



William Farrell Powell

August 1, 1930 - May 24, 2023

William Farrell Powell (92)

Passed away Wednesday, May 24, 2023, of Alexandria, VA. Loving husband to the late Gladys Eleanor Powell; beloved father to Douglas Powell (Erin) and the late David Powell (Deborah); brother to Gary Powell (Nancy) and Darlene Hildreth; grandfather to Danny Powell (Amber), Gary Powell, Kelly Baldwin (Rich), Melinda Powell (Abel Trevino), Wyatt Powell; great-grandfather Liam Baldwin, Emma Baldwin, and Dallas Powell. He will truly be missed by many.

Bill was born in the small town of Floodwood, Minnesota on August 1st., 1930 to Lorne and Ina Powell. He was one of five children. Bill's father was a cabinet maker and passed on the craftsmanship to Bill. Bill loved woodworking almost as much as Fishing and hunting.

Bill served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954. He saw combat during his time in Korea during the conflict there. After Korea, Bill was assigned to the Pentagon working with what is now known as "Project Blue Book". It was his assignment there that Bill met his future wife, Eleanor. After his time of service with the military, Bill worked several jobs. He was a door-to-door salesman for the Electrolux vacuum cleaner company. He then worked as a brakeman for the Southern Railroad. Bill then joined the Alexandria Police Department in 1954 where he worked as a patrolman and then a detective until he retired in 1977. Bill was a passionate father to his twin sons,

Dave and Doug and taught them how to hunt and fish and the correct way to become men. Bill then became the most excellent grandfather to his grandchildren who were , along with Eleanor, Doug and Dave the absolute loves of his life. Bill will always be remembered for the love of his family and his many friends. Everyone who knew him said he always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. He will be missed by all of the people whose lives he touched.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 4-8PM. Funeral Service to be held Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 11AM. Interment directly following Mount Comfort Cemetery, 6600 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, VA 22306. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Alexandria Police Association, 3010 Colvin Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Cemetery Details

Mount Comfort Cemetery

6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 765-3800

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
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Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of William Farrell Powell



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - June 05, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JB

“ Jim and Marie Blackie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Farrell Powell.

Jim and Marie Blackie - June 06, 2023 at 07:12 AM

JB

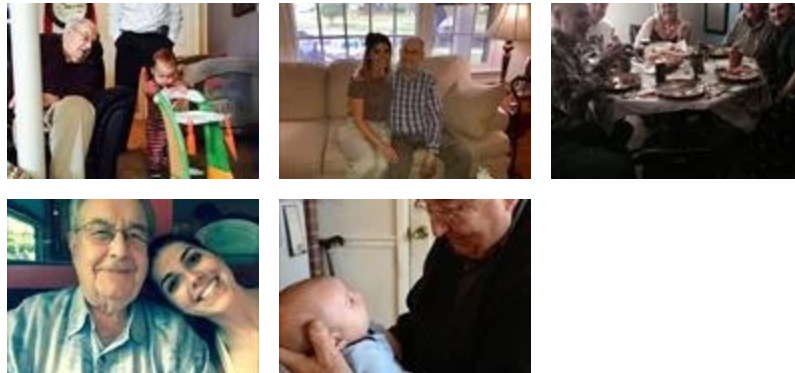
“ Jim and Marie Blackie purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of William Farrell Powell.



Jim and Marie Blackie - June 06, 2023 at 07:12 AM

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“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



Debbie Powell - June 05, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Farrell Powell.



June 05, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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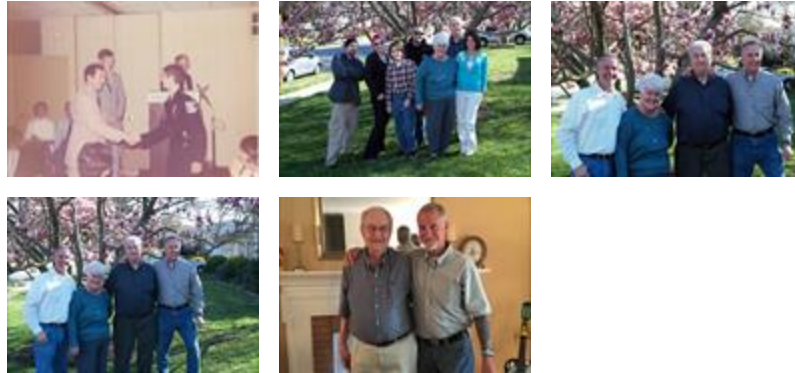
“ 2 files added to the album memories of Bill



Jim Blackie - June 02, 2023 at 05:37 PM

DP

“ 38 files added to the album memories of Bill



Douglas Powell - June 01, 2023 at 05:40 PM



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

May 29, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Farrell Powell.



May 29, 2023 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ *What a great person and family friend. I still remember our early days with APD in the 1960's when Bill was dispatching and I was on the PBX and Bob Dowling was on the front desk prior to civilians working in the PD, except for records, secretaries and the traffic bureau. We all had a great and enjoyable time together at work and with our family's. It was interesting that my family moved to Minnesota in 1972, the birth State of Bill's. God bless you Bill. You will surely be missed by all that had contact with you. Jim Hill*

Jim Hill - May 29, 2023 at 12:28 PM

DP

“ *Dad, you were my absolute hero and I can't believe you are gone. I know you are with Mom and Bub now. My heart breaks every morning when it was the usual time to bring you your coffee and every night at 10 o'clock when it was time to turn the light off in your room. I am so glad that we got to spend every day together for the last 2 1/2 years. My life was a great one because of you and Mom and I am going to miss you more than I will ever be able to put into words. You're loving son, Doug.*

Doug Powell - May 28, 2023 at 07:32 PM

BB

A beautiful sentiment from a great son.

Bill Breedlove - May 29, 2023 at 06:41 AM

RH

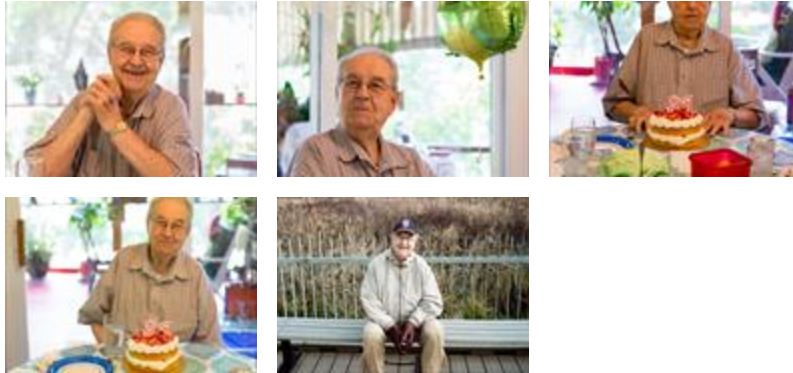
“ *I remember Bill as one of the kindest men I've ever met. Always with a smile! God bless your family.* 🙏❤️



Rose Anne Giuseppe Hafler - May 28, 2023 at 05:10 PM

JB

“ 18 files added to the album memories of Bill



Jim Blackie - May 28, 2023 at 03:50 PM

BC

“ *My condolences and prayers to you and your family. I will always remember your dad's big smile when we came together for a family function.*

Billy Clements - May 28, 2023 at 01:24 PM

TK

All my prayers to the family. I will always remember Bill and Eleanor pal and Davey and Dougie

Teresa Kane - May 28, 2023 at 03:33 PM