

## Mr. William Lennon "Billy" Powell

May 5, 1957 - February 18, 2017

William Lennon "Billy" Powell, age 59, a lifelong resident of Plant City, passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Billy was born May 5, 1957 in Lakeland, FL. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plant City where he sang in the choir for many years. He attended Plant City Sr. High School (Class of 1975) and graduated from Florida Southern College in (1979). He had a long career at Publix Credit Union in Lakeland where he made many lifelong friends. Billy was an avid bridge player, cook, and baker. He was preceded in death by his parents, W.L. "Double" and Lorene Powell. He is survived by cousins Steve Howell (Kathy), Larry Howell (Sarah), devoted care giver and friend Betty Dixon, plus many relatives and close friends. A Celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, February 23, at 11:00 AM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S., Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Building Fund at First Baptist Church or the American Diabetes Association. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Celebration of Life

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Lennon "Billy" Powell



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 22, 2017 at 06:33 PM

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*Absolutely loved the video, it brought tears to my eyes. My condolences to his family.*

Stephanie Wyckoff Hrenchir - February 23, 2017 at 09:22 AM

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“ I had the honor of taking care of Mr Powell in his home on and off over the last 5-6 years. He was always so pleasant and never had an unpleasant thing to say even at some of his sickest times. My thoughts are with the family.

Sara Talley @ Baycare Home Care - February 24, 2017 at 07:21 AM

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“ Stephanie Wyckoff Hrenchir lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lennon "Billy" Powell



Stephanie Wyckoff Hrenchir - February 23, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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“ Billy and I first met in Kindergarten where we attended, what is now, St. Peters Episcopal Church. With his kind and gentle demeanor, we had a close friendship that took us through out grade school years together.

*I remember every Saturday morning I would ride my bicycle to his house, where we would play for hours while his parents were working at their car dealership, “Powell’s Buick and Pontiac” here in Plant City. The housekeeper was very nice, usually serving us both lunch before I would go home sometime in the early afternoon hours.*

*He had this little wind-up monkey I used to love playing with when I went to his house. Being the kind and thoughtful person he was, he gave it to me one day to keep. I guess you could say that Billy was my first “boy” friend.*

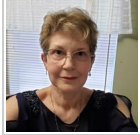
*Even though we drifted apart as we went through Junior High and High School, I will always remember Billy as having a very kind-hearted nature.*

*I am very sorry to hear of his passing and my condolences to his family.*



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Stephanie Wyckoff Hrenchir - February 23, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ *Billy, you have left such a hole in my heart! I will miss your sweet smile, ready laugh, your quick wit and happy spirit. You were my best friend and a part of my family. We held to each other and gave each other strength as our parents died and as we endured our own infirmities. You, Betty and I were a force to be reckoned with! Oh dear one, I hope you now can see just how much we all truly loved you! Rest well in the presence of Father God. Bask in the Glory of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Watch for us when it is our time to join you.*

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**Karen DuBois** - February 20, 2017 at 07:18 PM



*I grew up always knowing you with Karen and your wonderful parents. You have always been there with us through thick and thin. Our circle of family grows smaller and I will miss you so very much. I will endeavor to keep up with your incredible sense of humor and know you are always with us. I will think about you with every movie I see. This world is not as bright without you in it, but I know Heaven is shining in all its glory! Till we meet again dear friend.*

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**Connie DuBois** - February 21, 2017 at 10:05 AM