



Beverly Jean Powell

June 9, 1925 - December 25, 2014

Beverly Jean Powell, 89, passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2014, in Midland, Michigan. Beverly was born the daughter of Clarence James(Mendy) and Florence Marie(Coughlin) Mendenhall on June 9, 1925, in Kansas City Kansas. Beverly was a devoted mother and grandmother who always had a sunny smile and positive and joyful outlook on life. She was strong in her faith, and was an accomplished singer, violinist, author, and an ordained Baptist minister. Beverly attended Shawnee Mission(North) High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Kansas. She also received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri. After college, she worked as an airline stewardess for Trans World Airlines. Beverly married William R.(Jack) Powell and was a homemaker and mother to their two children. Later, she attended Central Baptist Seminary and became an ordained Baptist minister. Music was an important part of her life. She was a violinist and singer and enjoyed being part of church choirs for many years.

Beverly is survived by her son, John Jefferson Powell and his wife, Debra, and her daughter Mary Ann Jones and her husband Bill. There are five grandchildren, Laura Powell-Schumacher, Jeffrey Powell, Tom Jones, Alex Jones, and Mary Rose Jones. Beverly also has one great-grandchild, Athena Powell-Schumacher. Visitation will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, January 2, 2015, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Her memorial service will follow at 2:00 P.M. Friday at the chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial

contributions to Joel Osteen Ministries at www.joelosteen.com or to the
Kansas City Rescue Mission at www.kcrm.org.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Jean Powell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Beverly Jean Powell*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

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“ Dear Jeff and Mary Ann,

I've searched online for your mom before and not found her. This time, of course, I did. I'm sorry to have missed her. She and my mother (Wilberta Miller Schultz) were close friends as girls and young women. And, though they lived 2,000 miles apart, they kept in touch all my mother's life (Mamma died in 1987). We visited you in Topeka when we three were kids, and Beverly visited us in Seattle as well.

I always appreciated her kindness, not just to me but others as well. I remember driving across the University of Washington campus one time in the late '60s or (possibly) early '70s. My parents were in the front seat and Beverly and I were in the back. I was, I think, probably about 10 (ish). It was, of course, the height of the "hippie" era and there were lots of long-haired, scruffy-looking people here, there and everywhere. I made some snarky remark about them. I don't remember what, just the feeling of trying to be grown-up and sophisticated-sounding. I don't precisely remember Beverly's response, either. I just remember that it was a gentle encouragement to think of them as people whom God also cared about.

And what really impresses me, looking back, is that she managed to do it in a way that truly was gentle to me as well as to them. It's easy to slap a kid down verbally for acting like a jerk. But she didn't. She didn't let my lack of charity and truth go unchallenged, but her challenge was full of charity and truth for me as well as for the college students. Quite a trick. Quite a lady.

I'm glad your mom is safely Home. I'm sorry you're without her.

*Carolyn Schultz-Rathbun
Hockinson, Washington*

Carolyn Schultz-Rathbun - February 02, 2015 at 01:56 PM

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“ When we got Beverly's Christmas card this year, I thought I must write her later and let her know we didn't send any this year but I am sure she could care less about not getting a card from us at this point! Where she is and Who she is with is much more important than a card from us! She was certainly the loving woman described in her obituary and we have many pleasant memories of being in the same church family with her. Our thoughts are with her family and our prayers are for your peace and comfort as you go on, adjusting your lives without her with you. Sorry we couldn't be with you yesterday.

Our love and prayers, Bob and Joan speake

Bob and Joan Speake - January 03, 2015 at 05:18 PM