



William Ralph Powell

April 5, 2011

William Ralph Powell Passed on March 31st, 2011, in Montgomery Texas at age 82. Ralph was born in Goose Creek Texas, now known as Baytown Texas. He enlisted in the Texas State Guard in 1944 at age 16. He was awarded the Texas Service Medal. He attended Sam Houston State College and Boxed Golden Gloves. A lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross and the Lions Club. He was a Registered Safety Professional and a long standing member of the ASSE. He helped establish the first Volunteer Marine Emergency Rescue Corp in Texas including a scuba dive rescue team. Active in the Wooster Volunteer Fire Dept., he helped establish the Houston Area "Channel Emergency Mutual Aid" organization along with the yearly Industrial Fire Fighting Training School at Texas A&M, where he taught fire fighting along with teaching at Reno, Nevada, Washington State and Alaska Industrial Fire Schools. He was a true and respectful Out Doors Man, enjoyed hunting and fishing his whole life, an avid flyer who truly loved aviation. A great Father and Role Model to his family and those around him. He is preceded in death by his mother, father and sister. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Iona Powell, his Daughter and Son-in-Law Andree and Richard of Bellingham, Son and daughter-in-law Kim and Parmela of Bellingham, Son and daughter-in-law Scott and Lisa of Montgomery/Houston. His Grand Daughters Cynthia and Suzanne, their mother Margie and Great Grand-kids Aaron and Evelyn Rose, Niece Carol and many great friends and acquaintances. Services are scheduled for: Tuesday April 5th, 2011 3:00 p.m.,

at Montgomery United Methodist Church 22548 Hwy 105, Montgomery Texas 77356. In lieu of flowers, please donate in William Ralph Powell's name to : Ducks Unlimited Memorial Contributions, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis Tennessee 38120. Memorial form available on line at: www.ducksunlimited.com or call 1-800-45-DUCKS. He will Greatly Missed. You may leave a written tribute on our website; www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *William Ralph Powell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Iona, Scott, Andree and Kim --*

I have just now learned of Uncle Ralph's passing and am sorry to be late with my note.

Uncle Ralph was a such a terrific, fun part of our family and I loved him a great deal. Such wonderful memories of growing up in Brownwood and many visits to Washington state.

Your sadness cannot be lessened by anyone's words, but please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Keith (aka: "Smiley")*

Keith Heimann - July 30, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ *Dear Iona and Family - Del and I were so sadden to read of Ralph's passing... We have wonderful memories of all the many social gatherings and dinners with our sorority sisters we shared together ... We'll always remember Ralph's quiet demeanor and suddenly he would surprise us all with his GREAT JOKES! We're so happy that you could return to "his wonderful TEXAS" these past years. We'll "treasure" your friendship always. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Del and Sue Stremler - April 09, 2011 at 11:17 PM

JE

“ Ralph taught a youbg kid a lot. He taught me about fire fighting, safety and how to be a good employee. He also taught every day by example. He taught about being a decent man, good husband and mostly a mentor and friend.
He is a legend.

Jake "Jack" Eigenbrood

Jake Eigenbrood - April 07, 2011 at 09:40 AM

JP

“ We met Ralph and family when he moved to Bellingham Wa. and from the first time you met him you felt that you had known him forever. We both remember his smile that he gave to everyone and his friendship that we will forever have with us. We both would like to send our utmost condolences to his family and thank them for us having had the opportunity to have know a very special person.
Judy and Gordon Polinkus

Judy and Gordon Polinkus - April 06, 2011 at 03:13 PM

LA

“ Iona & family-I am saddened to learn of Ralph's passing. He was a wonderful gentleman. I have great memories, and know what a devoted husband and father he is. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Loxie

Loxie Ayers - April 04, 2011 at 02:13 PM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in these trying times. We are certainly all diminished.

Bayside Engineering & the Maakad Family - April 04, 2011 at 02:05 PM

FC

“ Dear Iona and family So sorry to hear of your loss Peace love and prayer s to you

Frances Canet - April 03, 2011 at 03:02 PM

FC

“ Iona and family so sorry to read of Ralps's death in the paper today Peace,,love and prayers to each of you

Frances Canet - April 03, 2011 at 02:58 PM

DP

“ Iona:
So sorry to hear about Ralph. My fondest memories are when you both hosted party's for Ferndale Lions at your home. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Take care, Donna

Donna Portrey - April 03, 2011 at 01:05 PM

ER

“ To the Powell family; I was so sorry to have found out about Ralph's passing. I first got to know him as a young volunteer with Wooster, spent a lot of time with him in the bay on late night calls. I worked with him as an industrial fireman and later as fire chief for Exxon. Many good memories of Ralph. He was a true professional and I owe many of my successes to the things that Ralph taught me over the years. He was a great friend, May God Bless each of you at this time and our prayers are being offered to each of you. Linda and E.J."Punchy"Riley

E.J. "Punchy" Riley - April 03, 2011 at 11:06 AM

MT

“ COUSIN: SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT RALPH. I HAVE WONDERED WHERE YOU AND RALPH WERE. SAD THAT THIS HAD TO HAPPEN FOR ME TO FIND YOU. I HAVE SENT THIS TO BEV MY BROTHER.

MEREDITH BERGERON TYER - April 03, 2011 at 10:22 AM

PS

“ My condolences to the Powell family. I have fond memories of Ralph and Iona from the Brownwood days, and when they hosted me once for dinner in Bellingham. May God bless all of you.

Paul and Rachel Sheffield - April 03, 2011 at 12:35 AM