



## Norma Jean Powell

February 10, 1939 - February 8, 2022

Norma (Jean) Powell, 82, of Huntsville, AR; passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at Countryside Assisted Living, Huntsville, AR. She was born Friday, February 10, 1939, in Crowell, TX; to James Bedford and Roberta Doris McClellan Kidd.

Jean married Tony Bruce Powell on Saturday, June 22, 1968; and together they were parents to six daughters, four from Tony's previous marriage and two of their own. She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and attended The Kingdom Hall in Huntsville. She talked to everyone she met about her hope for the future that's promised in God's Word the Bible. Jean was an avid reader, a readers digest collector, and loved word search puzzles. She was a homemaker and a wonderful cook who seldom used a recipe and made the most amazing from-scratch cinnamon rolls you've ever tasted and was known for her famous banana pudding. She loved listening to Roger Whitaker, Burl Ives, Johnny Horton and Neil Diamond. She loved movie mysteries. She had a very active imagination and would often make up stories about what might have happened when she heard an ambulance or a fire truck. Her children recall that on their parents anniversary every year she didn't want to exclude them so she would make up treasure hunts and write the most awesome clues for them to find presents hidden all over the house. She was a kind and caring person who was always ready to help anyone in need. She always saw the good in people and never gave up hope in anyone and was therefore

loved by so many. She loved to talk to anyone she met but was also a great listener and a wonderful person in which to confide all your troubles and secrets. She will be greatly missed by so many friends and family. "We'll see you on the other side that's just around the corner".

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, James and Roberta Kidd; three siblings, two brothers and one sister; and one daughter Rebekah Cahoon of Fort Worth, TX. She is survived by her husband, Tony Powell of Springdale, AR; five surviving daughters and four sons-in-law, Candye and Ron Greer of Fayetteville, AR; Marcie Whalen of Fayetteville, AR; Belinda and Larry Mitchell of Cameron Park, CA; Angela and Mark Croy of St. Charles, MO; Deborah and Jack Colter of Conway, AR; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; five surviving siblings, one sister and four brothers.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation is entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville, AR.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ In 1999 Jean and I were seated together on a bus tour to New York and Canada. That tour time began a long close friendship. We talked and laughed for hours while Jean shared an endless supply of Mentos candy. Soon we discovered our husbands both liked to trout fish. We camped and fished together often. Jean always brought a paper bag full of condensed Readers Digest books for us to read while the guys fished. Jean was my field service partner for many years. I couldn't have asked for a more spiritual or funny companion. Jean always thought of others before herself and it was my privilege to call her sister and friend. I pray Jehovah brings comfort and peace to her family.



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**Joy Benson** - February 18, 2022 at 09:21 PM

SN

“ Jean went out of her way to show me kindness and support when I really needed it. It makes me think of what Paul said about Timothy at Philippians 2:20, “For I have no one else of a disposition like his who will genuinely care for your concerns.”

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**Sharon Niehues** - February 15, 2022 at 06:45 PM

NS

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**NADRA SMYLA** - February 15, 2022 at 06:44 PM

TP

“ I had only met Jean once many years ago, so I don't have memories with her. Yet. But I plan on making some great ones in the near future. I wonder if we will have a new system version of Readers' Digest jokes? Why not? We will have plenty of clean entertainment. Jean might even submit a few jokes herself. One thing I'm looking forward to is the bread and champagne party Candye and I plan on having. (Ron and Tony, you can certainly be there too, seeing as how Randy will be there early to start the fire in our pizza / bread oven. My husband is a country boy and loves the smell of wood smoke. And to burn things 🗑️♀️) Candye and I are looking forward to enjoying bread. Healthy bread. But I'm the champagne snorter. I will probably rope in some little French-monk-turned-brother to teach me how to make it. So I will bring the champagne. And Jean, who, of course, will be there, will sit with us, and eat warm, just-baked bread. We will have fresh pressed olive oil and herbs that we will have picked from our gardens. Jean might even teach me some cooking and baking secrets. And everyone will be welcome. Who knows? Maybe even an angel or two will appear, smiling, to welcome Jean back. I am really looking forward to this. One of the many memories I plan on making. 🍷🍷

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**Thea Phipps** - February 14, 2022 at 12:25 PM

PF

“ I remember Jean as be bold in the ministry and she could say just about anything to anyone without causing offense. She was very hospitable when I got the opportunity to visit her home. And goodness did she hate snakes! Jean was a very loyal servant of Jehovah and she must truly have a very special place in His memory. I imagine He misses her like we do.

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**Payton Family** - February 13, 2022 at 03:19 PM

GR

“ My love and hopes of comfort go out to all of Jean's family and friends. She is a true friend and one of the most genuine and caring woman you could ever have know. One time after having surgery, Jean and a few friends stopped by my house. I had been so down and depressed that I started crying. My house was a mess and had a sink full of dirty dishes in the kitchen. So I hear the dishes start rattling around and Jean and Pam are in there cleaning my kitchen. And you know Jean, she puts her hand firmly on my arm with a patting motion and says, "No, you go sit down. We've got this." And they finished cleaning. A few days later she shows up with a complete fried chicken dinner. She'd ask me what my husbands favorite meal was, but I had no idea!!! And not just fried chicken. Oh no. Mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, dessert, everything. Precious one of a kind friend she is....



