



Gerald Martin Powell

May 3, 1943 - March 21, 2021

To view the service for Gerald Martin Powell's live stream please use the link below: https://youtube.com/channel/UCLLNJxgAMZUt_njHZdNID7A

Gerald Martin Powell was born on May 3, 1943 to Gilbert and Demetrius Powell, in George's Valley Manchester, Jamaica. He attended George's Valley All Age School and later Upholstery Trade School. On successfully completing training, he took a position as a furniture upholsterer as a means of supporting his family, which by then included a son Ricky and a daughter Petronia, and later another son RoxRoy. He immigrated to the United States in 1980 and settled in Connecticut. He later moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where he lived with The Francis family, his cousins.

Brother Powell, as he was affectionately called by family and friends, started attending the Berea Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church, where he met his lovely wife Joyce Genus. They both said it was "love at first sight" and on October 7th, 1984 they were married at Boston Temple SDA. In 1985 their first daughter Anne Marie, was born, and in 1987 they were again blessed with another beautiful baby girl, Stacey. The Powell's began attending the Cambridge Seventh-day Adventist Church where Brother Powell held many prominent positions, including elder. He was instrumental in helping the Cambridge body of worshippers secure their first church building. In 1999 the Powell family joined Roxbury Mission, which was renamed The Waymark SDA

in 2007 and there, continued to worship and faithfully serve, until leaving Massachusetts for retirement, in Florida, in 2016. Bro. P has a God-given gift, no doubt, which he in turn used to the glory of God. He would invite many families to the Seventh-Day Adventist church to have their babies dedicated. He also brought family members to a knowledge of Christ, even to the point of baptism, as the family reminisced recently; "If it was not for Bro P, I would not have come to know the truth in the Bible". Prior to leaving for Florida, Brother Powell also volunteered as custodian for the church, another act of selflessness. And, as his final vocation in Massachusetts he transported the children to and from the Tender Heart Day Care. In Florida, the Powell's became members of Patmos Chapel.

Best described as a dedicated Servant of God, here was a man who met the challenge of each position to which he was called, with equal amount of commitment and devotion. It was his love of God, and for man, that was evident in his words and actions. As Elder, he demonstrated that he had a keen knowledge of the doctrines of the church, as Deacon, he was delighted to assist others as Pathfinder Director, he provided responsible leadership to the youth. In fact, a family of four young adults who became Pathfinders under his tutelage, expressed profound sadness at his passing, such is his lasting influence.

Always with a smile on his face, Brother Powell was able to strike a unique balance between the seriousness of his many church positions and the need to make others laugh.

He did not miss an opportunity to tell a joke, even if the joke was on him. Who can forget his colorful children's stories, but moreover, who can forget the look of deep interest on the children's faces as he told the stories of his days growing up in Jamaica, complete with props and actions? He played a number of different instruments and all were self-taught. He could often be found

alone in the sanctuary practicing for an upcoming concert, where his guitar or mouth organ renditions would be one of the most anticipated performances of the event.

Anyone who knew Brother Powell in his youth, would describe him as fearless. Had it not been for the mercy of God, Brother Powell may not have even made it to the United States. As a young child, he fell into a hole and was in danger of suffocating before he was plucked to safety. There was also the time he fell head first into a tank of water and was in danger of drowning before he was gallantly rescued. As a young man, he apparently was hit by cars a number of times, as he maneuvered through the busy streets of Jamaica on his bicycle. The word that one would use to describe him as an adult was industrious – he taught himself to play the many instruments that he played and at one point, he offered to teach others as well. He was good at farming, painting, photography, videography, tailoring and even tried and successfully mastered crocheting.

Everyone who ever met and knew Brother Powell will miss this soft-spoken ambassador for God. His wife Joyce Powell will miss a loving husband, his sisters Lucille Ferguson, Olive Mae Blake, Geneva Nosworthy and brother, James Powell, will miss their supportive sibling. His children, Claudette Daley, Eric Powell, Marcia Foster-Bennett, Petronia Powell, Roxroy Powell, Vaughna Genus, Andrea Williams, Anne Marie Sinclair and Stacey Powell will miss their dearest dad. His 16 grandchildren, 3 great-grands, nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends will miss his jovial presence. His church family will miss the man they called Elder Powell, for the example he set and the life he lived.

Death may have separated us from the God of life for a while, but we know that Jesus defeated death. If we are faithful, we will see Elder Powell again

and so today we look forward to the resurrection and to living together forever
so, come Lord Jesus. Amen

Cemetery Details

Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Patmos Chapel S D A
110 Athletes Row
Apopka , FL 32703

Service

APR 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Patmos Chapel S D A
110 Athletes Row
Apopka , FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Martin Powell*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *You are one of the sweetest soul I've ever met, those smiles, kind words, gracious hands... Sleep on dear friend! Rest in the arms of The Creator! To my cousin Joyce, God is with you thru this turbulent time! Trust God and live! From Angela and Jeffreen. We hope to see you soon!*

Jeffreen Clarke - April 04, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *In Desire of Ages, p. 787, Ellen Whites says:
To the believer, death is but a small matter. Christ speaks of it as if it were of little moment. “If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death,” “he shall never taste of death.” To the Christian, death is but a sleep, a moment of silence and darkness. The life is hid with Christ in God, and “when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” John 8:51, 52; Colossians 3:4*

Roseclaire Bulgin - April 04, 2021 at 03:17 PM

PP

“ Our hearts are saddened of the passing of Bro Powell. He was a kind and faithful man of God. He used to pick up my daughter and others on Sunday mornings to go to pathfinder meetings. I was always impressed with him playing the guitar and it inspired me to start playing. He, Bro Libert and Bro Brewster rendered beautiful mouth organ (Harmonica) music at church. Not to mention his story telling. He told one of how you mix the sugar and water drink we called “brebridge” (beverage) He said , you put the sugar in your mouth, add some water and then jump up and down! Yes, he is gone but not forgotten. Sleep in peace Bro. Powell. From Paulette Price, William Price and Alvona Whyte.

Paulette Price - April 04, 2021 at 01:34 PM

GR

“ My condolences to you and your family. Elder Powell you will be missed. May you rest in peace.



Gay Riley-Browne - April 04, 2021 at 10:18 AM

MR

“ Bro P’s story telling will be greatly missed. Story telling will not be the same. Bro Kenroy and Sis Marilyn Rodgers

Marilyn Rodgers - April 02, 2021 at 09:11 PM

PP

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Petronia Powell - April 02, 2021 at 04:46 PM

FF

“ From sis Reid and family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Gerald Martin Powell.



From sis Reid and family - April 01, 2021 at 08:22 PM

MC

“ MURLENA JOYCE CUFFE-MCKENZIE lit a candle in memory of Gerald Martin Powell



MURLENA JOYCE CUFFE-MCKENZIE - April 01, 2021 at 08:11 PM

LC

“ Lackett Cuff lit a candle in memory of Gerald Martin Powell



Lackett Cuff - April 01, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Martin Powell.*



April 01, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Powell family praying for your families that you may have peace 🕊 and Love 💕 and Endurance in this trying time, in Jesus Christ almighty name.. Amen*



Russell's Russell - Bolden - April 01, 2021 at 01:39 PM

PC

On behalf of my family, the Riverdale Avenue and Beulah SDA Churches, I say heart felt condolences to the family of elder Powell. We have you all in our prayers. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Be faithful... and God will give you a crown of life. Be blessed. Pastor P Corrodus

Pastor P Corrodus - April 04, 2021 at 01:42 PM

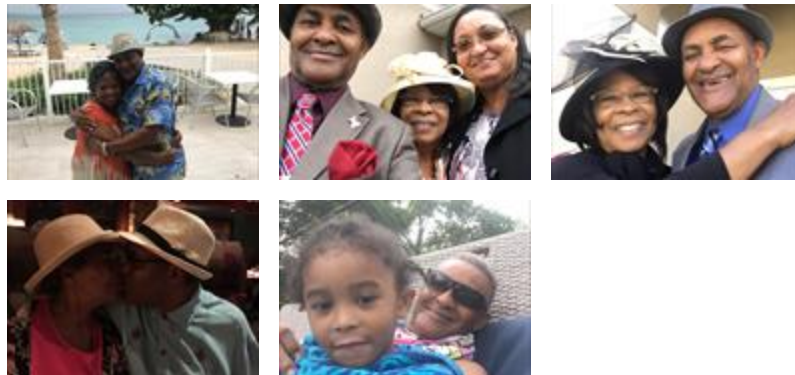
CL

“I am deeply saddened by Bro P’s death; he is greatly missed. Vacations will not be the same. But, I pray that amidst our sad times We can reflect on his kind demeanor and loving attitude he had o everyone. Let’s hold on to the promising words he said to me. He told me one day when I talking to him that he feels as if he is traveling, “but, I do not know where I am going”I said, “Bro. P, it’s ok, the next voice you will hear is Jesus, saying well done” and he said, “yes” and he finished the Bible text, “well done thou good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things I will make you ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of your Lord. So, I leaned closer to him and said absolutely. So, my dear family Let us all endeavor to be there to see brother Powell on that glorious day..

claudette - April 01, 2021 at 08:59 AM

CL

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claudette - March 31, 2021 at 11:35 PM

MM

“ *Murle & Henrick McKenzie purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Gerald Martin Powell.*



Murle & Henrick McKenzie - March 31, 2021 at 09:08 PM

LB

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LaToya B - March 31, 2021 at 06:33 PM

LB

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LaToya B - March 31, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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claudette - March 30, 2021 at 03:34 AM

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claudette - March 30, 2021 at 03:32 AM

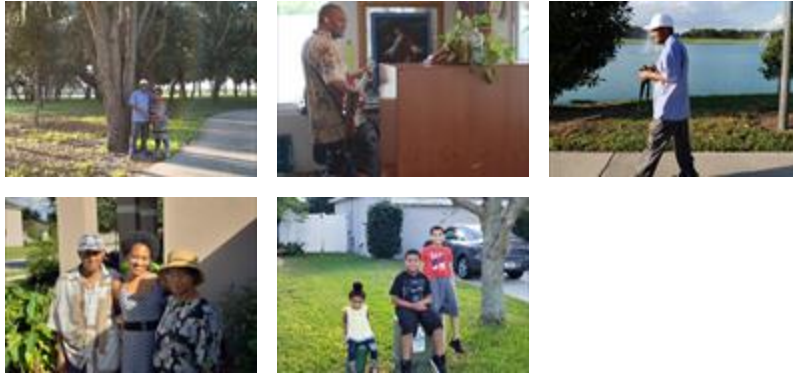
NW

He will be greatly miss

nickey waite - March 30, 2021 at 10:08 PM



AM

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Anne Marie - March 28, 2021 at 08:37 PM

HD

I am saddened to the passing of my bro g but mag his souls  rest in peace of our loving God arms keep sweet in the lord faithful one 

He is my choir leader in my youthful da - March 30, 2021 at 10:06 PM

HD

This is bro griffiths from poughkeepsie NY

He is my choir leader in my youthful da - March 30, 2021 at 10:08 PM

AD

“ My heartfelt Condolences to Joyce and family. His smile will always be remembered. From His neighbors. Al & Angela. Gone but not forgotten



Angela Darnell - March 28, 2021 at 01:10 AM

LB

“ We will miss your gentle sweet spirit ❤️



LaToya B - March 27, 2021 at 05:31 PM

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Andrea Miller (Cousin) - March 27, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MA

My deepest condolences to all the family may God bless 🙏❤️🙏

Maureen - March 28, 2021 at 09:52 AM

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Petronia Powell - March 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

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Petronia Powell - March 27, 2021 at 02:02 PM

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Petronia Powell - March 27, 2021 at 02:01 PM

CM

“ *Elder Powell is asleep for now until Our Saviour comes bursting through the clouds. Bro Powell , a remarkable, funny, jovial, musical and loving man will continue to be in my heart and the warm memories of walking up the street in Dorchester and just sitting and chatting with him while he worked in the garage or in his garden will forever be in my heart. Rest on Bro P and Sis P be encouraged and comforted and know that God is loving carrying you in His arms.*

Christine Marshall - March 27, 2021 at 12:17 PM

PW

“ *It was so nice to go to the Waymark SDA church and see and chit chat with Brother Powell during the time he lived in our area. We send our condolence to the entire family and encourage everyone to keep faith and keep heart. Elder Patrick Williams & Family*

Patrick H Williams - March 26, 2021 at 11:25 PM

RD

“ Bro. Powell was a kind soul. May he RIP.

