



## John E. Powell Sr.

July 17, 1941 - October 23, 2024

John E. Powell Sr., 83, of Indianapolis, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Franciscan Health.

He was born on July 17, 1941, in Wabash, Indiana, a son of the late Meade Glen and Sarah Ellen (Badger) Powell.

John was a 1959 graduate of Wabash High School. He attended Frankfort Pilgrim College, where he met the love of his life, Beverly Ann DeSpain, whom he married on July 5, 1960.

As a teenager, John was an excellent mechanic and learned electrical work in high school. He would utilize those skills throughout his life, doing electrical work as a part-time job and working on cars as a hobby. John felt a call to ministry and pastored churches for over 30 years. For many years, John also worked as a meat cutter for several grocery stores, including Kroger and Marsh. He enjoyed woodworking and, most of all, loved spending time with his family.

Those left to cherish John's memory include three children, John (Lorraine) Powell Jr. of Indianapolis, James (Pamela) Powell of Hobe Sound, FL, and Christy (David) Hartley of Bedford; seven grandchildren, Paul (Birdie) Turner, William (Alisha) Turner, Wayne (Holly) Turner, Tiffany (Robert) Helfrich,

Joshua (Mamie) Powell, Bethany (Darin) Peters, and Ruthann Hartley; 14 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Beverly Ann Powell; a daughter and son-in-law, Wesena and Daniel Turner; and seven siblings, Audrey Harris, Everett Powell, Robert Powell, Irene Goins, Juanita Sartin, Leo Powell, and Richard Powell.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, November 8, 2024, at Oak Grove Cemetery, 8638 E. 700 S. Montgomery, IN 47558, with Pastor Don Bates, Jr., officiating.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm Friday, November 8, 2024 at Oak Grove Church, located by the cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. You may offer the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of John E. Powell Sr.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

8638 E. 700 S.  
Montgomery, IN 47558

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Oak Grove Church  
8638 E. 700 S.  
Montgomery, IN 47558

## Graveside Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Oak Grove Cemetery  
8638 E. 700 S.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E. Powell Sr..*



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November 07, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *It saddens me to know John passed. I just now seen this & was wondering what was going on with him. He was a great man of God. He touched my heart & was a joy getting to know. I would always visit with him everyday. We would cut up & joke around. We also talked about Jesus. I know in my heart John is with the man up stairs. He is hurting no more! I miss John but I am happy he is in God's number. Prayers for all his family.*

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**Annette M York** - October 30, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *My prayers and sympathy for John, James, Christy and family. Many fond memories of spending some weekends and weeks with our family, playing, eating popcorn and being in church together and listening to John Sr playing the drum. He and Daddy (Steve Haynes) also went together to the store at least once, where John worked and did inventory. Love and prayers, Missy*

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**Melissa Kinnett** - October 26, 2024 at 10:43 AM