



James K. Powell

May 15, 1919 - November 30, 2015

James K. Powell of Rolla, Missouri passed away Monday, November 30, 2015 at the age of 96. James was born in Kissimmee, Florida on May 15, 1919 to the late Howard M. and Adele Powell Katz.

During the depression his family relocated to Rolla where he remained until his death. In 1941 he graduated from MSM, no Missouri S&T. While there, he was the leader of the university dance band. Throughout his life he maintained a keen interest in jazz and big b and music, especially Count Basie.

During WWII he served his country as a Major in the USAF with European Theatre of operations. After the war, he was the owner-operator of Rapid Service Laundry, Modern Dry Cleaners and Busy Bee Laundry and other business interests.

Throughout his life Jim was known to have a quick, incisive mind and an unparalleled memory, which he retained to the very end. He will be remembered as a kind, compassionate man d of impeccable integrity.

Jim Powell is survived by his wife Betty F. Powell; daughter Trish Powell (Len) Miles; two step-sons, Roger (Nassreen) Rome and Ronnie (Fran) Rome; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sister, Adele Katz Domonick; brother

Howard M. Katz, Jr.

There will be a private service and interment at the Rolla City Cemetery. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Disabled Veterans Association or the Rolla Animal Shelter. All arrangements are under the direction of James & Gahr Mortuary.

Tribute Wall



“ *James K. Powell*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I worked for Mr. Powell as a teenager several summers, and appreciated the job. Mr. Powell also attended my grandmother's (she was also an employee for many years), funeral services and was kind in his memories not only of her, but also in expressing his condolences to me in my grief. I was so surprised that he not only remembered me after 25 years but also had apparently "kept" up with me via my grandmother. My condolences to the family and I am saddened by his passing. C. Porter*

Christy Porter - September 15, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *I CAN REMEMBER MR. POWELL WALKING WITH HIS GIANT POODLE AROUND ROLLA IN 70'S AND 80'S.*

BONNIE THOMPSON - December 09, 2015 at 02:37 PM