



Bobby Lee Powell

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Bobby Lee Powell, 76, of Dunedin, Florida, passed on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida. He was born in Plant City, Florida. Bobby served his country in the United States AirForce and was a member of the American Legion Post 275. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. Bobby enjoyed photography, airplanes and NASCAR. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Darla; 3 sons, Jerry, Glenn, Mike and daughter-in-law, Cathy; grandson, Matthew; great-grandson, Gunner; sisters, Ann Mansell and Sylvia Bozeman; nieces and nephews. A Gathering of Friends will be held on Friday, March 20th at 9:30 -11:00 am at Moss Feaster Funeral Home, 1320 Main Street, Dunedin, Florida. AirForce Military Honors will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida at 2:30 pm.



Events

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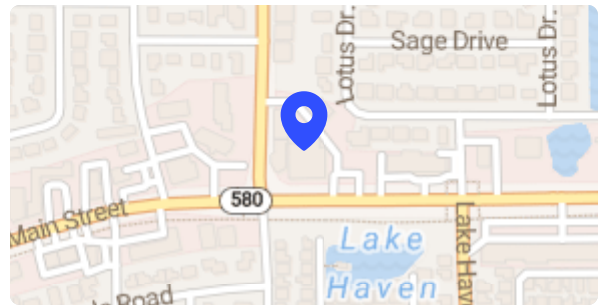
Gathering of Friends

 **Friday**, March 20, 2015

 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services - Dunedin**

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698



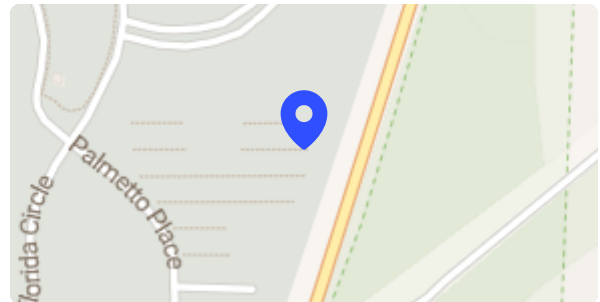
Military Honors at Graveside

 **Friday**, March 20, 2015

 2:30 PM ET

 **Florida National Cemetery**

6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell FL 33513





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PG

Paul Gandolfi posted:

What to write? Well, at the beginning, I suppose. I met Bobby Powell at El/SquareD, way back in '75. I had heard his name mentioned by many, but had not met him. Things like "Bobby Powell said this" or "Bobby Powell did that", or "Bobby wants this done". My impression was of an imposing guy, who would take no crap (can I say that?) from anyone. When I finally met him, I was surprised to find a friendly and jovial fellow, always respectful, yet tough when necessary. He was always available for discussion and to give advice. Our relationship continued after I left Square D to go to TRC. Bobby joined us a few weeks later. We developed a close working relationship and would often go to lunch together. He introduced me to Beans and Franks, on the Sonny's menu. A meal which I still order and enjoy to this day. So, when I see those two large frankfurter's on the plate, I think of Bobby. Thanks Bobby! Bobby had the enviable ability to convince anyone that he was being perfectly serious about anything, even when telling an obvious joke. I have never met a person with the ability to keep such a straight face. He would have been brilliant in any sales position. One time, Bobby, Darla, Cindy and I went to the rattlesnake festival in San Antonio. During the drive there, he pointed out an unusual animal, calling it a Beefalo (spelling), which, he claimed, was a cross between a Buffalo and a Cow. Yeah right, I thought. Determined not to fall for another one, I refused to believe the story. Darned if I didn't find out later that there are such creatures. Had to "eat crow" on that one. His photograph on this page is perfect. Although there was a (necessary) tough side to Bobby, the photo captures his true personality. The way that all of us will remember him. To Darla, Mike, Glenn and Jerry, and all his family. Cindy and I send our sincere condolences for your loss. Paul and Cindy Gandolfi. Dade City, FL. (Beefalo country).

March 19 at 5:47 PM

RB

Rosemary Bloomfield posted:

Our deepest sympathies to Darla, Mike & Cathy, Glenn, and Jerry. We thought the world of Bobby and are so saddened by his passing from our lives. He was special to our family and will be missed. Bobby touched so many lives with his kindness and fatherly friendship. That kindness and love is a legacy that continues to grow. Rosemary Northrup-Bloomfield Peggy Northrup The Bloomfield Family

March 19 at 4:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Cross Bouquet to the Powell family.



March 19 at 3:47 AM



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Karen posted:

Bobby, You were one of the most gentle and kind people I've ever known. I am so blessed to have had the chance to have known you for the past several years. You are now in a special place and I know all of your Buddies (the fuzzy ones) were there to greet you. You will be missed by many. Blessings to you and your entire family. Love,Karen,MSAH

March 19 at 3:46 AM



Doug Scott posted:

My first memory of you was your coming over to date my sister Darla in your Air Force uniform looking very sharp. You took the time to talk to me a young boy about the jets you worked on. Through the years you always made me feel you were so interested in everything I had to say and made me feel like I was special. You were a wonderful husband to my sister, and father to my nephews and a great uncle to my children. I am so happy to have the memories of you and the criuse my wife and I took with you and Darla that we almost sank in the Gulf of Mexico and the wonderful time we had in Hawaii. Most of all we have had the pleasure to call you our brother. Doug and Nancy

March 18 at 8:29 AM



William Joyner March 19 at 7:03 PM

Uncle Bobby and Uncle Doug are both Heros!!!



