



# James "Jim" Albert Powell Jr.

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## **James "Jim" Albert Powell Jr.**

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**J**ames "Jim" Albert Powell, Jr., age 87 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at his home. He was born on December 20, 1933 in Hell's Holler, WV, son of the late James A. Sr. and Virginia (Collins) Powell.

Mr. Powell was a graduate of East Fairmont High School, in Fairmont, WV. Following high school, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Master's degree in Education Administration from Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. Mr. Powell then began a lifelong career as an educator. He started as a Phys Ed teacher, working at various schools before settling at Caesar Rodney, in Camden, DE, in 1964. During his time at Caesar Rodney, Mr. Powell was the Athletic Director, as well as the football coach, where he was immensely proud of CR's conference championship. He was honored as the Athletic Director of the Year for the State of Delaware. He retired in 2000, after 36 dedicated years. Mr. Powell was consistent in his love for sports throughout his life, officiating for 52 years, and was awarded a 50 Year Award from IAABO, International Association of Approved Basketball Officials Incorporated, for his service in basketball.

Mr. Powell was a loyal member of the Elks in both Dover and Long Neck, was a Boy Scout leader in Camden, lead many DelMarVa Council trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, and was a faithful member of both Whatcoat Methodist Church in Camden and Bethel Methodist Church in Lewes. He enjoyed international travel, including 6 months spent in Malawi, Africa, teaching at an orphan care center. Mr. Powell found joy in riding his Penny Farthing High Wheeler bicycle on the boardwalk in Rehoboth and in local parades. As the patriarch of his family, however, he cherished nothing more than time spent with his family.

Mr. Powell was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Powell is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Kay (Custer) Powell of Lewes, DE; his children: Jeb Powell (Patsy) of Hinton, VA, Jennifer Powell Filicicchia (John) of Hartly, DE, Elizabeth Powell (Maureen) of Athens, Greece, and Jason Powell (Claudia) of Wilmington, DE; his



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grandchildren: Nikki Rexrode of Harrisonburg, VA, Devon Filicicchia of Hartly, DE, Adelaide Powell of Budapest, Hungary, Jackson Filicicchia of Hartly, DE, Chloe Powell of Hinton, VA, Matteo Powell of Wilmington, DE, and Lucia Powell of Wilmington, DE; and his sister, Judy Powell Deavers (Carl) of Nellysford, VA.

Mr. Powell will be laid to rest privately at Barrett's Chapel Cemetery. A celebration of his life will be held on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 5:00 PM. Friends may visit beginning at 4:00 PM. For location and more information please send an email to [JimPowellLifeCelebration@gmail.com](mailto:JimPowellLifeCelebration@gmail.com).

The family would like to express its sincere appreciation to the friends and neighbors of the Governors community of Lewes, DE, for their tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests taking your friends and/or family out to dinner. Arrangements have been entrusted to Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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CH

**Charles Hearne** posted:

Coach Powell, thank you for guiding us on and off the football field! Rest in peace! Class of 72. Football 70 -72. Kicking our butts in two a days in the August heat! Love you man! Fair winds and following seas!

January 12 at 6:40 PM

MS

**Melanie Shade** posted:

Mr Powell was a great friend of my family especially Sue and Dick Buckley. He was a great man who gave so much to others. My thoughts are with Mrs Powell and family. I Hope you can find peace in all the memories of a great life that your father, grandfather, husband and brother lived!

December 18 at 7:00 PM

JS

**James H Smith** posted:

From day 1, when we moved into Governors, we knew Jim had that "zest for life" from his love of family, his sports endeavors, and his many teaching and coaching accomplishments. His memory will be with us, burning brightly, and inspire us to enjoy each day we are lucky to be here, neighbors with the talented Powell Family, lovingly lead by Kay. We send our deep regrets to the family. Jim and Julie Smith

November 29 at 11:42 AM

RP

**Rich Pieshala** posted:

I am shocked as Jim should have lived forever and he will in our hearts and memories What a great smile and laugh always a joy to be around He loved my wife's pepperoni rolls Rich Pieshala

November 27 at 5:14 AM

RP

**Russ Perry** posted:

I'm sure Jim will be missed. He was a positive influence on the students and athletes he had contact at CR, a tribute to him and a person. Rest well, Jim, Russ Perry

November 17 at 11:51 AM



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TS

**Tom Shaffer** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



November 16 at 11:45 AM

CS

**Claude Shockley** posted:

coach Powell was my PE teacher for 5 years and football coach my sr.yr{Fall 71} and good friend after that.... great man and great teacher....scholastic and life teacher....R.I.P. Coach....

November 9 at 3:37 PM

PB

**Peter Bok** posted:

Our thoughts are with the Powell family during this difficult time. Although I had not seen Mr. Powell in years, he was a positive influence on me and thousands of others who attended CR. He will be missed, but he will always be remembered.

