



Jerry Cleaves Pow

March 18, 1948 - April 5, 2022

Saluda, SC

Jerry Pow

Jerry Cleaves Pow, 74, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at his home.

Born on March 18, 1948 in Newberry, SC to the late Frank C. Pow and Meta Lou McCarty Pow, he was the husband of Brenda Harrington Pow. Jerry graduated from Saluda High School in 1966. He then attended The Baptist College of Charleston. Jerry returned to Saluda with great ambition, where he eventually opened Ace Hardware (now The Hardware Store) one of the first national franchises in Saluda, SC. He was a member of Saluda Baptist Church and served in the South Carolina National Guard, 122nd Engineer Company in Saluda.

Jerry was a devoted business man, pillar in the community and faithful servant to the town of Saluda. More importantly he served his heavenly Father well, caring for others constantly and most of the time anonymously. He always rooted for the underdog whether in life or sports.

Jerry will be remembered for the joy, kind heart, and humor that he poured onto each encounter. This love of life and people was evident if you just met him, or had known him your entire life. He had a way of making you smile even if you felt like crying. Few people could tell a story with the charm, character, and enthusiasm the way he could. He lived his life by simply following a phrase he often said, "Don't worry be happy"

Surviving are his wife, Brenda Harrington Pow, three sons, Mark Pow of Greenville, Brian Pow of Newark, DE and Jeremy Pow of Columbia, three sisters, Jeanita Forrest (Danny) of Rock Hill, Sallie Quattlebaum (Russell) and Mary Alice Quattlebaum (Floyd) both of Saluda, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, April 10, 2022 at Saluda Baptist Church with Rev. Jeff McCartney, Rev. Don Bishop, Rev. Burton Campbell and Minister Chris Bosket. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the church foyer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646 who recently cared for both Jerry's and Brenda's mothers.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Saluda Baptist Church
112 West Wheeler Circle
Saluda, SC

Memorial Service

APR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ RIP



Phil - April 13, 2022 at 06:39 AM

PH

“ Phil sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Cleaves Pow



Phil - April 13, 2022 at 06:37 AM

CR

“ Never forget Mr Jerry as our little league coach. Also remember him as a life long friend. Prayers for the family.



Chad Rodgers - April 10, 2022 at 08:52 PM

MF

“ Mose And Robin Salters And Family lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cleaves Pow



Mose and Robin Salters and family - April 10, 2022 at 12:42 PM

SL

“ I am glad I met Jerry and Brenda recently on their trip to visit Delaware. Jerry had a great sense of humor and a big smile. My sympathy to his family. May good memories get you through these difficult times.

Sherry Lynch - April 09, 2022 at 07:13 PM

MC

“ *RIP, my friend.*

Miller Chuck - April 08, 2022 at 09:42 PM

MS

“ *MaryAnne Smith lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cleaves Pow*



MaryAnne Smith - April 08, 2022 at 02:56 PM

JS

Even with his passing, it's hard to think of Jerry without a smile. I have remembered so many funny things about him—things he did or stories he told. He has left a big hole in the heart of Saluda.

Jewell Scott - April 08, 2022 at 04:34 PM

MS

“ *MaryAnne Smith lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cleaves Pow*



MaryAnne Smith - April 08, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jerry Cleaves Pow.*



April 08, 2022 at 01:21 PM

DF

“ Who is your most colorful relative? The family character? My brother-in-law Jerry Pow was mine. Up front let me say we differed.

Being close in age, we were competitive as young men. I am a Dick Riley-Jimmy Carter let's-meet-in-the-middle moderate. Jerry thought I was a socialist. Though I had my own business and worked for numerous private enterprises, my thirty-four-year career as a teacher made me one of "them," a government worker. Why did I admire him so much?

His wit and sense of humor float right to the top. He once showed up at a family gathering as Barack Obama and made a room full of people laugh until their sides ached.

Most of all I admire him for his loyalty to his family. He looked after the people closest to him. I saw him doze off and on through the night in bad hospital chairs keeping all-night vigils for the sick and dying.

His death saddens me but I can smile at will by summoning a Jerry story to push the sadness away. He roared like a tiger but was as gentle as a lamb.

Danny Forrest - April 08, 2022 at 12:42 PM

AS

“ Jerry was one of the best. We will all miss him. Praying for peace and understanding for the family.

Andy Simons - April 08, 2022 at 11:40 AM

MA

*Sending prayers and love to the family
May you feel comfort in knowing he is in the living arms of Jesus
Brenda thinking of you with love*

MadelynSauer - April 08, 2022 at 01:03 PM

JL

Always remember Jerry with joy and happy times like his Mama. May the Jerry Joy live on

Jerry Lee Owings Laseter - April 08, 2022 at 01:38 PM

WS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



William Simons - April 08, 2022 at 11:38 AM

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William Simons - April 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

SM

“ Brian and family. Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. It sounds like he was quite a guy!
Your friends and co-workers at American Home & Hardware.

Steve Miller - April 08, 2022 at 08:41 AM

KL

“ A good man who will be missed.

Keith Lester - April 08, 2022 at 07:04 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jerry Cleaves Pow.



April 07, 2022 at 10:40 PM

WG

“ William And Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cleaves Pow



William and Naomi Goodman - April 07, 2022 at 10:20 PM

BG

“ Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cleaves Pow



Brenda Goodman - April 07, 2022 at 10:19 PM

KP

“ Mrs. Brenda Pow, please know that you and your boys are in my prayers. I have so many fond memories of Mr. Jerry while I was growing up in Saluda. ❤️🙏 He was one of my favorite Saluda Legends!

Kim Price - April 07, 2022 at 08:32 PM

CF

Mark, Brian and Jeremey your dad always made me laugh. So sorry for y'all's loss. Brenda you are in my thoughts and pray.

Chris Forrest - April 08, 2022 at 12:54 PM

DN

Jerry was my friend. I will miss him. He was a loyal member of the county transportation committee. He did his homework and and served as an advocate for the citizens Dan Neel

Dan Neel - April 10, 2022 at 05:54 PM

WG

Jerry was a good friend of mine in the Saluda National Guards . He was always funny and fun to be around . Had not seen him much lately . He was always scared of snakes and someone was always scaring him. If you were talking to him face to face and someone grabbed his pants leg from behind and yelled snake , he would start beating you on the chest and run . One day he was driving an army truck and someone threw a rubber snake in the window and Jerry jumped out and let the truck go finally hitting a tree and stopping. I will miss my friend ! Rest In Peace Jerry !

Wayne Golden - April 11, 2022 at 03:01 PM