



## William C. Powell

October 13, 1927 - February 4, 2019

William C. Powell, 91, of Laurel, died Monday, February 4, 2019 peacefully at his home in Laurel, MS. He was born on October 13, 1927 in Forrest County. Visitation will be 10-12:00 noon on Friday, February 8, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Laurel. Funeral services will be at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church in Laurel and the burial will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Brother Randy Turner will officiate.

Mr. Powell loved his family and his church. He served the Lord for many years at First Baptist Church and at Highland Baptist Church in Laurel. He was employed at Mississippi Power Company for 30 years in Marketing. He was proud to be a U. S. Navy veteran near the end of World War II.

Mr. Powell was preceded in death by his father, W. R. Powell; and mother, Nora Rogers Powell.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 61 years, Margaret Arledge Powell; sons David Powell (Cassie) of Laurel and Paul Powell (Sue) of Boise, Idaho; grandchildren Kati Powell, Jake Powell (Aly), and Lauren Powell; step-grandchildren Lexie Smith and Anna Claire Smith.

Pallbearers will be Jake Powell, Steve Armour, Mike Pruitt, Harvey Saul, Bob Pressly, and Tommy Fulton.

Memorial donations may be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 2596, Laurel, MS 39442.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel  
607 West 5th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Margaret, David and Paul,  
We are so sorry for your loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.  
Fred and Barbara Wansley  
Shawn Wansley*

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**Shawn Wansley** - February 10, 2019 at 01:23 PM

 Sharon  
Barham

“ *Prayers for each of you as you face the memorial services. Bill was  
such a man of God and he and Margaret were special part of the  
Christian community.*

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**Sharon Barham** - February 08, 2019 at 09:10 AM

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“ *David and family: Praying that God's peace and comfort will carry  
you during the days ahead.*

*David, Angela, Alison & April Rudolph*

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**Angela Rudolph** - February 07, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ Ms Margaret, David, Paul and family,

*I wanted to tell you all how much your father meant to me. He was my first supervisor when I graduated college. He gave me my first professional job. He was a father figure to me. I didn't know nothin about nothin! He was a great teacher and leader. He was always kind and compassionate. I loved to hear the stories. He would say "if you have heard this before hold up one finger" and it was a running joke that we would hold up multiple fingers when he had told us the same story multiple times. And...he would proceed to tell us again. It was evident he loved his family VERY much! I felt like I knew each of you because he loved bragging on you. He was so proud of both of you boys. As life goes, I didn't stay in contact over the years as I wish I had. I know he was a terrific grandfather and loved his grandchildren so much as well. He was always positive! One time when things weren't going so good at "the power company" he quoted Romans 8:28 and said it's going to get better. Then he said it may get worse before it gets better but it will get better. He was also a "company man". He loved Mississippi Power and the people he served with. I guess I spoke of him so much to my family that my 2 year old son called him Mississippi Powell one time. And, he loved his God and his church. He had his priorities in proper order I believe as the Bible tells us. God first, family second and everything else after that. I know his service will be a great time of celebration for a good...good man who loved God, loved his family, loved his country and loved his fellow man and wanted all to know the Lord he served. I never knew he served in the military. I wish I had so I could have personally thanked him for his service. But, since I can't now I will thank his family. Please know that you are in our prayers that God will grant you peace, comfort and strength in the coming days. With sincere condolences, David Lisenbee and family*

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David Lisenbee - February 06, 2019 at 10:55 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Powell was such a fine, Christian man. I remember him and his precious wife coming to visit and invite me to his church when I moved 2 different times. Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days.

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**Amy and Phil Williams** - February 06, 2019 at 09:05 AM