



## William "Bill" Chester Powell

April 26, 1947 - May 25, 2017

William (Bill) Chester Powell passed away at St. Luke's Hospital in the Woodlands, TX on May 25, 2017.

Bill was born April 26, 1947 to Chester and Eloise Powell, in Huntsville, TX. He was preceded in death by his father, Chester Powell.

He is survived by Donna Powell, his wife of 47 years; his mother, Eloise Powell; his daughters, Keri Grayson and husband Dale of Pasadena, TX, and Kimberly Powell of Huntsville, TX; four grandchildren, Maci Countz, Hunter Countz, Trey Grayson and Emma Grayson.

Bill graduated from Huntsville High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Sam Houston State University. It was at Sam Houston State University that Bill met and married Donna. Upon graduation from college, Bill and Donna moved to Fredericksburg, TX to begin his job as a chemist for the Texas Department of Agriculture. He was one of only four chemists in the state who tested peanuts to determine their quality after being in storage. Bill enjoyed living in Fredericksburg where both his daughters were born. He was an active member of the Fredericksburg Jaycees and the Methodist Church. Bill became an avid deer and dove hunter and enjoyed playing golf at the Lady Bird Johnson Park.

After 12 years in the Hill Country, Bill felt the need to come back home to his roots of Huntsville. He moved his family in 1981, where he was employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the agriculture division of the Ellis Unit.

In 1984 he went to work for Walker County Precinct One, running the road and bridge crew. He loved working outside with big equipment. He retired from Walker County in 2004.

After retirement, Bill spent many hours doing what he loved, which was salt water fishing and gardening. He bought a boat and an RV and could be found fishing in Matagorda Bay and along the lower Colorado River. During this time he went to Mariners School and obtained his Captain's license and became known as Captain Bill to those who knew him best.

More than anything, Bill had a love of family and friends. They were the most important part of his life. He loved watching his grandchildren growing up.

While he was able, Bill lived life to the fullest and made the most of each day.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Huntsville, TX. Interment will follow at Petree Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3:00-5:00 pm Monday, May 29, 2017 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, TX.

For those desiring, the family requests with gratitude, that memorials be directed to the First United Methodist Church, 1016 Sam Houston Ave., Huntsville, TX 77320.

# Cemetery Details

## Petree Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAY **30**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
1016 North Sam Houston Ave  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Chester Powell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Capt. Bill was a friend of mine. I've always said that a person doesn't need a lot of friends he just needs a few good friends. Bill was one of those good friends.*

*Bill, Donna, Bruce, Quint and I spent so many good times chasing Mr. Red around Matagorda Bay. Bill had the best boat that ever floated Oyster Lake. It was also the heaviest. I know because I spent a lot of time getting "Sling Shot" off Oyster reefs.*

*bill will be missed by so many. We were so blessed to have known him*

*Rest In Peace my friend*

*Greg Smith*

Greg Smith - May 30, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Donna, I am sorry for the loss of your husband.*

*Sincerely,*

*Gayle Spears Kelly*



Gayle Spears Kelly - May 29, 2017 at 12:34 PM

MH

“ I have known this sweet man all my life.! Such a loyal friend....William Chester Powell,I am sure going to miss you!!! Even tho we had not seen each other in a long time,we managed to stay in touch. You were surely loved my many and will certainly be missed. Hurt no more my sweet friend and may your rest be peaceful!!  
MarY Beth Kaltwasser Van Horn

Mary Beth Kaltwasser Van Horn - May 28, 2017 at 12:08 PM

LC

“ Love, Bubba & Liza and Sharron & Clive purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Chester Powell.



Love, Bubba & Liza and Sharron & Clive - May 27, 2017 at 12:52 PM

TA

“ The Robinson Family Association purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Chester Powell.



The Robinson Family Association - May 27, 2017 at 12:07 PM

SW

“ Sheila Morris and Teresa Williams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Chester Powell.



Sheila Morris and Teresa Williams - May 27, 2017 at 09:43 AM

BC

“ *Condolences to your family. Bill and I grew up in the Crabbs Prairie community. It is always sad to hear of a schoolmate and friend being called Home. May God bless and uphold you during this time.*  
*Billy Crabb*

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**Billy and Peggy Crabb** - May 27, 2017 at 09:32 AM

SM

“ *Dear Family,*  
*I have prepared a tribute to Bill in my blog today.*  
*You can see it at <http://www.iwillcallit.com>.*  
*Eloise, I will print a copy and mail to you.*  
*I'm sorry I can't be with you all for the services - please know I will be with you in spirit. Losing Bill is like losing a part of my childhood.*  
*My love to you all,*  
*Sheila*

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**Sheila Morris** - May 26, 2017 at 03:21 PM