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Powell family.



March 17 at 6:09 AM



Jean Heller posted:

Our condolences to Bobby's family. He was a very nice and sweet man! He will be missed.Jean Clean TeamJean HellerCarol Taber

March 16 at 10:01 AM



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Anita Decastro posted:

He was such a kind & gentle man. I worked with Bobby at Repron. I had just gotten a little 1 lb. Toy Yorkie named Lola. I took her to work with me one day. He took that little thing & held her like a baby & loved on her. I thought to myself this quiet spoken strong man with such a kind & loving heart. He will be missed in this world but what a gift to God. Condolences to all his family.

March 15 at 10:49 AM



Shawn Woods posted:

Bobby was a great man. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

March 15 at 6:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Powell family.



March 14 at 11:53 AM



Jennifer Downing posted:

Bobby Powell...Friend and neighbor, you are so missed. Chris and I spent many hours with you in the back yard and going to dinner with you and Darla! We admired you and Darla for your kindness, generosity, and hearts of gold. I was always amazed at the interest you took in listening to Chris's stories of driving the big rigs on the road, yet cringed at my stories of working in surgery! Ole Bobby Powell, you are an honorable human being and with heavy hearts Chris and I wish you peace in your after life. I hope you are playing with Brandy, Toby, Bridgette, and Rudy, but also I know you will find Aspen and throw him a ball!! Until we meet again....Chris and Jennie Downing

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ME

Melissa posted:

There will never be another Bobby Lee Powell. I have so many memories of Uncle Bobby. While I will miss making new memories I will always treasure the memories I hold so dear to my heart. Uncle Bobby had a way of making everyone feel loved, appreciated, and valued. He give the best bear hugs and sage advice. I remember him walking Brandy with Crystal when she was just a few years old and spending countless hours in the backyard over a bag of fresh oysters and great conversations, I remember the twinkle in his eye when he saw us for the first time in months and sometimes years and the tears in his eyes when we had to say goodbye. I will miss his encouragement and his unwavering faith in my abilities. But most of all I will miss his love and companionship and knowing he was there when we returned to visit. I love you Uncle Bobby and can't wait to see you in heaven! My love and prayers to our family in Florida. Love, Melissa

March 14 at 8:12 AM

SS

Stephanie Scott posted:

You will be truly missed and it's sad that I only met you like once or twice tops. And I was a baby or very very young I think when that was. I sure wish I had gotten to see you again. Everyone in the family, including my brother, Steve said you were a class act/ one of a kind! With a heart of gold! Hugs and kisses to you and Aunt Darla. Wish we could be there but glad that our dad can make it down atleast.Stephanie R. Scott

March 13 at 6:12 PM

SS

Steve Scott posted:

Uncle Bobby, I'm going to really miss you, your warm smile and very generous heart. You always put others before yourself and until the day we see each other again at heaven's gates you will truly be missed! I'm so thankful I got to see you once more back in 2013. Prior to that, I hadn't seen you or Aunt Darla in over 20 years....Love you- Steve Scott

March 13 at 6:04 PM

TM

Tom & Iris Merryweather posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tom & Iris Merryweather

March 13 at 3:29 PM



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AN

Andrea lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

Words are never enough to explain the pain of losing such a wonderful person. Bobby was always a grandfather figure to me Mike and Marissa, Michael. From your jolly laugh to your funny ways of fooling around with family. The many family gatherings at Christmas, Thanksgiving. From the fun times of you grilling on the grill and always welcoming with your home and something great to eat, while sitting and just chatting with family. These are the times we will remember. You will be missed!!



March 13 at 3:22 PM

WC

Wanda Crabtree posted:

My heart is broken and I'm lost for words. Hadn't seen Bobby in years but he was such a sweetheart and we spent many hours talking and he shared so much wisdom with me. He even chuckled when I suggested one day that he put his " bundle of joy " (Mike in this case) up for adoption. I wrap my arms around the whole family in prayers and love , God Bless , Bobby's memory will linger on, long after the price has been forgotten.....he was 25 and I was 52.....love Wanda Crabtree

March 13 at 1:09 PM

DF

Dj Fernandes lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. I didn't get a chance to know Bobby but I always heard the stories from fellow TRC employees. It was always 2 5 said this or did that. He was a legend in his own time.



March 13 at 8:05 AM



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LL

Linda Larsen posted:

Bobby had such a heart warming smile and a heart of gold to go along with it. We at TRC loved this generous man dearly and had a deep respect and at the same time a sort of "fear" of two five because we better be working. He would call me to his office and drill me asking me what each and every person on the production floor was doing. He taught me so many life lessons that I still use today and try to pass on to my children and grandchildren. He used to love it when I brought him bags of oranges. He called them Larsen Farm Oranges. I think he respected me because if I disagreed with him I would stand up to him even though I was shaking in my shoes at the same time. I had the pleasure of spending a little bit of time with Bobby a couple of weeks ago and I thank God for that. It was so nice to see his smile, have a bit of conversation and to hug him after so many years. My deepest condolences to Mrs. Powell, Mike, Cathy, Jerry and Glenn and his extended family. He is truly missed.

March 12 at 5:34 PM

DP

Darla Powell posted:

Bobby I love & miss you so much. I don't know how I will ever live without you but time will take care of the pain. I will always love you.

March 12 at 4:22 PM

TB

Tammy Le Blanc lit a candle in honor of Bobby.



March 12 at 4:06 PM

TB

Tammy Le Blanc March 12 at 4:14 PM

No one ever knows what to say in times like these. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



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Rob Van Tassel lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

Two Five....It's been difficult to find the words, though there are so many. To me you've been a friend a boss a mentor and, at times in my life when I needed, you've been a father. There exists spiritual principal that it's not what you get out of this life rather what you bring to it. You sir, flat out brought it. You brought strength, courage, love and compassion. Strong family values and a manager that commanded respect. You led us and you taught us. You showed us a passion for life and your huge smile was always a testament to that. Forever rest in peace. What you've brought to this life remains in each and every person you've touched.



March 12 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Powell family.



March 12 at 1:44 PM



Cynthia Coates lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

One of the things I will always hold close to my heart is my Uncle Bobby reminding me that when I was a little girl, and my family would go visit them, and it was time for us to leave, I would cling to his leg and wouldn't want to leave. I will forever miss your kindness, deep voice, your love and your laughter. Rest in peace.....love you,,,Cindy



March 12 at 12:26 PM



Anita Mack lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

ANita Mack (Trc)BOBBY POWELL Known as 25 TO ALL HAD A HEART OF GOLD VERY GIVING. I remember when he brought me a bushel of corn to my house him and his son. also remember the time when he called me up to the office he have the lights off and would say mack look down on the production floor and tell me why the people aren't working . I would say to him Bobby I don't know I'm up here with you watching the people and he would start laughing.to the Powell family I truly thank you for sharing your husband and your father with me.



March 12 at 12:26 PM



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DT

Dennis G. Walker (Trc) posted:

Having just learned of your release from this World's trials and tribulations, I sit herethinking of the things I remember most about you. Aside from the obvious multitude of skills that were yours in the business world, the one asset of yours that stands out when I visualize the Bobby Powell that I knew, was that commanding, low baritone voice of yours. If there is such a thing as Reincarnation, I could see you as the Host and Moderator of your own talk radio show!! I think that you should really consider this as an option. However, for now, Rest In Peace My Friend!! Mrs. Powell, Mike, Cathy, Jerry, Glenn and the extended family, now you shed tears but with time, they will dry and turn to smiles with the knowledge that you shall meet again in a place that Our Lord Jesus has prepared for you. A place of everlasting beauty that our human minds are unable to fathom. My Deepest Sympathies, Dennis

March 12 at 5:30 AM

MN

Mark Neuman posted:

A man who shall go down in infamy at Ell/Square D Clearwater. Two fondest moments - 1. Mr. Powell (sorry, I still can't address him as Bobby; out of respect) would march up and down the halls in pursuit of the status of orders and he had quite the commandeering strut! I would deliver parts to the assembly rooms and one day I was imitating his strut and the production workers (all mostly women in the assembly rooms) were laughing and I was proud of my entertainment skills until.....I turned to find out that Mr. Powell was right behind me. Not fired, no disciplinary actions, I slinked back to the Production Control office (which adjoined his, oh brother) and hid - lesson learned only make fun of yourself. 2. After I was grown up and now a manager in a factory we had a reunion. I had not seen Mr. Powell in years I asked him how he commanded such respect; why did we revere and love him so much? He shared a valuable piece of his personality that day. He said, I always had faith in every one of you and I let you do your jobs; given the opportunity, people will rise to the occasion. I have used this management skill ever since. This man affected many lives and changed many people. I thank God he put him in my walk of life. Mark Neuman

March 12 at 3:38 AM

CP

Cathy & Mike Powell posted:

We hold close to our hearts many loving memories of family gatherings, and special Holiday times together, cookouts on the grill or cozy family dinners at Capogna's were great times and we will always cherish those memories and will love you forever, Love Mike and Cathy Powell.

March 11 at 5:39 PM



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Kelly Cofield lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

Many memories. One of my favorite is when he allowed me to put tiny braids in his hair. Always gave the best bear hugs and had the most jolly laugh. Miss you Uncle Bobby and will forever love you. Love, Kelly.

March 11 at 2:17 PM



Claudia And Griska lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

R

March 11 at 11:34 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bobby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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