



Louise Powell

December 11, 1925 - December 12, 2018

Louise H. Powell
1925 – 2018

On December 12, 2018, Louise Harper Powell passed away at Hospice Care of the Piedmont in Greenwood, South Carolina. She was 93 years old. She lived the last several years of her life at the Wesley Commons retirement community in Greenwood, where she had many friends.

Louise Powell was born December 11, 1925 in Bessemer, Alabama to Ernest Whitman Harper, Sr. and Bertha Michener Harper, a Pennsylvania Dutch Quaker.

She met her husband, Fred B. Powell, at a church sponsored gathering given for the soldiers stationed at the Army Air Corp's Van de Graaff Airfield in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They were engaged during World War II and married on December 21, 1946 while they were students at the University of Alabama. After a life-long career as a mechanical engineer, Fred Powell predeceased her on March 30, 1996 at the age of 71.

Mrs. Powell's most notable accomplishment was the raising of four daughters. In addition to this honorable task, she worked as a kindergarten teacher's aide at Leslie Elementary Public School, a teacher for the Greenwood Literacy Council, and a tutor for the Saturday Morning Reading School, where she was on the forefront of specialized teaching for children with dyslexia. She also taught children's Sunday School classes and was a reading tutor for adult students for over ten years.

Outside of teaching, she led three Girl Scout troops and volunteered at the United Ministries, where she was named "Volunteer of the Year" on two occasions. She was a volunteer at the Wise Penny Thrift Store, a secretary at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, and an administrative employee with S.C.Cotton and Tri-Co Carriers.

She is survived by her four daughters, Judith Powell, Sandy (Joe) Parks, and Melissa

Michener of Raleigh, North Carolina and Lydia (Wade) Wingard of Columbia, South Carolina. She leaves behind three grandchildren: Sam Parks of Raleigh, Katie Wingard of Charleston, South Carolina, and Daniel Wingard of Columbia.

Her older brother, Ernest Harper, Jr. of Huntsville, Alabama predeceased her earlier this year. Surviving are younger brother Charles Harper, of Annapolis, Maryland and older sister Lydia Gnutti, of Greenwood. Both she and her sister lived at Wesley Commons for twenty years.

Upon moving to Greenwood in March of 1965, the family joined Main Street United Methodist Church where Mrs. Powell and her husband were members of "The Hut" Sunday school class. She remained a faithful member of the church for the rest of her life.

The family owes a debt of gratitude to Cindy Gary, who is the Director of Resident Services at Wesley Commons. We deeply appreciate your extraordinary care, commitment, and kindness. We have enjoyed having you as our mother's unofficial fifth daughter.

We also wish to thank our mother's other friends and caregivers at Wesley Commons and Hospice Care of the Piedmont. Mrs. Powell lived the last two months of her life at Hospice and we greatly appreciate the staff's professional and benevolent care. Furthermore, we want to thank Cecilia and Cotton for your loyal visits; you brightened her days. Though we cannot mention everyone here, know that we believe our mother was blessed with the devotion of her friends and caregivers.

The entire family will miss our loving mother, grandmother, and sister. Her gentle faith made her a strong and compassionate woman.

The family will be receiving visitors at Wesley Commons at 1110 Marshall Road in Greenwood on Thursday, December 20 from 10:30-11:00. Immediately following, a memorial service will be held at Wesley Commons at 11:00. Interment will be a private event for the family at Greenwood Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial donation to your favorite charity.

Cemetery

Events

Greenwood Memorial Gardens
3302 Highway 25 North
Hodges, SC, 29653

DEC 20 **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

Wesley Commons Asbury Hall
1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC, US, 29646

DEC 20 **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Years ago, when I accompanied Louise's daughter, Melissa, to South Carolina to visit her Mom, I met a gentle older woman who was the image of her daughter. Mrs. Powell turned out to be that gracious, Southern woman who beckons the newly met stranger to come in and rest after a long trip, to set a spell, have lunch, and get to know one another. Over the years I have come to know Louise as a caring parent and a woman with a quick wit and a sly twinkle in her eye. She and Melissa traded jokes and word play during their long phone calls.

Beverly Branaman - January 29, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Chalice lit a candle in memory of Louise Powell



Chalice - December 24, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ We remember with appreciation when Louise visited us in Raleigh, NC, some years ago. My wife Ann recently lost her father; the bonding that was experienced by his daughters in seeing Papa Hamilton through his final months has stayed with them after his death. We hope that Louise's family can be enriched also in this way.

Frank and Ann Farmer, friends of Melissa

Ann & Frank Farmer - December 23, 2018 at 07:47 AM



“ I'm sending my love and deep sympathy to Mrs. Powell's family. Unfortunately, I never met her. But I served as one of the pastors of her daughter Melissa in Raleigh and know of Melissa's deep love and respect for her mother. These are sad days for all who and loved Louise, but I know they will find that she lives on in the hearts of her family and friends. May God's deep peace be with you all in these days of grieving and in the days of remembering her many gifts that are to come.

Cathy Tamsberg - December 21, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ Although I never enjoyed the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Powell, I am acquainted with her daughter, Melissa, through church. I understand that the fruit doesn't fall far from the tree, so Mrs. Powell must have been a kind and loving person, just as Melissa is. My deepest sympathy is extended to all who loved Mrs. Powell and miss her, especially at this time of year. But I bet she is happy to "make it home for the holidays." . . . Laura Crumpler



Laura Crumpler - December 19, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ Mrs. Powell was one of my favorite residents at Wesley Commons. What a sweet lady she was and she will truly be missed. Praying for strength for her family!
T. Harris (home health CNA)

T'Keyah Harris - December 18, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Thank you for helping to take good care of Mom and for your prayers.

Melissa - December 19, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ Cotton and I so enjoyed our visits with Louise and I will always cherish the love and lessons I received from her. She became my dear friend and I will miss her bright-lighted spirit very much. My love and prayers to her entire family.

Celie Mescall - December 17, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ Thank you for bringing a little joy into Mom's days and for your prayers.

Melissa - December 19, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ Melissa Michener lit a candle in memory of Louise Powell



Melissa Michener - December 16, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ Mom loved the color green. The furniture was green. The carpet was green. The car was green. The house was painted green... I ended up buying a green house 21 years ago and it's still green! The color is supposed to keep the woodpeckers off of the house. Thanks, Mom.

Melissa Michener - December 16, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ I couldn't have asked for a better mother-daughter relationship. Mom truly loved all of her children. I miss her so.

Melissa - December 19, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ From: Melissa Michener purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Louise Powell.



From: Melissa Michener - December 16, 2018 at 12:18 PM