



Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell

August 5, 1951 - January 26, 2021

Saluda, SC

Gerald Powell

Gerald Bland "Pooh Bear" Powell, 69, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Self Regional Healthcare.

Born in Greenwood, he was the son of the late Elzie Bland Powell, Jr. and Aline Horne Powell, and husband to Janice Ross Powell. He retired from SCDOT after 28 years of employment and also retired from the US Army National Guard after serving 33 years. He was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church where he was a board member and served on the cemetery committee, as well as being a Mason with Travis Lodge # 241. He was a talented drummer who played music with several rock, country and beach bands throughout the years.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Janice Ross Powell, two sons, Travis Powell and Daniel Powell (Wendy), both of Saluda, two sisters, Glenda Warren (Joe) of Johnston and Virginia Enlow (Greg) of Ninety-Six, and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Powell is preceded in death by his beloved puppy, Bootsie.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church with Rev. Charles Adams and Rev. Jerry Temple officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, c/o Tim Berry, 705 Edisto Street, Johnston, SC 29832.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery

159 Bethlehem Church Rd
Johnston, SC 29832

Previous Events

Funeral

JAN **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
159 Bethlehem Church Rd.
Johnston, SC 29832

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell*



Brenda Goodman - February 05, 2021 at 09:48 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell*



Lisa Smith - February 05, 2021 at 08:51 AM

BS

“ *I'm just now hearing about this and my heart is saddened. What a super guy and a great human being. Always positive with a great attitude. I played in a band with Pooh for about 6 or 7 years. I had not seen him in years but always thought about him and wondered what he was up to. He will be greatly missed.*



Billy Summer - February 03, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Janice, so very sorry to hear about Gerald. I know your heart is broken. You and the boys will be in my prayers tonight.*

Frank Sligh - January 31, 2021 at 07:41 PM

LT

“ *Janice, so sorry for your loss. May God give you strength during this time of sorrow.*

Larry Turner

Larry Turner - January 30, 2021 at 07:26 PM

SH

“ *Janice and sons I am so sorry for your loss. May Gerald rest in peace.*



Sethalene Huff - January 30, 2021 at 01:00 PM

WH

“ *Charlotte & I are so thankful that we got to met up with Gerald and the family. We connected at once and I loved him and all of you which make a thing like this all the more heart wrenching. He took me around and let me meet all the family there that we could, and I will miss him deeply. We will be back. We love you all so very much.*

William E Horne - January 30, 2021 at 12:39 PM

JM

“ *Janice and family, deep sorrow and prayers with so many fond memories of my childhood friend. Jane Mims*

Jane Mims - January 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DG

“ I am very proud to have crossed paths with Pooh Bear and that he became an instant true friend. We shared a lot of the same things over our time together including playing football, music, Military, Masons, and Retirement. He loved sharing and receiving updates, or SITREPs as we called em, on all our military buddies on a regular basis. I will miss Pooh Bear but never forget him. ESSAYONS COMRADE until we meet again ! Prayers to Janice and his boys, he loved y'all and was very proud of y'all.

Dwight Gilliland - January 30, 2021 at 10:50 AM

LD

I'm glad I had the opportunity to work with Pooh Bear at the recycle center. We had some good times and laughs together. I'm so glad we had the opportunity to become good friends . Praying that you and your family are surrounded by God's comfort and strength during this difficult time and in the days to comes. I know we will miss him. Prayers to Janice and his family. Love to y'all.

Lester Derrick - January 30, 2021 at 10:35 PM

RL

“ Rick, Chris & Landon lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell



Rick, Chris & Landon - January 30, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ Yellow Sunflowers (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell.