November 9 at 11:47 AM

DB

**Dave Bole** posted:

I have many fond memories of lifting weights with Mr. Powell in his class. He was a great teacher and was always fun to be around! RIP! Dave Bole

November 9 at 6:39 AM

NN

**Nadine Noble** posted:

I was on the CR HS faculty with Jim & always enjoyed sharing his smiles, his laughter & his love of students.He goes to his heavenly reward having lived a life well- lived!Nadine Noble

November 9 at 5:12 AM



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DL

**Dan Lettieri** lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Jim mentored me early in my officiating career and introduced me to officiating collegiate Division 1 and 3 games. I enjoyed officiating with Jim as I always learned something new each time. I fondly remember my first varsity game in Delaware where Jim and I officiated a Woodbridge game that was very heated. Jim, of course as always, was great at controlling the situation. The most memorable game was one at Seaford when a fight broke it and we were sequestered for 2 hours afterward. Jim was a great person who took pride in everything he did. May he Rest In Peace.



November 8 at 7:11 PM

CR

**Chrissie Rigby** lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

November 8 at 4:54 PM



JT

**Judith Thompson** posted:

So sorry for your loss . Jim was a great person , funny and enjoyed driving the golf cart at Dover Downs for race week. I tagged along many times with him and others we worked with. He will be dearly missed . God blessing his family. Judy Thompson

November 8 at 2:30 PM

AH

**Allen Harrington** posted:

Sorry for the loss of Mr. Powell. I had him for a Teacher and a Coach, would say he was my favorite at CR. Then became an employee at CR and had a chance to talk with Jim on occasions! Will be missed!

November 8 at 5:34 AM

JY

**Jim Young** posted:

As a member of "CR73", I have fond memories of my time in school with Mr. Powell. RIP.Jim YoungHilton Head Island SC

November 7 at 8:37 AM



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**Candyce Custer** posted:

I will always remember your quick witted humor. Your laugh. Talking at the beach and at ma libs...sometimes gossiping. I know your w ma lib another person who I have been blessed to be with. I love you uncle Jim and your laugh and smile I'll hold in my heart forever.

November 6 at 3:53 PM



**Candyce Custer** posted:

My memories of uncle Jim dam I hate saying memories but he always made me laugh w his quick come backs his laugh our times talking at the beach and ma libs...gossiping someone's ha...the list goes on and on...I miss him already...he was an amazing man that I've been blessed to have in my life. I know he's w ma lib another amazing person I was blessed to have. I'll forever miss you uncle jim! You laugh w ma lib! And keep smiling!!

November 6 at 3:49 PM



**Catherine Whitright** lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

Dear Liz, Addie and Maureen, we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Father, Grandfather and Father-in-law. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Love to all, Aunt Catherine and Uncle Elbert



November 5 at 7:10 PM



**Tommie Neubauer** posted:

Jim was a truly nice man and a great sports personality. His contributions to Interscholastic Athletics as a teacher, AD, official and state committee member were astounding, he will be missed and never replaced.

November 5 at 12:04 PM



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ST

**Stephen Tull** posted:

My deepest, heartfelt condolences to the family. I went to school with Jeb, Jennifer and Liz and spent time at their home in Camden. Mr. Powell was my teacher, Scout Leader, friend and mentor. He was always there for me during school and we spent many days in the gym just talking about scouts and life in general. He was my scout leader who pushed me to make Eagle Scout. We reconnected many years later when we both umpired high school baseball. When I received one of my first varsity umpire assignments I was partnered with Jim, what a honor and one that I've never forgotten. God's speed my friend, we'll never forget your leadership and caring ways. Steve Tull

November 5 at 8:18 AM

PA

**Pat** posted:

My husband and I met Jim through his officiating girls' volleyball at Cape Henlopen High School. He always had a big smile on his face when greeting you. He was always so upbeat and fun to be around. Jim was one of the best officials we'd ever seen. We would walk into a gym and see Jim standing there and we could breathe a sigh of relief knowing we would have somebody officiate who really knew the game. Stan and I spent some time over and Jim's and Kay's home in Lewes to talk travel. I believe they had recently traveled to Spain, and we were going over their notes and travel brochures with them. Jim will certainly be missed. Our condolences to Kay and the family. Pat Niland Stan Iwamoto Rehoboth Beach

November 5 at 7:20 AM

CD

**Clyde R. Dodd** posted:

" Basil " A true friend during our early years growing up in Fairmont ,WV until his life led him to marriage to Kay and the beginning of a family .This is as it should be and I'm sure he made the most of it .We shared some wild ball games over those years up to college and a true competitor in all that he played in .He took his Religion to heart and followed that with being a dedicated Boy Scout leader , athletic coach and official . I'm sure he was just a plain 'ole friend to just about everyone .Sincere good thoughts to Kay , family ,and sister Judy Clyde and Berni.

November 5 at 7:03 AM

LI

**Liz** November 7 at 1:56 PM

Hi, We are all wondering why you called him Basil. Mom can't remember?



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**Laura Wolfe** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. In the short time we've known him we've enjoyed talking to him and hearing his stories, always with a smile on his face. Praying for his amazing family, hoping they find comfort during this difficult time.

November 5 at 6:28 AM



**Suzanne Skibicki** posted:

Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. In the few years we had known him you could see he was a wonderful man. He will be missed riding his scooter around the development & sitting outside with Kay welcoming everyone over. Our sincere condolences to Kay, Jason & the entire Powell family. David & Suzanne Skibicki

November 4 at 1:54 PM



## Media

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**Tom Shaffer** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

November 16 at 11:45 AM



**Jim Powell with Boy Scouts in WV Aug 1978**



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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