



## Robert "Bobby" Powers

October 28, 1946 - January 10, 2021

Robert "Bobby" Powers, 74, of New Waverly went to be with his Lord on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at his home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 P.M. on Wednesday, January 13. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 14, at Sam Houston Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas at 10:00 A.M. Pastor Roland Oliphant and friend Jimmy Hammons will officiate and a burial service will follow at Hill Cemetery in New Waverly. Bobby dedicated his life to the Lord and is now in his loving arms.

Bobby was born October 28, 1946, in Houston, Texas, to Robert Powers and Hattie Wojcik. He graduated from New Waverly High School in 1964. Bobby loved old, loud and fast cars and he loved people so it was only fitting that his chosen profession mixed the best of both worlds. In 1972, he purchased a storefront in his hometown and Powers Auto Supply was born. He operated the store for almost 50 years where he could always be found at the counter ready to help anyone who needed it. Bobby served as Assistant Chief and later became Fire Chief of the New Waverly Volunteer Fire Department. He had many stories of him and Constable Avon Bartee going on calls with just the two of them. Some scary and some funny. Bobby was a big supporter of many veteran organizations like Wounded Warriors and Folds of Honor. In addition, he was a lifelong supporter for almost all types of New Waverly fund raisers.

Our lives are better for knowing him and he will forever be missed.

His wife Renee has lost her soulmate but will see him again. He is survived by

his brother Lawrence Wojcik and wife Mary, by his children Austin, Heather, Jessica Gathright and husband Paul, Charlotte Ratliff and husband TJ, and Scott. He was known as Poppy to his grandchildren Brendan Gathright, Julia Muehlstein, Stella and Olivia Ratliff. Many other friends and family loved and will miss Bobby. He is preceded in death by his mother Hattie, father Robert Powers, and stepfather Walter Wojcik.

Due to COVID-19 we ask that everyone in attendance please wear a mask. For those who do not feel comfortable in attending, please know that Bobby would have wanted you to put you and your family's health above anything else. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hill Cemetery

New Waverly, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation - Masks required per family request

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bobby" Powers*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Over 60 years of friendship. Bless you. Mutt & Linda*

**Martin Slott** - January 14, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *Selfless, considerate and always a gentleman. We have all in New Waverly lost a really good man with a giving spirit. Prayers for his kids, family and hugs.*

**Donna Vick** - January 14, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *What an amazing man! Never a time he wasn't smiling and sharing God with others! Thank you Bobby, we will miss you my friend!*

*Michael & Carla DeFrance*

**Michael DeFrance** - January 14, 2021 at 11:15 AM



MS

“ Bobby was one of the first friendly faces I met when I came to New Waverly almost 20 yrs. ago now. He always had time to stop what he was doing, give a genuine handshake and thanked me for my business. I'll always think of Bobby every time I walk through the door of his store and hear that hardwood creaking under my feet. Nothing better than the feel of a small town owned business which Mr. Powers was true professional at operating. He will be truly missed by myself and the whole community!  
God Bless - Mike Seils

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**Mike Seils** - January 14, 2021 at 09:11 AM

BM

“ I didn't know Bobby a long time but we became friends pretty quick. We shared a lot of knowledge and love for cars, as only car guys can understand. One day he asked me to work for him and we became closer for the next 3 years. I will cherish the time we had talking about our car stories and memories. We have lost a good man, a one of a kind gentleman. Bobby, you will be missed. RIP

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**Bob Miller** - January 13, 2021 at 09:40 PM

RG

“ I will miss Bobby. He was a very good man and an asset to the New Waverly community. We have done a considerable amount of business together in the distant past and I always had a high level of respect for him.

My express condolences to his family, friends and work associates.

I believe that he will be sorely missed by all that new him.

*Russell Gerbasi*

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**Russell Gerbasi** - January 13, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



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January 13, 2021 at 01:16 PM

HG

“ *Hansford Glaze* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



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**Hansford Glaze** - January 13, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



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January 13, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ It was a pleasure knowing and visiting with Bobby over the years through the auto parts business. A super guy. R.I.P.

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**Hansford Glaze** - January 13, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Bobby was my good friend since 1971..my motorcycle riding buddy..often went to the stock car races in Navasota with him..bought his original Elsinore motorcycle and was almost done restoring it and ready to show him..just breaks my heart he didn't get to see it..I'll sure miss you my friend..a cornerstone of our community..RIP my friend..

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**Eddie Williams** - January 13, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ Bobby was a wonderful man who will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

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**Bebe & Diane Tomczak** - January 12, 2021 at 10:21 PM

VB

“ Valorie & Chuck Berta purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



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**Valorie & Chuck Berta** - January 12, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



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January 12, 2021 at 09:23 AM

MC

“ What a great friend Bobby was throughout all these years. Just took down my Christmas card from Renee , Bobby, all the rescue dogs and beautiful 57 Chevy.  
We will miss you so much Bobby !

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**Mark Chalker** - January 12, 2021 at 07:41 AM

KC

“ Kelly Mcdonald And Moon Carter lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Powers



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**kelly mcdonald and moon carter** - January 12, 2021 at 05:36 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



January 11, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ Bobby was a wonderful person and will be missed. I enjoyed going into his store to look at his collection of sport cars. My prayers go out o the family.  
Thea Clark

Thea Clark - January 11, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ Bobby was a wonderful person and a major part of our community. Time is going by too fast things are changing way too fast. Bobby was a part of the good ole days and by having the store he kept a part of that alive. He would always wave and speak to you too in town. He will be missed greatly by everybody. My prayers go out to his family

Lorraine Belinowski - January 11, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ Mark Novak lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Powers



Mark Novak - January 11, 2021 at 07:27 PM

CW

“ Bobby will be truly be missed. He was a very good friend to our family. I will miss seeing him at the counter of the store and catching up on the things our families were doing! God bless and comfort his family.

Charles and Diane Wood - January 11, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



January 11, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bobby" Powers



M. Hyvl - January 11, 2021 at 05:15 PM

YF

“ Your New Waverly Pharmacy friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bobby" Powers.



Your New Waverly Pharmacy friends - January 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RS

“ Bobby was a great man, he was such a blessing to many people in the community. He also mentored young students in his parts supply house. Those young people will never forget their first job in life, many thanks Bobby.  
He will be missed.

*Roger and BJ Smith*

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**Roger/ Bj Smith** - January 11, 2021 at 04:09 PM

CM

“ Our family is sending love and prayers to the family of Bobby. He will always be remembered as such a friendly soul. My family always thought highly of Bobby. May he rest in peace with all who have gone before him. Sincerely, Carolyn and Gary McClure and Robert Snoe.



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**Carolyn McClure** - January 11, 2021 at 04:04 PM

KD

“ This guy remember me as far back as when when I was able to start going to work with my dad as a kid. And he and my dad would get to talking parts, cars, tractors name it they chatted up the storm. It's wonderful people like him who remembers who are years down the line that makes them special. He will definitely be missed but I know him and my dad are having a good time chatting in heaven now.

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**Katrina Daniel** - January 11, 2021 at 02:26 PM

SB

“ Bobby was a dear friend to me. As will many others, I shall miss him. He was always ready to help anyone who was in need. When my beloved Avon died, Bobby would listen to me and give words of comfort. Because of the recent quarantines, I have not seen Bobby is a long time, but he will always remain in my heart. Prayers and thoughts for his family.

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**Sara Hardy Bartee** - January 11, 2021 at 02:18 PM