



## David T. Powell

October 8, 1933 - November 12, 2023

David (Dave) T. Powell, of Mt. Holly, peacefully passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mt. Holly. He was the ripe old age of 90. Born in Oswego, NY on the shores of Lake Ontario; the son of the late Theodore and Virginia (Converse) Powell.

After high school Dave enlisted in the Air Force where he served and was wounded in the Korean War. After his service he attended and graduated from SUNY- Oswego college where he was a member of the (Brainy) Epsilon Pi Tau fraternity. Dave knew in 8th grade that he wanted to teach Industrial Arts, and so after graduation he took a position at Rancocas Valley Regional High School, where he taught Woodshop, Electricity, and Electronics for 30 years.

Dave lived a full life. While he was in college he took a full course load of 18 or more credits a semester, all while working full time and raising a family with his first wife Sally. Even with all the hard work he managed to find time to party and find a group of lasting friends. That work ethic followed him all his life.

Dave (aka Ted, Dad, Pop, Papa, Honey, Baby) loved the outdoors. He and his family spent many years on their famous camping trips. A love of music, which his son Mark and grandson DJ carry on as his legacy, originated around the campfires lit every evening during those camping trips.

After his retirement he and Sally spent much of their time up at their cabin at the Kelly Farm in Quakertown PA. Fishing was always a special pastime for him, and most mornings and evenings you could find him down at the creek on the farm. Dave made a special connection with his granddaughter Amanda over their shared love of fishing. The Kelly Farm is also where they met their second family. People still talk about the infamous parties held there. Dave was part of the group that dressed up as the Village People and performed YMCA! His party was always the October Sauerbraten, an homage to his German heritage.

After his first wife Sally passed, he connected with his second wife Jacqueline, a long time Powell family friend. Their love of animals, specifically dogs brought them together. Dave's motto was always "Don't shop – Adopt!" And thus began his relationship with Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue, and a whole new group of friends and family opened up for him. One of those friends said it best. The world has lost a great man, a genuinely good soul. A champion of rescue. He loved a challenge, well I won't say he "loved" a challenge, but I will say he was too stubborn to give up.

With his friends Dave was known for being funny and quick-witted, always with the dead pan face. His sense of humor unmatched and his smirk one of a kind. His love of cookies was massive and earned him the nick name "Cookie Monster" He was kind, loving and a rock for all who needed him. And even though his second wife hates to admit it, he was usually right. But he never gloated. Truly one of the greats.

His greatest joy was watching his grandchildren evolve into their own person. Though limited in mobility his last few years, he got great joy in looking at the pictures and comments of family and friends through Facebook and e-mail. He was especially excited to see his great-granddaughters, Hailey and Annie

(who is the spitting image of her Great-Grandma Sally)

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Jacqueline M. (Wade); children, Robert D. (Joan) Powell, Mark R. Powell, Gail R. (Andrew) Dill; and stepdaughter L Raymi Smith; grandchildren, Sgt. Amanda Reiter, David Powell, Tyler Powell, Erik (Amy) Dill, Thomas (Brandi) Dill and Mark (Jenny VanDaele) Dill; sister, Virginia Boak. He is predeceased by his first wife, Sally Powell.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Friday, November 17 from 10-11 AM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to: Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue <https://dvgr.org/shop/donation/> or call Karen at 717-484-4799.

Zoom:

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

EG

“ *The loss of a man with great compassion, wit and understanding. Thoughts and prayers with Jackie and Dave’s family. See you at the Bridge Dave*



Edna Gorby - November 17, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David T. Powell.*



November 15, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David T. Powell.*



November 15, 2023 at 07:33 PM

LG

“ We started out connecting with David on the Oswego, NY Facebook page. My Mother(and of course us too) was a cousin of his. Then we met Davids sister Ginny. She was a wealth of family stuff. We met David and Jacqueline once at their home. Rick and I enjoyed every moment with them and their fur babies. Oh the memories David had about Oswego.. We are so sorry to hear about David. Hugs, Rick & Lynne



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**Lynne Glerum** - November 15, 2023 at 11:16 AM

FS

“ From your friends at Specialty Systems planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David T. Powell.

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**From your friends at Specialty Systems** - November 15, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David T. Powell.



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November 15, 2023 at 07:42 AM

EP

“ Remember my cousin David working many jobs in Oswego, NY, while attending SUCO for Industrial Arts. David worked for Tiffany's Chevrolet, Powell's Taxi (owned by his uncle Ed) and working at the Oswego Speedway race track in the concession stand. I also, remember him surprising me by coming into my school and Industrial Arts room in Oswego to observe me in my beginning years of teaching. He wasn't geared for my 7th and 8th graders, as he remarked "what drawer to you keep the bottle in", as kids in those grades usually are a bit more rambunctious than High Schoolers that he was familiar with. I just said that I really enjoyed the younger students and getting them started working with tools, machines, and different materials. He will never be forgotten by me, as long as I live; maybe 90 too.

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**Edwin Powell** - November 14, 2023 at 07:45 PM

GW

“ Gini Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David T. Powell.

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**Gini Wilson** - November 14, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David T. Powell.



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November 14, 2023 at 05:00 PM

SM

“ I have only fond memories of working with Dave from 1961-1967. My condolences to the family. May he RIP.

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**Samuel F. Maczko** - November 14, 2023 at 04:50 PM

LW

“ Dear Joanie & Bob,  
While Jack and I never had the privilege of meeting your dad, we do know what a wonderful and loving son he had in you. Bob, your love for your family had to have made your dad proud to call you "Son". May his passing be for an eternal blessing. Our hope is for you, Joanie, Mandy and her girls, find comfort in the knowledge that your love for him is beyond measure. We have no doubt that you made him proud!  
We love you all,  
Lisa & Jack

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**Lisa Wiener** - November 14, 2023 at 04:39 PM

BP

*Thank you for your love and friendship through all of our collective highs and lows*

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**Bob Powell** - November 15, 2023 at 08:31 PM

RG

*Dave was a good friend. We taught together at Rancocas Valley High School for 20+ years and for many years he attended the Retirees breakfast once a month. I always enjoyed talking with him about his growing up in Oswego where my wife and I owned a vacation trailer home, Dave will certainly be missed. Rocco Di Giacomo*

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**Rocco Di Giacomo** - November 29, 2023 at 12:40 PM