Rose Dwyer - March 26, 2021 at 01:30 PM

SC

“ Condolences to Bro P family & friends from the Channer's. Our hearts go out to you in your time of grief. The life, love & faith of Bro P was a great inspiration to all of us. 🙏🙏

sueretta channer - March 26, 2021 at 09:58 AM

PP

“ Some of dad brothers and sister



Petronia Powell - March 25, 2021 at 11:31 PM

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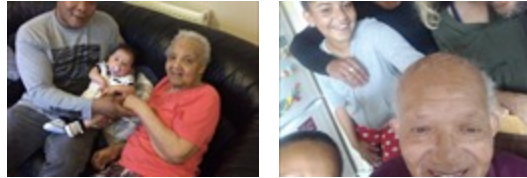
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kayda - March 25, 2021 at 08:06 PM

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Petronia Powell - March 25, 2021 at 11:53 AM

Nadia Sinclair

“ Nadia Sinclair purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gerald Martin Powell.



Nadia Sinclair - March 25, 2021 at 09:00 AM

Nadia Sinclair

“ I want to send my prayers and love to the family. You guys are in my thoughts at this time. Brother Powell we love and miss you. Forever in our hearts...

Nadia Sinclair - March 25, 2021 at 08:51 AM

CJ

“ My condolences to the Powell family on the passing of Uncle Gerald. RIP Uncle G. Your entire family in Canada is sad to know you are gone 😞

Carmaleta Josephs - March 25, 2021 at 12:02 AM

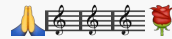
DD

My condolences to the entire family on the passing of Brother Powell. He and I met 42 years ago and I have nothing but pleasant memories of him. We sang together and serve as Pathfinder staff throughout the Northeastern Conference of SDA. RIP my brother.

Dr. Rae Daniel - March 25, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MS

My condolences to the entire Powell family. Your lost is our lost. We weep but not like those who have no hope. To the first resurrection we look forward because the dead in Christ shall rise first. God's blessings



Marlon Salmon - March 25, 2021 at 09:29 PM



*Our condolences to the Powell family. We pray that you will feel God's presence near you during this difficult time. Bro. Powell is resting now but we will see him again on that great getting-up morning. It won't be long. God bless
The Griffiths family, Boston MA*

Joan Griffiths - March 31, 2021 at 09:40 AM

KA

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Kayda - March 24, 2021 at 08:59 PM

KA

We are so sorry to hear of Bro P passing we mourn with the family in this difficult time .Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord #RIP bro P

Kayda - March 25, 2021 at 01:26 PM

JT

“ *Im sad to hear about Bro. P, he was a giant among men! I learned a lot from him...he paved the way for a lot of us. I'm proud to say I knew him.*

Jonathan Tsaku - March 24, 2021 at 01:42 PM

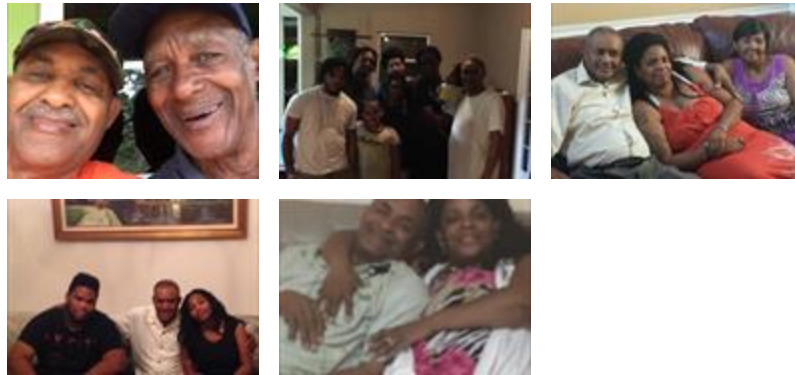
JW

The Williams family is saddened by the passing of our dear bro. Powell. He is gone, but will always be remembered by the Williams family. My deepest love, and condolences to the bereaved families

Joseph Williams - March 26, 2021 at 10:28 PM

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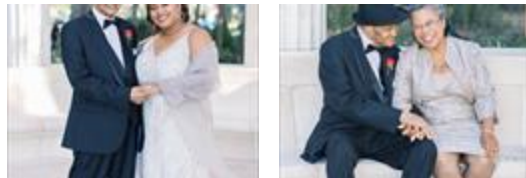
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Anne Marie - March 23, 2021 at 09:10 PM

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Anne Marie - March 23, 2021 at 03:36 PM

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claudette - March 23, 2021 at 03:33 PM

BF

It is with much remorse that I would say good by to a dear cousin, I believe he's gone to a better place. To his families please accept our condolences. Cousin Beverley & family. (Canada)

Beverley Vernal nee francis - March 24, 2021 at 12:32 PM