



James "Jimmy" Irvine Powell

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James Irvine Powell Golf Champion

James "Jimmy" Irvine Powell, age 69, of Rehoboth Beach, DE peacefully passed away on Thursday, June 9, 2016 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born on January 12, 1947 in Wilmington, DE.

Jimmy spent his childhood in Wilmington, graduated from Conrad High School in 1965 and the University of Delaware in 1970.

Jimmy was an avid and passionate golfer and sports enthusiast. He played golf on the UD team and won countless matches and titles including the 1972 Blue Hen classic and the 1975 Delaware Champions of Champions Tournament. Jimmy's greatest moment in golf was winning the Delaware State Amateur Championship in 1976. He won major championships in the 1980s at both Hercules Country Club and Cavaliers Country Club. Jimmy's love for the game was infectious, as he made hundreds of friends and taught countless new and experienced players how to play and improve their games. Jimmy was a faithful supporter of the University of Delaware golf team, and the Delaware State Golf Association Scholarship Fund.

Jimmy was the beloved friend and companion for 36 years of Kathleen Price. He was the eldest son of Irvine Powell of Hockessin, Delaware and the late Lucie Lemal Powell. He leaves his devoted brother David Powell (Liz) of Cornelius NC; his sister Joan Powell Jenaway (Bill) of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; step sisters Patti Emmanuel (Bill) and Gail Walls (Jim); step brother Mark Stevens; nephews Andrew and Charley Powell; nieces Katie and Lizzy Jenaway, and hundreds of dear friends.

A Celebration of Jimmy's Life will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 11:30 am at Rehoboth Beach Country Club, 221 Westside Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Interment will be private.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Delaware State Golf Association Scholarship Fund, 20 W. Buckingham Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS TO REHOBOTH BEACH COUNTRY CLUB.




Events

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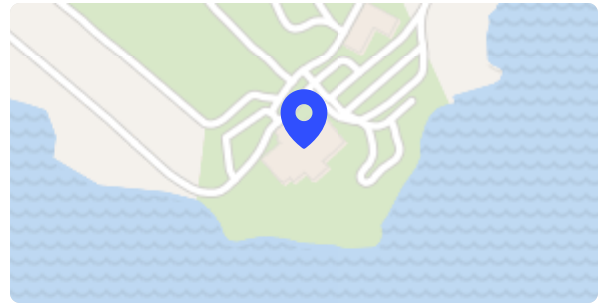
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Celebration of life

 **Saturday**, June 25, 2016

 11:30 AM ET

 **Rehoboth Beach Country Club**
221 W. Side Drive, Rehoboth Beach DE





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DP

Dan Pinto posted:

Im not sure why exactly but I have been think a lot about "Uncle" Jimmy lately. Maybe its football and how he always knew who would win. Maybe its how I still remember as a kid he told me to always get a 100% silk hand made Italian tie, or just giggling my face off. Damn he was so funny. I was so glad I was able to see him before he passed. He was almost gone by then but he look up at me, knew exactly who I was and said, "Danny Boy!" I just loved Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Kathy so much. And too their credit, I was quite the hell raiser as a child. My Dad and Jimmy were the best golf team Delaware ever had. I dont play much anymore but I spent a lot of time around them on the course as a kid and learned how to play pretty good. I havent played 18 in probably 5-6 years, but I could shoot an 85 with put breaking a sweat. They were old school. All little tricks and know how. All the new clubs and tech cant teach you passion and real skill that was passed on to all us Pinto kids. Last post was nine years ago, well, I still miss ya and Dad Uncle Jimmy. Cant wait to have a drink with you in Heaven on day

January 7 at 11:12 AM

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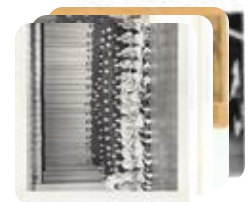
Craig Hable posted:

I just heard of Mr. Powell's passing and it saddened me deeply. As a kid growing up in Pike Creek, I had the good fortune of playing golf at Pike Creek CC. Jimmy Powell took time out of every summer to teach kids the game of golf and he had such a beautiful and friendly touch. We all loved and respected him. Whenever I have heard his name mentioned through the years, I always have cherished the kindness and good humor he provided to a bunch of local kids who looked up to him. Thank you, Mr. Powell.Craig Hable

June 27 at 9:14 AM

PP

Phil Phillips shared an album called **Jim School years.**



June 18 at 3:29 AM



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Phil Phillips posted:

Some of my early memories of Jimmy Powell. Jim and I met in first grade (no public kindergarten back then) at Richardson Park School (RPS) and continued there for 9 years before going on to Conrad High, graduating together in 1965. Since learning this week of Jim's passing I have reflected on those years and some of the events we shared, including 12 years in the same homeroom each school day. As we were tasked early on to learn our numbers we somehow became involved in a competition to write down the numbers sequentially. This may have started as homework to write down 1 to 20 or 1 to 100. Anyway first it was a page, which quickly grew to several pages, then days and weeks later... well anyway I gave up when I realized Jim had dedicated a notebook to the task and had progressed well into numbers which we had no idea how to verbally express. We had no idea what a million or billion was. He would come in each day with more pages he had filled overnight and at every opportunity. Then there was the day the boiler in the basement under our classroom blew up/ caught fire. It was the first time fire trucks came to a fire drill! Jim's mother was from France and came to school to teach us some elementary French and some songs. This culminated in a dress performance with us singing the nursery rhyme "Frere Jacques" in both French and English. It's about Friar John who is sleeping when he is supposed to be ringing the bells. All the French I know I learned in elementary school. In third grade we started in Elementary Band with Mr. Clatch. We both kept with it, continuing on to Jr. High concert and marching bands. Lots of good experiences with that. Following RPS we continued with band at Conrad band camp, more concerts, parades, and even competition in Buffalo, New York in winter! Seeing a picture* of Jim with his tuba brings back many memories. It was also around this time when we joined Cub Scout Pack 97. Trips to the Chrysler tank plant in Newark and to see a ship (SS United States maybe) in New York. This was followed by membership in Troop 97 Boy Scouts with camping at Rodney (Photo) and lots of adventures. One very personal memory was on the first day I came back to school after my father died in 1956. Jim was waiting for me at the edge of the school yard when I got there. He wanted to share his condolences. Pretty heavy stuff for a third grader and something I have never forgotten. Jim's parents had purchased him a World Book encyclopedia so when we had to do school reports, it was a good excuse to go to Jim's house to "study and work on the reports". Enough said about that. Closer to the Jr. High time frame in addition to Band and Scouts we belonged to the WMCA in Wilmington. On Saturday's we would go there to swim, play pool (Jim usually won), and eat lunch. Jim's dad would take us sometimes, but often we took the bus. Jim's house on Catalpa had a basketball net on the backyard garage and a lot of early basketball lessons were learned in that driveway. I recall we felt welcome there. Thinking about sports Jim got into the high jump in Jr. High. This had some mixed results. One day in gym we were doing track and field events and Jim had done several high jumps. Following the last one he complained about his arm hurting a lot so a visit to school Doctor Squires was required. Sure enough Jim's arm was broken. As Dr. Squires explained to Jim about the break, he using Jim's "good" arm as a model, Jim cried out in pain. Yep Jim had broken both his arms! Best to switch to Golf! Jim was the manager of our successful RPS 1960 soccer team. Just a few of the memories of a friend gone too soon. Phil Phillips

June 18 at 3:29 AM



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Bruce Jones posted:

Jimmy was always a good time, he had a good attitude towards life. Shared a few drinks at the Starboard or Kids with our friend Joe Capano. May they both always be in the short grass for eternity.

June 22 at 3:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Powell family.



June 19 at 4:11 AM



Richard Farmer posted:

We are so deeply saddened to learn of Jimmy's passing. What a great friend and colleague he was to us. We will remember all the great times together on the golf course and at Cavaliers. So many funny stories about him and golf will keep him in our hearts forever. We are sorry we cannot be there to celebrate his life. Dottie and Rich Farmer

June 19 at 2:35 AM



Jim Scott posted:

Sorry to read of Jimmy's passing. Fond memories of us playing together at Greenhill, and working with him for a brief stint at New York Life. A great competitor, and well thought of, by his mentor Ellie Taylor. Best wishes to family and loved ones. Jim Scott, Vero Beach FL jscott1238@aol.com

June 18 at 10:47 AM



Jim Scott June 18 at 10:49 AM

Sorry, that's Ellis Taylor



Jerry Amende posted:

I was shocked hear of Jimmy's passing in this morning's New Journal. In the 80s & 90s I played a lot of golf with Jimmy and, although we haven't been in regular contact in recent years, I always enjoyed catching up with Jimmy at Delaware golfing events. He will be missed. Jerry & Jill amEnde

June 18 at 8:00 AM



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Ed Pankowski posted:

A UofD friend of Jimmy ...I played baseball for Hens ,and Jimmy & me always "discussed" which Sport better , baseball or Golf ..played a few rounds with him over the years... He was a good man, putting now on the 19th in heaven !

June 18 at 4:03 AM



Vincent Avallone posted:

Jimmy was more than a golf champion, he was a good friend with a big hearth and i'am so proud to say he was one of my closest friends for the past 36 years. rip good buddyVince & Sally

June 18 at 3:29 AM



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Phil Phillips shared 5 photos to the **Jim School years** album.

June 24 at 5:22 PM



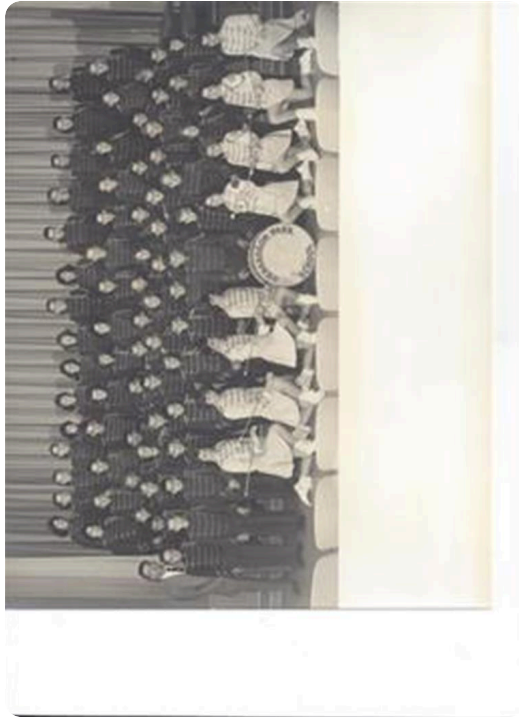
Phil Phillips June 24 at 5:36 PM
RPS Band about 1962



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James "Jimmy" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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