January 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM

DS

“ *Janice, Glenda, and Virginia, very sorry to hear of your loss of Gerald. He was always so sweet and kind whenever I saw him and never failed to speak to me and ask about me and my family. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Koon Stover - January 29, 2021 at 05:40 PM

JA

“ *MANY PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY AND LOVE FOR THE DAYS AHEAD . JANE AUTREY*

JANE AUTREY - January 29, 2021 at 09:12 AM

AB

“ *Janice and family, we are so sorry for your loss. May God give you strength during this time of sorrow. 🙏❤️🙏*



Ann and Robert Bowles - January 29, 2021 at 08:04 AM

DD

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Mrs . Janice. I will miss him at the Circle and our football conversations. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



David Douglas - January 28, 2021 at 11:34 PM

MF

“ Mose & Robin Salters & Family lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell



Mose & Robin Salters & family - January 28, 2021 at 07:10 PM

DP

“ Debbie Gilbert & Justin Powell lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell



Debbie Gilbert & Justin Powell - January 28, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ Janice and Family, I am so sorry for your loss! Gerald was a great guy and a friend! Just know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers!! If I can do anything let me know! 🙏🙏❤️

Jenny Henry - January 28, 2021 at 05:25 PM

GM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gina McClain - January 28, 2021 at 05:16 PM

Lynn
Kramer

“ I am so sorry for your lost. Praying for your family.

Lynn Kramer - January 28, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DC

“ You all are in our prayers. He will be missed



David and Elaine Clary - January 28, 2021 at 04:06 PM

SM

Janice, you are definitely in my thoughts and prayers! This is a tough road to travel; our God will strengthen and sustain us! Love you, Shelby Mitchell

Shelby Mitchell - January 31, 2021 at 10:31 AM

EL

“ Janice and family. I am so sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. He was a great man and loved by many. Prayers for God's comfort during this time. Elise & J.C. Rodgers

EliseRodgers - January 28, 2021 at 03:34 PM

WG

“ William And Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Pooh Bear" Powell



William and Naomi Goodman - January 28, 2021 at 11:47 AM

PL

“ There are no words to express the sorrow we feel for Pooh Bear's family. He was a part of "Southern Jam Band" for many years, bringing his talent, humor, generosity, not only to the band, but all the followers. He was loved by many. We hope that all the good memories will flood your thoughts. Our prayers are with you all in this most difficult time.

We are here if you need anything. Pam and Joel Long

Pam Long - January 28, 2021 at 11:28 AM

MW

“ Gerald and I worked together at the SCDOT. I will always remember Gerald's commitment to assisting landowners as much as possible on numerous right of way projects. Working with Gerald was a great experience. I would like to extend my sympathy to his family.

Mark A Walker - January 28, 2021 at 11:08 AM

CS

“ Janice and family, so sorry for your loss. Pooh Bear was a special guy. Will miss his laugh and sense of humor. I enjoyed our talks through the years. God bless and guide you through this difficult time.

Cathy Stone - January 28, 2021 at 10:27 AM

HF

Ms. Janice, please accept our deepest condolences. Gerald always brought humor and a positive attitude to any situation, he will be greatly missed. May his memory be a blessing.

Herb & Jodie Fedder

HF - January 29, 2021 at 09:02 AM

TH

“ *Janice, I am so sorry that you and your boys lost Pooh Bear. I thought quite a lot of him. He is one of my students who always made me laugh, and even after he became an adult. I send my love and sympathy to you and your children. Trilby Higbee*

Trilby Higbee - January 28, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JE

“ *Your Family are in Our thoughts and Prayers. A good FRIEND who will be missed.*

Jerry, Brenda and Your Friends at The Hardware Store.

Jerry - January 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM

RR

Janice and family, we are so very sorry to learn of Gerald's passing. He was always a joy to be around. Much love & prayers. Randy & Mable Robertson

Randy & Mable Robertson - January 28, 2021 at 11:45 AM

DB

Janice, I am so sorry for your loss. Gerald was a beloved member of our class. We will miss him. Debra DeLoache Bishop

Debra Bishop - January 28, 2021 at 12:22 PM

AS

Janice and boys, We're so sorry that you have lost Gerald and know that you will miss him terribly. May God bless you and be with you all as you adjust to this change in your life. God will keep in His safe, loving arms.

*Anne Shuler and
Daisy Porter and families*

Anne Shuler - March 18, 2021 at 07:57 PM