



*Nelson Leon Powell*

**June 8, 1945 - Aug. 5, 2025**

Nelson "Leon" Powell, 80, of Connelly Springs, NC, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on June 8, 1945, he was the son of the late Johnnie N. Powell and Bertha Lowdermilk Powell.

Leon was a member of Drexel Christian Center. He was loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tinkering on anything with an engine. Leon was an avid gardener and golfer.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Barbara Street Powell; daughter, Tammy Ritchie (Mark); grandchildren, Courtney Hefner, Jeffrey Hefner, Jenna Hefner, and Nick Hefner; great-grandchildren, Dylan Mays and Lucas Mays; brother, Thad Powell (Sandra); sister, Sue Mull (Dennis); sisters-in-law, Pat Powell and Elaine Powell; numerous extended family members; close friends, Blake Williams and Ron Leger; and his dog, Rounder.

In addition to his parents, Leon was preceded in death by his son, Jamie Powell; and two brothers, Johnnie "Sonny" Powell and James Powell.

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The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Tim Smith and Rev. Charles Bristol officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

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

# Tribute Wall

We will miss you see you on the other side church want be the same without you

—Geraldine Lyons



We are so sorry, Barbara. We love you.

—Abbi and Andrew Williams

I am so sorry for your loss. Leon was a true friend I have known him since childhood. We attended church during our adolescence years. Over the years we remained friends. Words cannot express my heartfelt sympathy for all of the family. Please know that Sarah and I will continue to pray for the Lord to give you strength, peace and comfort during this time. We all know where he is and will see him again but the pain is still tough. Barbara if you need anything in the coming days and weeks know we are here for you.

—John T Wilson



Rest in peace.

—Robert Reynolds



So sorry for your loss. Leon was a very kind caring person.

—Judy Miller Potter



Our sincerest condolences to Barbara & all of Leon's family. Although, he came into the extended family a little later in life, he was well thought of by all. His sense of humor allowed us to welcome him among the many family members he later came to know. He will forever be remembered dearly by those who knew him....& loved beyond measure~

—Ruth Smith