



## Johnnie Morris Powell

September 6, 1939 - April 15, 2018

Johnnie Morris Powell, 78, of 632 Tunstall High Road, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at his residence after a decline in health for the past four years.

Morris was born in Pittsylvania County, VA on September 6, 1939, a son of the late George Edward and Gladys Payne Powell.

Morris served in the US Army and retired from Flowers Bakery after 33 years of service. He later drove a school bus for Pittsylvania County Schools for 12 years. He was a member of Whitmell Christian Church. He was a founding member of Tunstall Vol. Fire Dept. He was the founder and lead singer for the Tunstall Trio bluegrass/gospel band, and Country Blu bluegrass band.

On June 15, 1963, he married the love of his life, Mary Helen Kendrick Powell, who predeceased him on September 11, 2013.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy P. Bowles, and husband, Paul Scott; a son, Richard Morris Powell, and wife, Dana; two sisters, Marie P. Burke, and husband, Carl; Betty P. Booth; a brother, Bobby Powell, and wife, Helen; a sister-in-law, Susie Kendrick; seven grandchildren, Sydney Bowles, Brandon Powell, Cassidy Bowles, Grayson Powell, Cristin Cashion, Carlie Schalter, Alexander Colpetzer; and three-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a

special friend, Rebecca Boulware.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Whitmell Christian Church conducted by Minister Tim Oakes. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the church and at the residence at other times.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Powell family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Whitmell Christian Church  
2628 Whitmell School Road  
Dry Fork, VA

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Whitmell Christian Church  
2628 Whitmell School Road  
Dry Fork, VA

## Burial

APR 17 (ET)

Whitmell Christian Church  
2628 Whitmell School Road  
Dry Fork, VA

# Tribute Wall

LO

“ *Morris, i grew up in Dry Fork, and started in radio at 16. i was like dude get me some trio stuff to play. Tammy, Richard, sorry for this loss, sorry I can't be over there, but dealing with issues of my own. Morris we lost another bluegrass buddy a couple of weeks ago and I can bet Les was up there just waiting for you. i think you played one this record, and your late buddy Ken Bentley. i wish the best for your kids and say hi to mommy for me.*



---

**Lonnie** - April 16, 2018 at 11:41 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of Morris' passing. May the good Lord help y'all through this time of sorrow.  
The Barrett family*



---

**Christopher Wayne Barrett** - April 16, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ 163 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



---

**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - April 16, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of *Johnnie Morris Powell*.



---

April 16, 2018 at 12:32 PM