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**Gina Ross** - February 12, 2022 at 03:35 PM

TH

“ *My beautiful sister!*



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**Trisha Halter** - February 12, 2022 at 11:15 AM

DF

“ *What we remember of Jean is that she was a very kind person and a good mother. I know she will be greatly missed. Just around the corner. Lucy Friend, Donna Simmons*

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**Donna Simmons, Lucy Friend** - February 11, 2022 at 09:13 PM

BL

*Donna Simmons and Lucy Friend I think you guys know everybody in this organization LOL 😊 I was in their congregation for years. I love the Powell family for sure.*

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**Brenda Leverette** - February 14, 2022 at 04:50 PM

SB

“ I'm going to try and make this story short. After preaching for a full month, I was so tired. I thought today I will not meet for field service, I will rest. Well, low and behold...A Bible student recently baptized who I would have to prod... to go in service... called me and said can you pick me up for field service today? I could not believe it. Well, I couldn't turn her down. What I didn't know was... Jean Powell had told her... if you call her she is sure to show up for the Field Ministry. She knew I was tired. I picked up Sister Grisby and off we went to the Kingdom Hall. Well, when I got there the parking lot was filled with cars. I thought boy would I have missed this? I did not know everybody was there for a surprise party for me? Jean walked across the lawn as she would normally do for field service... they lived next door to the Kingdom Hall? Put her arms around me and says surprise!! And away we went to her house. One of the best parties ever...there were many at the Powell Home. Just thinking of her at this moment brings tears to my eyes. She was really Ms. Hospitality.

DAVID & SHEILA BISHOP

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Sheila Bishop - February 11, 2022 at 08:58 PM

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Sheila Bishop you are so right. She was sister hospitality for sure!! 😊

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Brenda Leverette - February 14, 2022 at 04:49 PM

DC

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Deborah Colter - February 11, 2022 at 08:11 PM

BL

*Oh Debra I love this picture. It brings back so many beautiful and wonderful memories!*

**Brenda Leverette** - February 14, 2022 at 04:47 PM

BL

*I love the picture Debra looks just like you guys! That picture takes me back to so many wonderful memories 😊*

**Brenda Leverette** - February 14, 2022 at 05:10 PM

NS

*I FELT PRIVILEGED TO KNOW JEAN, and TO SHARE ALONGSID HER AND TONY, RON and CANDYE ... IN THE HUNTSVILLE , AR CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES... AND I LOVED JEAN AS MY OWN SISTER, SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON AND SISTER, I ALSO GOT TO MEET DEBBIE AND HER HUSBAND AT A FAMILY FUNCTION AND LOVED DEBBIE RIGHT AWAY... MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER COMFORT ALL OF YOU BE COMFORTED BY THE TRUTH FOUND IN GOD'S WORD AND THE KNOWLEDE THAT ALL HIS PROMISES WILL COME TRUE BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE*

**NADRA SMYLA** - February 15, 2022 at 06:34 PM

DB

*Jean was not only fun, but also kind and genuinely compassionate. Several times during our friendship she came over and just listened ... wasn't judgmental, just loving and supportive. And she was so generous! Loved to cook huge amounts of food for our get togethers. I just can't wait to see her young and healthy again..and giggle about something really silly!!❤️*

**Donna Berry** - February 15, 2022 at 10:47 PM

DC

“ Not long after she and Daddy got married I remember asking her what she wanted me to call her and she said" I don't care what you call me, just don't call me Mommy." She became Momma after that. I had horrible night terrors for years and every single night I made the terrifying walk to their room and scare her half to death when I would hover over her saying "Momma". She would walk me back to my bed and help me think of pleasant things so I could go back to sleep.

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**Deborah Colter** - February 11, 2022 at 08:09 PM

CO

“ There are some people you meet ...ever so briefly in your life...but who are forever in your heart...your memory...Jean was such a beautiful example of a faithful...loving sister who had qualities that are worthy of imitation...looking forward to her teaching me how to make those cinnamon rolls...

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**Chuck and Lisa Ogle** - February 11, 2022 at 05:07 PM

CK

“ Jean was like a mom to me. I will miss her so much. She was very easy to go to for advice. I loved that she didn't tell you what you wanted to hear but what you needed to hear. Her example of a Christian woman taught me so much. Her love for Jehovah was so evident.

*I would spend the day with her and come home with my face hurting from laughing so hard.*

*And yes she was the best cook. But she was also very generous and loving. You could always count on Jean to bring plenty of food to any event. Especially her banana pudding and her chicken and dressing. She would go above and beyond for her friends.*

*Her boldness in telling others about Gods Kingdom always inspired me and her knowledge of the scriptures.*

*I loved her very much and miss her already.*

*We are very sorry for the hole her passing has created in everyone's heart including ours.*

*She loved her family and talked of them often.*

*Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Chris and Pam Kremer.*

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**Chris & Pam Kremer** - February 11, 2022 at 12:54 PM

BE

“ One thing I didn't know until she told me a few years ago is that she always thought she would have liked to be a real estate agent. I think she would have been great at that because she could easily carry on a conversation with anyone. - Belinda

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**Belinda** - February 10, 2022 at 10:56 PM

CK

“ We’re so sorry to hear about the loss of Jean.. she was a sweet, loving sister. She will be dearly missed! How we all look forward to the new world when we will see our loved ones again.. the way Jehovah intended for us. Young, vibrant and healthy. She will be all those things again soon! Till then.... We pray for all of you and may Jehovah be a comfort to your hearts❤️ Love, Chris and Karen

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**Chris and Karen Knecht** - February 10, 2022 at 09:33 PM

VD

“ Jean and I were friends for 52 years she was one of the wisest people I ever knew her advice on marriage and children could not be beat with that many a days when our husbands would go hunting just set him drinking coffee or taking a day to go see friends in West Memphis or Memphis I miss those so much when we couldn't do it anymore can't wait to see her in the paradise this Love Vicki Davis

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**Vicki davis** - February 10, 2022 at 09:32 PM