



David R. Powell

January 17, 1922 - September 30, 2006

David Robert Powell, Sr., well-known Bald Knob resident, died Saturday, September 30, 2006 at his home at the age of 84.

Mr. Powell was born January 17, 1922 in Altus, the son of Raymond and Floy Reid Powell. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp, serving in World War II, a 33rd degree Scottish Rites mason and a member of the Albert Pike Temple in Little Rock. Mr. Powell was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Bald Knob, where he was a Deacon being ordained on December 15, 1963.

Mr. Bob was very respected in the community as well as the funeral industry having purchased Powell Funeral Homes in 1960. He was the 2005 Citizen of the Year for Bald Knob and serves on the Board of Directors for Selected Funeral and Life Insurance Company, which he help found in the early 1960's. He was a past member of the Lyda Miller Library Board, Bald Knob Housing Authority, Bald Knob Industrial Development Commission and the Bald Knob Education Committee. he also previously served as a member and president of the Bald Knob Rotary Club and the Lions Club, and served on the board for the Shady Grove Cemetery and the Bald Knob Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Powell was a past president of the Arkansas Funeral Directors Association and has been Funeral Director of the year for the state of Arkansas. He served several terms and as Chairman of the Arkansas Burial Association Board. For several years, he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Arkansas Club of Burial Associations.

Mr. Bob had a big heart and was always very generous with his time. Paramount for him was his family, church, community, and his chosen profession, which was his life's calling. He always greeted everyone with a big smile and a friendly word and usually had something witty to add. He was a friend to everyone he met and counselor to many.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Juanita Francis Powell; son, David Powell, Jr. and wife, Cathy; daughter, Cindy Powell Keedy and husband, Ken; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Central Baptist Church or the Bald Knob Education Foundation.