



## Benny Lee Powell

December 29, 1938 - February 19, 2019

Benny Lee Powell, 80, of 95 Shoreline Circle, Penhook, VA, died Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Sovah Health of Martinsville after a decline in his health for the past twelve months.

Benny was born in Callands, VA, on December 29, 1938, a son of the late Noel Austin Powell and Anna Gregory Powell. He lived most of his life in the Mount Hermon community of Pittsylvania County, and since his retirement had lived at Smith Mountain Lake.

Benny retired in 1996 after a very successful career at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. He was a member of Franklin Heights Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, VA. He enjoyed his Cessna 172 and many hours of flying, restoration of early Ford Mustang, golfing and fishing with many friends, spending time with his sons at VIR and lake living at SML. On December 27, 1960 he married Ellen Jo Willis Powell, who survives.

In addition to his wife, of the residence, Benny is survived by two sons, Benny L. "Benjy" Powell, Jr., and wife Beth, of Danville, VA, and Robert Dale Powell, and wife Elizabeth, of Blairs, VA; three grandchildren, Benny L. "Trey" Powell, III, Brooke Elizabeth Powell, and fiancé, Michael Hatchett, and Alexandra Wray Powell; a great grandson, Benny L. Powell, IV; and a brother, Al Powell, and his wife Ann, of Danville, VA.

Benny was predeceased by a sister, Marie Jefferson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Stan Parris and the Rev. Paul Johnson officiating. A private interment will follow at the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, Callands, VA.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the funeral home from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. and at the residence at other times, 95 Shoreline Circle, Penhook, VA. Also, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Cool Branch Volunteer Fire Squad, P.O. Box 54, Penhook, VA 24137.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Powell family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
info@wrenn-yeatts.com  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Private Interment

FEB **22** (ET)

Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery  
18529 Franklin Tpke  
Callands, VA 24530

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Ellen Jo and family; I am so sorry to hear the passing of Benny. His mother was my first cousin. I did not get to see that side of my family very much, but would like to send my condolences to your family. Mona Gregory Roberts*

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**Mona Gregory Roberts** - March 01, 2019 at 04:17 PM

DH

“ *Ellen Jo,  
Thinking of you and remembering many fun events with you and Benny over the years. You and the boys are in my prayers.*

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**Diane Harper** - February 27, 2019 at 11:13 PM

MM

“ *Ellen Jo,  
I just found out tonight about the death of Benny Lee and cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss and how very SAD I am for you, Benjy, and Dale.....the grandchildren and all the others who knew and loved him.  
I was out of town last week and thru the weekend or I would have attended Benny's funeral. He was One of the Best, and will surely be missed.  
Love and Sympathy to you and yours, Mary Moon*

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**Mary Moore** - February 27, 2019 at 09:04 PM

KH

“ I enjoyed seeing Benny and you at FHC. When he became incapacitated we prayed for you both. My prayers are with you, Jo and family. May good memories and our Lord Jesus give you peace and comfort.

*Karen Hicks  
Rocky Mount, VA*

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**Karen B. Hicks** - February 23, 2019 at 11:49 PM

SR

“ Thinking of you all in your loss and remembering the really good times! Love and God Bless, Sylvia and Wayne Reynolds- King William, Virginia



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**sylvia reynolds-** - February 23, 2019 at 12:15 PM

JB

“ Benjy, I am so very sorry for the passing of your dad! No matter how ill a loved one was, it is still not easy to let them go even knowing they are at peace now. May God bless you and your family always but especially during this difficult time. My prayers are with you and your loved ones. Take care and Keep Smiling!!  
*Judy Bridges*



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**Judy Bridges** - February 22, 2019 at 10:18 PM

GS

“ Ellen Jo and family, Carl and I just learned of Benny's passing today. We are so very sad to hear this. Growing up in Callands area living just up the road from Benny, Marie, Al and their mother and dad. What wonderful memories I have. Carl, John and my daddy had a passion for restoring the old mustangs like Benny. Benny even bought our 1st one, a 1966 blue mustang convertible. RIP Benny until we meet again.  
Carl and Glenda Simpson



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**Glenda P Simpson** - February 22, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ Mr. Benny is a special man. As a nurse at Kings Grant I saw him from day one. He came a long way from that first day. He was a fighter. Asked him on HC if I could do anything for him....he replied... "you can get me some beers for later. My buddies and I are going fishing." In Memory care he was such a flirt. Funny and always kept us laughing. I'm honored to have met, watched over him and been his friend. PRAYERS. Dana Blankenship LPN

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**Dana Blankenship** - February 22, 2019 at 05:51 AM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - February 21, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of **Benny Lee Powell**.



February 21, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *The LaCalle Family - Bill, Aimee, Will and Jack* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of **Benny Lee Powell**.



**The LaCalle Family - Bill, Aimee, Will and Jack** - February 21, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Benny Lee Powell*.



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February 21, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Benny Lee Powell*.



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February 20, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Benny Lee Powell*.



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February 20, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Alvin Necessary* lit a candle in memory of *Benny Lee Powell*



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**alvin necessary** - February 20, 2019 at 01:33 PM

JH

“ I never met Mr Powell but I have know his very fine son Benjy and have purchased many vehicles from him, I send my condolences to the family and hope I get to come to the visitation. Benjy and Family I want you to know I am praying that each of you will get through this sad time and only remember the Great times with your father.



Sincerely,  
Jerry A Hatchett

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**Jerry A Hatchett** - February 20, 2019 at 12:42 PM

RV

*I met Benny through his sweet wife Jo .He was such a kind and friendly man.Benny was a Godly man and will be missed by all that knew him.*

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**Rita Vazquez** - February 20, 2019 at 04:50 PM

DC

*Our thoughts and prayers are you.*

*C.J. And Dotsie Caproni*

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**Dotsie Caproni** - February 20, 2019 at 05:46 PM

RM

*I enjoyed meeting Benny at the "dirt race track" in Callands an he cooked me a hot meal at the fishing trailer one wet rainy fishing day at Kibler his legacy shows in his family fine people! Celebrat his life! God bless everyone in this time and in the future Make plans to hold his hand again!*

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**Ronnie Montgomery** - February 21, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Benny Lee Powell.*



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February 20, 2019 at 11:31 AM