeton, WV, David Powell and his wife Cindy of Knoxville, TN and Leah Powell of Bluefield, WV; two sisters, Libby Campbell and husband Ralph and Ruth Copley; two brothers, H.C. Powell and wife Bev and Danny Powell and wife Patsy; thirteen grandchildren, Julie Lilly and her husband Shawn, Jason Powell and his wife Missy, Elizabeth Tolbert, Andy Tolbert, Emily Tolbert, Erin

Powell, Amanda Powell, Nicholas Powell, Harrison Powell, Morgan Powell, Jeremiah Johnson, Courtney Matney and her husband Jon, and Kala Johnson; six great-grandchildren, Jakeb Lilly, Nathan Lilly, Hunter Powell, Hayden Powell, Hailynn Powell Zoey Elizabeth Tolbert; and many nieces and nephews. In accordance with Mr. Powell's wishes, he will be cremated and services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Hospice Compassus, 100 Shaker Lane, Princeton, WV 24740. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Lowell T. "Tommy" Powell.

Tribute Wall



“ Lowell "Tommy" Powell

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ I would just like to say Thank You so very much to all of you who have loved my grandfather and who have shared messages with the family. We greatly appreciate you all. My grandfather was a hard worker and I am proud of the accomplishments that he had in his life! I will forever remember him, but I am at peace knowing that he has joined our "Nanna" again. Thank you all VERY much.

Courtney (Tommy's Granddaughter) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Tommy. He was a good person and a fine railroader. JE Wimmer

James Wimmer - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ If a man should die, can he live again? Hear the promise God has made He will call The dead will answer They shall live at His command For He will have a longing For the work of His own hand All those who in God's memory stay From death (sleep) He will awaken Job 14:13-15 John 6:40 John 11:11,43 John 5:28,29 He will wipe out every tear from our eyes And death will be no more, neither will Mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore The former things have passed away Rev 21:4

Lorraine Denson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Joyce Webster - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DB

“ I did not know Mr. Powell but I do know Jeff and Jason, my prayers are for them and all the family members who have suffered the loss of this loved one, may you be filled with warm memories of Tommy during this difficult time Don Bailey

Don Bailey - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JF

“ Know that all of you are in our heart and our prayers.

john and gail copley and family - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RC

“ Steve, vicki, Leia, David, We were so sorry to hear about your dad. He has always been special to us ,along with your mom. Know that you all are in our hearts and prayers... God Bless.. Mary Frances and Ron

Ron and Mary Frances Copley - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PS

“ SOME OF MY GREATEST CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ARE AT UNCLE TOMMY AND AUNT BOOTIES HOUSE. PRAYING THE FAMILY WILL FIND PEACE AND COMFORT..JUST KNOWING HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE AND WITH THE WOMAN HE CHERISHED!! LOVE YOU ALL!!

PAMELA POWELL SMITH - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

FC

“ THINKING OF THE FAMILY, SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

FRED AND DONNA COPLEY - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ Vickey and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

Cathy Cregger Saddler - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CB

“ DEAR STEVE, VICKIE, DAVID AND LEAH. SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT TOM. HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND GOOD FRIEND. I WILL MISS HIM. HE NOW IS WITH BOOTIE JUST WHERE HE WANTED TO BE. HE MISSED HER SO MUCH. WE HAVE MOVED AND NEW NUMBER IS 304 5895457 CALL IF I CAN DO ANYTHING.... MY PRAYS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU.....

CAROLYN BUZZO - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DV

“ To the Powell family, So sorry for your loss...He was a pleasure to work with...I only met him a couple of times, but talked with him many years by radio..He did a great job in his work and I truly appreciated his work and help thru the years...I am a Train Dispatcher for N&S and he will be one that I will always remember...Keep the memory!!! God Bless...

Dale Vance - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Tommy's passing--although it's been a while since I saw him, I was always impressed by his friendly and gentle nature and will always remember the fun times I had when visting him, Booty and the kids. Love and condolences to those closest to him as you mourn his passing.

John & Cindy Bogdue - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM