

## Billy Frank Powell

February 12, 1935 - November 11, 2009

Rev. Billy Frank Powell, 74, died November 11, 2009. The son of the late Floyd and Bill (Sweetheart) Riner Powell, he was a retired Minister of United Methodist Church and currently an ASU-Beebe Professor. Billy began teaching at Arkansas State University - Beebe as an adjunct in 1990 and became a full time instructor in 1995. In 2000, Billy was promoted to assistant professor of Psychology, Comparative Religions, Sensations and Perception, and Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. In 2000 - 2001, Billy received the Positive Teacher Award, which is a student-elected recognition for outstanding teaching. He received the ASU - Beebe Outstanding Faculty award at the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference in 2002. Billy will be remembered for his genuine connection with others. Billy Powell was loved and respected by all who knew him, not only as an instructor, but also as an advisor and mentor to all ages. He will be missed by all of his ASU - Beebe family. Billy was also an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, an avid sports fan, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Survivors are wife, Mary Whitehead Powell of the home; son Chad Allen and wife Cassie of England, AR.; daughter Kathryn Powell Carden of Cabot, AR.; sisters; Anita and husband Billy Davis and Sue and husband Ronnie Deller; grandchildren, Hanna Carden, Sydney, Carden, Patrick Powell, Parker Powell; thirteen nieces and nephews and best friends Melvin Cooley, and Henry Collison, and the afternoon coffee Group and ASU-Beebe family and students. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Clara Elizabeth White. Services are

Saturday November 14, 2009 at 1:00 PM at First United Methodist Church,  
Bald Knob. Visitation: Friday November 13, 2009, 5 to 7 PM at Powell Funeral  
Home Bald Knob.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Bald Knob United Methodist  
Church building fund or Arkansas Children's Hospital benevolence fund.

[www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary,*

*Words cannot begin to express how deeply shocked and saddened we were to learn of Billy's death. It is hard to believe that 12 years have gone by since we sat in his office above your garage where he counceled us and agreed to marry us. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. We adore you and wish you strength during this difficult time. We know you have a loving family that will walk with you and comfort you every step of the way.*

*With Love,  
Mike and Janet Wilson*

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May 04, 2016 at 07:54 PM



“ *What warm memories I have having grown up in Cotton Plant with the Powell family as wonderful friends and next door neighbors. My love and sympathy goes out to all of you. God bless you.*

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February 10, 2016 at 05:40 PM

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“ Many knew him as Dr. Powell, but I had the honor of knowing him as Granddad. His daughter, Kathryn, and my father, Jay, were once engaged. From the moment I met him and Granna, I knew I had a family. Granddad was the first grandparent that I lost, even if he never was legally my grandfather, or step-grandfather. I don't know how I've survived Veteran's Day every year, but somehow I've done it with his memory in my head. His laugh, his smile, his jokes, his wisdom. I have had a brain infection since he left but by some miracle, I have not lost many memories of him. I remember how he took care of us, would let us have one more piece of candy but to never tell Granna, and he just all around was a great man. I am now 16 and am anxiously awaiting the day this summer that I finally get to have closure and see his grave for the first time. It is always a hard day when someone mentions losing their grandfather, because I have been there and I can relate to their pain. I cry a lot, missing him. I know I spent less time with him than many people, but I never imagined he would go so fast, so sudden, yet so peacefully. I miss you everyday, Granddad. You meant so much more to me than you ever knew. Thank you for the conversations on history and anthropology when I aspired to be an archeologist, for the insight into a world I didn't know existed, for the love and support you always gave. I will always love you, no matter the time, age, or space between us. Rest in peace, Granddad. Forever In My Heart.  
Your forever loving graddaughter,  
Hailey Rose Runyon.

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Hailey Rose Runyon - February 10, 2016 at 05:40 PM



*“ I'm sorry to hear that Professor Powell has passed. He was my first Psychology Professor in 1998 at ASU-Beebe. I still have all my notes and book from his class. He helped me to decide what degree path to take. I choose Psychology after meeting with him, and taking his class. 12 years later, my passion for Psychology is still growing. I feel that I owe that to him. He will always be remembered by me!*

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February 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



*“ Mary, Kathryn and Chad, I will never forget Bro Billy and all our wonderful memories when you were at Ellis Chapel. He will always have a very special place in my heart. I know he is with my grandad-Berger Rivers Ellis-and they are smiling down on us with so much love. My thoughts, prayers and my love are with you. Love, Stephanie (Thomas) Thompson*

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November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ I had the privilege of working with Billy at ASU-Beebe. Simply stated, he was a good man and a model for the way we should all live our lives. He touched many lives and will definitely be missed. Rest in Peace, my friend.*

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November 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Mr.Powell was a genuine and caring man. He made an impact on my life and many others as well. I know he is up in heaven watching over us all. His family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

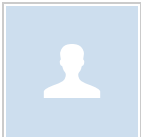


“ *To the Powell Family,  
I am a former student of Dr. Powell. I have always considered myself blessed to have him as my teacher. I was in two of his classes and walked away with knowledge beyond what the book held. It is because of him that I deeped my search into the scriptures of God. I went on even disabled to finish my AA in Biblical Studies and I'm working on a Masters in Scared Theology. He was my advisor as well and gave me so much encouragement and was there to wish me well when I graduated from ASU. I consider him not only my mentor but my friend and I know hundreds of us former students feel the same. He blessed so many in so many ways words cannot properly express it. My condolences to all of you in his family. I pray that God's perfect peace surrounds you at this time.*

*Rebecca Moore*

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November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am a former student of Mr. Powell's. I first had him for Comparative Religion. I intially was going to be a preacher. I told Mr. Powell the first day of Comparative Religion class my intentions to be a pastor. The next semester I took him for Psychology. The first day I told him after we had come back from summer in Psychology class that I was going to be an Orthodontist. He asked me "What happened?" I responded "Preaching was just not my calling." God is going to use me in whatever position I end up in. I think that is the most important lesson I learned from Mr. Powell. We would talk sports before class. We would talk about the razorbacks, and what ever else was going on in the world. He inspired me to find something I love and work towards it. To me he was a teacher, a brother in Christ, and last but not least a Friend. I'm going to miss you Billy, but I will see you in heaven one day. Just wanted to let the Powell family know about Billy's positive influence on me.*

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November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chad,  
We were so saddened to hear about your dad's sudden death. Jimmy knew him a long time ago before he married your mother. I just met him a couple of times, but I have known you; and you had to have a had a wonderful dad (and mother) to be such a fine young man. We will be keeping you, your sister, and your mother in our prayers, asking for the calm peace that only God can give we are hurting to the bone with grief.  
Love, Caroline and Jim Nipps

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November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I too was a student of Mr. Powell He was an amazing teacher. I had him in Psychology when I first started in ASU. I have since tried to find a reason to take another of his class. My heart aches for his family. I know you know that he was an amazing man, but I wanted you to know that others thought so too.

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November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am praying for the peace that only God can give you in this sad and grieving time.  
I thought of him often.  
Sincerely,  
Vira Ann

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November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Powells Psychology class was the first college class I walked into. I was scared to death not knowing what to expect. He walked in with a comforting smile and playfull jokes. He called my group the "river-rats" because we were from Des Arc. He was such an understanding and passinate teacher. I grew very close to him. I always considered him my family away from family, although I never told him so, because I knew that he would have done whatever he could to help me. His teachings inspired me to go into psychology just like him. In one of our last discussions we were talking about Gods love for his children and I had something I wanted to tell him but never got to it. I thought that i would have time later. I thought maybe i would share it with the family.*

*Gods promise is not that he allows bad things to happen to us, its that he will be there for us, to pick us back up when it does.*

*I will pray for the family. All i can say is that God must have needed a great man for something special and he couldnt have picked anyone better than Mr. Powell.*

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