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Suffolk , VA

09.13.1944 - 08.26.2020

Birthplace: Virginia

Benjamin "Bennie" F. Powell, Jr. passed away on August 26, 2020. He was the son of the late Benjamin Franklin Powell, Sr. and Virginia U. Powell. He was reunited with Jerry, the love of his life for 42 years and a sister, Mary Francis Wood.

Bennie was best known for his jokes, tall tales, and musical talents. He enjoyed being with friends over breakfast and lunch, playing golf, dances at the Moose Lodge and spending time with his children and granddaughter.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Brian Powell (Kelly) of Suffolk and Granddaughter, Meghan Powell; sister, Irene Stephens of West Virginia; brother-in-law, Percy Pierce (Josephine); sister-in-law, Bobbie Piland (Frank) both of Suffolk and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Monday, August 31, 2020 from 6 to 8 PM at the R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 11 AM in the Suffolk Christian Church.

The family would like to thank everyone who helped with his care and support during his illness. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Liver Foundation or America Cancer Society. Condolences may be registered at www.RWBakerFH.com

Service

Start Time: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 11:00am

Suffolk Christian Church

216 N Main St.

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

Google Maps Link

Directions to Suffolk Christian Church

(<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Suffolk+Christian+Church,+216+N+Main+St,+Suffolk,+VA+23434,+Suffolk,+VA+23434,+US/@17z>)

Visitation

Start Time: Monday, August 31, 2020 - 06:00pm

End Time: Monday, August 31, 2020 - 08:00pm

R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home

509 W Washington St

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

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Directions to R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home

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Guestbook

**Carol Jean Latimer
Fretwell**

**Thu, 08/27/2020 -
05:13pm**

So sorry to learn of Bennie's passing. We were classmates at Chuckatuck High School. I also saw him at Suffolk Golf Course over the past few years. He was a sweet and funny guy and always had you laughing. I always left him with a smile on my face. Rest in peace Bennie.

Carol Jean Latimer Fretwell

Larry S Powell (cousin)

**Thu, 08/27/2020 -
05:42pm**

Bennie , Jr and I would play guitar for hours when he lived by the pond next to my Mom and Dad's house (William & Jean) I can almost shut my eyes and hear him strike up a chord of "The Bells of St Mary". I would sit across from him and watch his fingers move up and down the neck of his guitar like an ice skater on ice. Those were the good old days!

To the Family, please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you always, and bring you that inner peace that only He can bring at a time like this. I pray that He will lift and carry each of you through this time of grief.
Larry and Ellen Powell

Larry S Powell (cousin)

Sandy Wright

**Thu, 08/27/2020 -
10:26pm**

My thoughts and prayers are with everyone who had the honor to know this man. He always had a smile and a story for everyone. I knew him from the Moose but I would pass his house everyday on my high school bus run and beep the horn. He was like a grandpa to so many. Rest In Peace my friend. Hugs Sandy Wright

Sandy Wright

Tracey Sackett

**Fri, 08/28/2020 -
10:53am**

Brian and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bennie's passing. I just had the pleasure (as always) of talking to him a few weeks ago. He was in good spirits and said he was feeling pretty good. I will miss his stories and jokes. We always talked about the good ole days at the Peanut Market Lounge and how much fun we had there! Prayers for you all.

Tracey Sackett

Robert McDonnell

**Fri, 08/28/2020 -
01:25pm**

Brian and family, I am sorry to hear of the Bennie's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him at the Elks Lodge and we had some great pool games together. May he rest in peace.

Robert McDonnell

Kathy and Jeff Pond

**Fri, 08/28/2020 -
01:49pm**

We are so sorry to hear of Bennie's passing. We knew him socially for many years. He was always quick with a joke. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kathy & Jeff Pond

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Connie Ellis Duck

**Fri, 08/28/2020 -
03:01pm**

Brain, Family & Friends, I knew Bennie and Jerry from all our school days and beyond. They were both always kind and caring. Bennie with his quick wit, musical talent and charm, always left you feeling a little better. I know he and Jerry are strolling around heaven together. Love and prayers.

Connie Ellis Duck

Marion Grigg

**Sat, 08/29/2020 -
09:28am**

I knew Bennie from the 5th. Grade on. We lived in sight of each other on Pitchkettle Rd. during school days and boy did we have fun. I will always remember the time we set a tree on fire smoking cigarettes. Bennie's father had to call the fire dept. to put it out. He and I loved cars and were together every day for years. RIP to a good friend. Marion Grigg

Marion Grigg

Riddick Pearce

**Sat, 08/29/2020 -
10:54am**

To Brian and family.
Sympathy and condolences to you on your loss of Bennie.
We had been out of touch for a number of years, except for a Chuckatuck High School reunion some years ago. His passing was a shock and a surprise.
We were good friends with Bennie and Jerry through high school and beyond.
He was a funny guy, a good friend, and a great guitar player.
He had the Chet Atkins style down pat.
All of us will miss you.

Riddick Pearce

**Jack and Suzanne
Bartles**

**Sat, 08/29/2020 -
11:43am**

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing Brian. He was a lifelong friend and was always the life of the party. Enjoyed spending time with him at the Elk's Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jack and Suzanne Bartles

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cindy sweet

**Sun, 08/30/2020 -
11:36am**

Woody and I knew Bennie a long time, he was a great friend! He would always put a smile on our faces whenever we saw him. His sense of humor is something we will always remember. Love you, Bennie! Our thoughts and prayers are with his loving family.

cindy sweet

Carey Copeland

**Mon, 08/31/2020 -
02:20am**

Sorry to hear this. My prayers are with you'll .

Carey Copeland

Wanda Davis

**Mon, 08/31/2020 -
11:26am**

Sorry to hear about Bennie he was a very nice guy .Everyone that knew him which was many love him.R.I.P

Wanda Davis

Thomas Moore

**Mon, 08/31/2020 -
01:50pm**

I had so many good times with Bennie, i don't know where to start. From shooting pool at the Lodge, to endless lunches at the "BS" table at the golf course and numerous (mostly hysterical) rounds of golf. My condolences to the family. I will miss my friend . Rest in Peace.

Thomas Moore

Victoria Thomas Motley

**Mon, 08/31/2020 -
08:39pm**

Brian and family sending my deepest condolences and prayers at this most difficult time.

Victoria Thomas Motley

Ronald H. Williams

**Tue, 09/01/2020 -
03:29pm**

Dear Brian and Family,

On behalf of the City Treasurer's Office, I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on the loss of your Dad. Your Dad was one of kind. He always had a story or a joke to tell, and he could tell them well. He was always a pleasure to be around. He had many friends and everyone knew Bennie Powell. May you find comfort in the many memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Williams, City Treasurer and Office Staff

Ronald H. Williams



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