



## Velma Bertha Powell

August 25, 1937 - September 15, 2024

Velma Bertha Powell, 87, went home to her Father's house in heaven on September 15, 2024. Velma was surrounded by her family, her pastor and his wife at her home in Montgomery, Texas.

Velma was born in Memphis, Tennessee on August 25, 1937, to Bertha and Soloman Shankman. She studied at Southwestern University (now Rhodes College) and while attending one summer session at Memphis State University, she met the love of her life Jame G. Powell ("Pete"). She graduated from Memphis State University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. James and Velma were married 56 years when James passed away. Velma was very artistic. She played the piano by ear which was a gift from God. Everyone who came to visit was blessed by her playing the piano. She also played the accordion. Velma loved to paint and gifted many with her artwork. Velma later returned to college to obtain her teaching certificate. She taught fourth grade in the Conroe ISD for nineteen years. Velma was an active member of Living Savior Lutheran Church in Montgomery, Texas. She served on the Bereavement Committee where she cooked many meals. She was also on the Worship Committee, Lutheran Women's Mission League and attended many bible studies.

One of Velma's joys in life was spending time with her family. Velma leaves behind two sons, James Gilbert Powell Jr. and his wife Christine, Steven Bart Powell and his wife Lucia, a daughter Deborah Powell Houghtaling and her husband Gregory. Velma leaves behind nine grandchildren, Christine and her

husband Matt, Jimmy, Brandon, Stephanie, Ashley and her husband Weston, Lexie, Paige and her husband Joe, Jennifer and her husband Steven and Bart. Velma leaves behind five great grandchildren, Mia, Olivia, Ava, Levi and Clark. Velma leaves behind one brother, Bill Shankman and his wife Donna. A Celebration of Life will be held on September 20, 2024, at 11:00 by Pastor David R. Bailes at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 309 Pond Street, Montgomery, Texas 77356. A private burial for the family will be held at Garden Park Cemetery in Conroe, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Living Savior Lutheran Church- "Love Fund".

You may leave written memorials to her familyl at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Garden Park Cemetery

801 Teas Road  
Conroe, TX 77303

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Savior Lutheran Church  
309 Pond Street  
Montgomery, TX 77356

*Private Family Burial*

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve loved Velma since having the privilege of teaching with her in CISD. That was the beginning of a great friendship. Her laughter, great sense of humor, and the love she shared was a beacon of light to all of us! Often, a smile and shared giggle was exchanged with the “Important News” that would arrive at our classroom doors delivered by a student that needed a break from the school day. Velma’s quiet, unimposing ways were at the same time powerful and comforting. The love she showed family and friends will cause our memories of her to burn bright and long. I will miss her.

Becky Taylor - September 19, 2024 at 05:02 PM

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“ I taught with Velma for many years. She was a calm and steady rock on our team. I learned and loved her most these past few years. We bothered alone, so we decided to call each other each day. We had many, many delightful conversations. We might start off with, "I don't have anything to say and 30 minutes later, we would still be talking. The sweetest sound was the sound of her laughter. We were true loving friends! 💕

Bettie Hendrix - September 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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“ Jay Slingerland & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Velma Bertha Powell.



Jay Slingerland & Family - September 18, 2024 at 08:23 PM