



Charles M. Powell

March 12, 1930 - October 14, 2023

Charles M. Powell went home to his Heavenly Father on October 14, 2023 surrounded by his family. Charles was born March 12, 1930 to Leon Washington and Vera Holifield Powell. He married the love of his life, Vernell “Nell” Black Powell, and they had one son, Randy.

Charles joined First Baptist Church Soso in 1948 and was an active member for 75 years. He served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps from 1953-1955. He received his training at Fort Gordon, Georgia and was honorable discharged in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He was also a member of the American Legion and served on the Soso Community Water Association Board for twenty-eight years. Charles worked many years as a Sunbeam Bread salesman and later worked for the Coca Cola Bottling Company for 31 years. Charles also served the Union Line Cemetery Association for many years and also served as a board member for many years. On Memorial Day, 2023, the Union Line Cemetery Association recognized him for twenty-eight years of outstanding dedication and loyal service (1995-2023). After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed camping and being a member of Chickasawhay Ramblers Camping Club. During their years together he and his wife visited all the contiguous states of the United States of America, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Lee W. (Madie) Powell; mother, Vera Holifield Powell, the love of his life, Vernell Black Powell; beloved

son, Charles Randall "Randy" Powell; and brother, Carroll W. Powell. He is survived by sister, Mona Ruth Rutledge, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many beloved friends he considered as family.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The family will receive visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Union Line Cemetery, Soso, MS. Dr. Jim Taylor and the Honorable Dal Williamson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Jeffery Bynum, Johnny Evans, Ronnie Powell, Jeffery Stewart, David Valentine, and Terry Don Valentine. Honorary pallbearers will be Union Line Cemetery Association Board Members, Ralph Graves Sunday School Class, Carroll Johnson, and Marshall Bynum.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Line Cemetery Association, 200 Jefcoat Road, Laurel, MS 39443 or First Baptist Church Soso Flags and Lighting Fund, P. O. Box 125, Soso, MS 39480.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Union Line Cemetery

Corner of Jefcoat Road and Union Line Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Tribute Wall

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“ *A friend for many years. He was well liked and gracious to all. Betty Anderson*

Betty R Anderson - October 19, 2023 at 09:50 AM

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“ *From the time I was 12 years old and working at Nester's store, I enjoyed Mr. Charles coming in and visiting with me. He always spoke to me as a friend and would smile big time. I also enjoyed his dad, Mr. Lee as I spent many a time talking with him. Our family lived next door to him and we will always think about him and miss him dearly. Ted Musgrove*

Ted Musgrove - October 18, 2023 at 05:37 PM

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“ *I will miss my buddy Charlie I always called him Mr Charles and then he said my friends call me Charlie I've known him my entire life and he was a mentor to me I will miss him so much and especially our conversations I now he's in heaven and healed 🙏 for the family*



Brian Jordan - October 17, 2023 at 11:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles M. Powell.*



October 17, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles M. Powell.

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“ Sorry to hear about Charlie, I worked at Coke with him and Nell, would've been my 2nd cousin, he was a good friend and mentor to me, I'm so sad that I can't pay my last respects in person, but I know he's in the Lord's house now. RIP, Roy Allan Hill

Roy Allan Hill - October 17, 2023 at 10:13 AM