



# Herschel L Powell

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**H**erschel Leroy Powell passed away at home on July 27, 2020

He was born in Oklahoma City May 29, 1926 to George and Kathryn Powell. He had four brothers and two sisters. Danny Powell is the youngest brother.

He and his wife Caroline reside in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Herschel served in the United States Navy during WWII on the USS LACKAWANNA in the Pacific Theatre.

After the war, he attended Texas Tech. As a professional engineer, he was licensed in over thirty-five States. He had been a member of ASHRAE, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air conditioning Engineers, he also had been a member of ASPE, American Society of Plumbing Engineers. He was in business with his son Rob, for over forty-five years when he retired at the age of ninety.

Herschel moved to Memphis in 1953 with his young family. His first wife, Betty Lou (Youngblood) and their two boys Danny and Rob. Herschel was instrumental in bringing the new science of air-conditioning to the mid-south. Herschel and Betty were married and devoted to one another for thirty-six years when Betty sadly passed away.

Herschel was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and served in all capacities in both Raleigh SDA Church and Memphis First SDA Church until his death. He particularly enjoyed having Friday night Bible studies in his home.

Herschel personified unconditional love and service, Love for his family and his fellow man, and Service to his community. Most of all, Herschel Loved, served, and honored God.

Herschel is preceded in death by a Son, Danny Dale Powell.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 37 years, Rita Foster Powell, Son, Robert Herschel Powell (Hope). 5 Grandchildren; Heather Frederick, Deidre Cuartas, Kathryn Vaughn, Robert S. Powell, Michelle Goodman, 12 Great Grandchildren, 3 Great Great



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Grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to Memphis First SDA Church for building upkeep. Herschel always gifted his services when building or remodeling SDA churches.

The family request that everyone dress casual.

Those who are unable to attend please follow attached link for live web casting.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/34552>





# Events

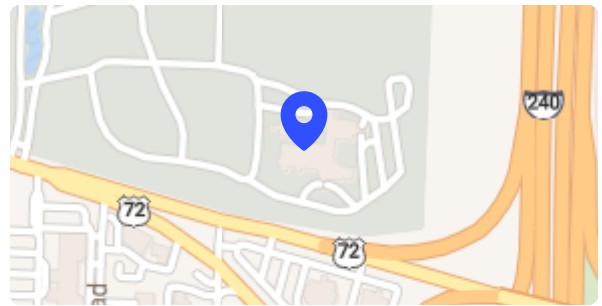
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## Celebration of Life


 **Saturday**, August 8, 2020

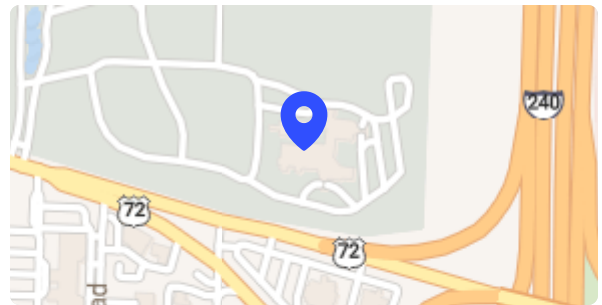
 4:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel**  
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119



## Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Mausoleum**  
5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119





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**Ed Nemon** posted:

Heartfelt sympathy to all of the Powell family, from the Thomas J Nemon family. Herschel was a fine man and associate always. Ed Nemon

August 8 at 6:46 AM



**Joanne Dalton** posted:

Rita, My prayers and thoughts are with you. Herschel and you had a beautiful life together. The few times I was around him, he was always a true gentleman and loving and caring. Love, Joanne Dalton

August 7 at 8:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Powell family.



August 4 at 8:44 AM



**Sue Monroe** posted:

Herschel and Rita have been my dear friends since I moved back from California to Memphis in 1986. I attended bible studies at their home many Friday nights and enjoyed the fellowship as well as Herschel's leading out in the studies. Herschel's understanding of the Bible and his willingness to put into practice what he learned shaped his character and his life. He was a man of God. Not only did he put his all into studying the Bible but in more recent years he took up putting together jigsaw puzzles. I spent many hours with him sorting pieces by color and trying to find the right place for each piece. I will miss his friendship, his kindness to me and his patience and perseverance putting together his puzzles. I couldn't give up because he wouldn't give up.

August 3 at 6:10 PM



**Debbie Wooley** posted:

What I remember about Herschel was what a kind and gentle man he always seemed to be. He will be missed. May God fill his loved ones with peace and comfort.

August 3 at 10:39 AM



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**J M Kirkland** posted:

My condolences to the family.

July 29 at 8:25 AM



**Wayne Guthrie** August 5 at 2:37 PM

I always thought of Hershel as the "Patriarch" of our Memphis SDA Church. We will miss him. Wayne Guthrie



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Herschel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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