



James William Powell Sr.

March 2, 1928 - September 2, 2022

James William Powell, Sr. of Springfield, Virginia passed away Friday September 2, 2022 at the age of 94. Born in Onancock, Virginia Jim served in the United States Navy. He then went on to work in the printing and newspaper industry for the Alexandria Gazette as a production manager, proofreader, linotype operator and composer editor.

While working for the U.S. Government Printing Office Jim received an appointment to the United States Senate as Editor, Committee on Labor and Public Welfare a few years later to be known as the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, from which he retired.

Jim served as Editor for Committee Chairman Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (NJ) and Chairman Orrin G. Hatch (Utah) and with the 11 other Senators on the Committee including Senators Edward M. Kennedy (Mass), Jacob K. Javits (NY), Alan Cranston (CA) and others.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years, Elaine Nader Powell and is survived by his children Ruthann P. Coleman, James W. Powell Jr., Gregory D. Powell (Nancy); and grandchildren, Ryan and Tori Powell and James Kurth. He is also preceded in death by two sisters and one brother and is survived by one brother John R. Powell (Dorothy).

Jim built the home in which he and Elaine raised their family in 1956 and neither he nor Elaine ever lived anywhere else. He loved his family, fishing, golf, eating crabs, gathering the friends and neighbors and feeding the wildlife & deer herd in his backyard. All the animals still come for breakfast and dinner every day!

Jim was wonderful and one of a kind as anyone who knew him would agree! He will be dearly missed but we are comforted in knowing he is now with his wife who left us only 2 years ago.

As Elaine was a kidney transplant recipient the family asks that in lieu of anything else a donation may be made to the National Kidney Foundation in Jim's honor.

Services will be held privately by the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *James William Powell Sr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Jim and Elaine were a match made in Heaven and are hopefully are re-united there now. I fondly remember staying with them on an extended vacation in grammar school. All memories of 6441 Melia drive are cherished. God Bless and Rest in Peace Jim. Fred and family.*

FREDERICK WILLIAM NADER - September 07, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Ruthann, Jim, Greg and Nancy. Great memories of Christmas visits in your parent's den, crabs on the carport, the beaver pond hike, your dad's rescue dog and more. A toast to your dad, he did it his way and is now gone, but never, ever forgotten. Cynthia Amos*

Cynthia Amos - September 07, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *Ruthann, James , Gregory and all family members know you all are being upheld in prayer during this painful time. Your have my heartfelt sympathy. May your Dad's memory be eternal. God's Blessings and much love. Frances Kurker (your Mom's first cousin)*

Frances A. Kurker - September 06, 2022 at 12:59 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 06, 2022 at 08:49 AM