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Charles "Pawpaw" Leonard Powell

Jan. 8, 1950 - May 23, 2026

Charles "Pawpaw" Leonard Powell, 76, of Morganton, NC, peacefully passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at his home after a period of declining health.

Born in Michigan on January 8, 1950, he was the son of the late Joe Mack Powell, Sr. and Lois Goff Powell.

Charles was a 1968 graduate of Salem High School, where he played basketball, football, and baseball. He served in the NC National Guard from 1972 until 1978. He began his own company, Modern Drywall, in 1972 and owned and operated it until his retirement. Following his retirement, the company passed on to his two sons, Travis and Ben. Ben is now the owner. Charles was an avid golfer, loved NASCAR (especially Fords), and playing cards with his friends who mostly knew him as Moose. He played football for Western Piedmont Community College and had a successful Modern Drywall softball team. Charles was a loving, dedicated family man who dearly loved his boys.

Those left to cherish his memory include high-school sweetheart and wife of 57 years, Kathy LeFevers Powell; son, Charles "Travis" Powell (Kim), and their son, Jack Mack Powell; son, Ben B. Powell (Angie), and their grandchildren, Luke, and Joshia.

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The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Burke County Friends for Animals.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Deepest condolences to the family. Moose was always kind to me.

–Richard Odom & Family



Prayers and condolences to the family.

–Amber Jordan

I send my prayers to the Powell family. I was fortunate to get to work for them for a couple of years which changed my life. May the lord grant any comfort he can.

–Jennifer Ross



I will all-ways think of your family from the old days and of days that in the past, and of the thing to come,prayers and t he best to come. Gerald King

–JAMES (GERALD) King

Prayers for your family and loved ones during this most difficult time.

–Joy (Thompson) McNeely

Sending my prayers and condolences to the family!!!

–Jason Banner



So sorry for your family’s loss , you are all in our thoughts and prayers .

–Stacy Johnston

So sorry to all the family for your loss Betty Goff

–Betty Goff

So sad to hear of Charles passing. Charles was a good man. I will sure miss seeing him around and getting to catch up. Kathy, Travis, Ben, and families you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are always here for you if you need us for anything.

–Debbie Hensley



Moose will be missed

–Sidney Simmons



Dear Kathy, Travis, and Ben, We were so sorry to hear that Charles passed. Kathy, I remember during our teenage years



Charles passed. Kathy, I remember during our teenage years how much you liked/loved Charles. Time surely flies. Fortunately, you two were meant to be together! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. With Our Love & Prayers, Rita Jo & Billy

–Rita Jo & Bill Isaacson



–DeVera A Powell

We were good friends for many years, met him painting after he had finished the rock on many jobs. Was a great man and did excellent work easy to get along with and would give you the shirt off his back, we are so sorry to hear that he passed away,, if y'all want or need anything please let us know love y'all

–Larry and Gary Absher the twins painting company



–Peggy Wilson



Kathy and Family, We want to offer our deepest condolences to you and your family in your loss of Charles. We will pray for God to give you comfort, peace, and strength now and in the days to come. Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin

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