



## Richard "Ric" Powell

April 1, 1932 - January 7, 2010

ADRIAN – Richard “Ric” Powell, age 77, of Adrian, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2010, at Bixby Medical Center.

Richard was born April 1, 1932, in Clayton, the son of Kenneth and Dorothy (Jones) Powell. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1950. During the Korean Conflict, Richard served in the Air Force.

On December 20, 1952, Richard married Bessie L. Martinson at the First Presbyterian Church in Adrian. They celebrated 55 years of marriage prior to her death in 2008.

After completing his training at Toledo Barber School, Ric worked for a barber for one year before purchasing the shop in 1957, which is still located on South Main Street. Because he enjoyed his work and loved his customers, Ric never retired.

Ric was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #97, the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584, and the Adrian Kiwanis Club. Ric was a Cub Scout Leader, a Little League Coach, and, for many years, helped with the chain gang at Adrian High School football games. He was a member of the Adrian Public Schools Board of Education and served as President. Ric and Bessie enjoyed many trips to Las

Vegas over the years. Ric also enjoyed horse racing. An active Grandpa, Ric enjoyed watching his grandson play sports, his granddaughters' dance recitals and soccer, and his great granddaughter's dance recitals.

Surviving Ric are his children, Pamela Frankenberger and her husband, Michael, of Mason; and Michael Powell and his wife, Kaye, of Rochester; four treasured grandchildren, Michelle (Duane) Rowe, Patricia Frankenberger, and Melissa and Rick Powell, a great granddaughter, Olivia Huffer; sister, Norma (Jim) Scott of Florida; sister-in-law, Gloria Alexander of W. Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Powell and a sister, Marilyn Miller.

The funeral service for Ric will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverends James and Kathleen Splitt officiating, and military honors conducted by the VFW Annis-Fint Post #1584. Burial will be private. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. and at the church on Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Those wishing to make a contribution in memory of Ric, may direct their gifts to the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
156 E. Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Ric" Powell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Mike,*

*I am sorry for your loss. Let me know if there is anything I can do.##imported-begin##Cathy Pefley##imported-end##*

January 14, 2010 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dear Powell Family,*

*I am sorry for your loss. Ric was a very special friend of my grandparents. Norrine and Franny barss. I have many memories of him at R&B catering. He was a very nice man who will be missed by all my family.##imported-begin##Wendy (paulson)Suarez##imported-end##*

January 10, 2010 at 09:39 PM



“ *Dear Mike and family, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's death..i wish i could have known him. you will be in my thoughts. this is a long-shot i know, i hope you remember me from lincoln school. my best wishes for comfort and peace-jane##imported-begin##jane mack##imported-end##*

January 10, 2010 at 02:14 AM



“ Dear Mike, Kay and whole family.

*Thinking of you. So sorry to hear about Dad. Haven't had a good haircut since I left home.*

*Bruce Janet and Lauren Rearick##imported-begin##Bruce Rearick##imported-end##*

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January 09, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear about your loss. Ric cut our son's hair for the last 10 years, he was a kind man and skilled Barber. We will miss his genuine smile when we step through the shop doors on Saturday mornings. It's Ric we'll always think of when we talk of an honest old fashion Barber. May God be with your family and thank you for sharing his bright spirit with us.##imported-begin##Kathy and Matt Myers##imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 07:37 PM



“ Dear Mike and family,

*Words cannot express my feelings for your loss. I have many fond memories of "sitting in his chair". He was always so interested in what I was doing and how I was doing in school. From watching him out on the football field to the day your Dad handed me my diploma. The day I graduated was made so special because your Dad saw me coming and made sure that he was the one that shook my hand. We grew up together Mike. We respected each others parents, and your Dad always had a "kindness" about him that drew people to him. This world lost a good man! My sincere and deepest sympathy.*

*Chuck Foor*###imported-begin##*Chuck Foor*###imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ Dear Mike & Pam:

*Connie & I would like to express our deepest sympathy of your Dads passing. Mike, I remember my teen years and enjoyed conversation of sports & world events as your dad cut my hair. I also enjoyed Pastor Clay as Ric's name came up in some of his messages. May God Bless you and both your family's and accept Ric with open arms. Both Ric & Bessie rest with the Lord Our Savior.###imported-begin##Brian & Connie Gentner###imported-end##*

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January 09, 2010 at 07:05 PM



“ Dear Coach:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.  
God bless!  
The Stewarts###imported-begin##Cathy and Jimmy  
Stewart###imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 03:31 PM



“ SORRY MR POWELL TO YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY MAY  
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU###imported-begin##THE TIANO  
FAMILY###imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 11:48 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Ric was my barber from the time I had  
hair, and I always enjoyed talking to him. My sons also consider him  
their favorite barber of all time as well. He was always friendly, and  
it was impossible to leave his shop without a smile.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Alan, Keli, Alex and Nick Copeland###imported-begin##Alan  
Copeland###imported-end##

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January 09, 2010 at 10:10 AM



“ Pam and Mike, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I am a cousin on the Rockwell side of the family. I use to baby sit both of you. My husband died last November so I can understand what you are going through.

My thoughts and prayers are with your families.

Joyce Dahart###imported-begin##Joyce Maynard Dahart###imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 09:58 PM



“ Mike - sorry to hear about your Dad, a fellow Airforce Korean Vet .

Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Sincerely,

Bill and Donna Goryl###imported-begin##Bill @ Donna Goryl###imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 09:26 PM



“ Your parents were lovely neighbors these nine years I have known them. I'm so glad the Daily Telegram did the article on Barbers a few months ago and interviewed your dad. I'm sure he got to hear many wonderful comments in the days and weeks that followed.

What a blessing for him!

Know that you will be in my prayers.

Love, Nancy###imported-begin##Sr Nancy Murray###imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ Pam,  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
Emily###imported-begin##Emily (Downer) Lewis###imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 06:47 PM



“ Pam,  
*Sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Thinking of you and all your family at this time. Martha###imported-begin##Martha (Mead) Goncer###imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 05:04 PM



“ *My condolences to the Powell family. Ric was the first guy to cut my hair, and when I moved back to Adrian after college, he rented me the upstairs apartment. I lived above the barber shop for five years. He used to call me if he didn't hear me up in the morning to go to work. Your dad and Mom visited my dad in the hospital when he just got out of ccu and of course Ric brought his bag and cut and shaved my dad. He was a great man and even better friend to me, and my family. He touched alot of lives and will be missed by many.###imported-begin##Gary Lundy###imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ Mike-

*I am so sorry to read about "Ric's" passing. He was a fixture in the youth of many of us....watching my brother scream his lungs out sitting in your Dad's chair, seeing him on the side lines of the games. Just this past weekend my Dad threatened to take my Mom to Ric to get her hair cut. And we all knew what Dad meant...*

*With sympathy,*

*Chris Crone##imported-begin##Chris Crone##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 04:35 PM

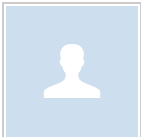


“ Pam,

*My deepest sympathy on the passing of your dad. I will state his name in Church tomorrow and 300 people will say a prayer for him. My prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless##imported-begin##Tony Bosco##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ Dear Mike,

*I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences go out to your family.*

*God Bless*

*Linda Harris##imported-begin##Linda Harris##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2010 at 01:55 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your dad.##imported-begin##Karen  
Vervaecke##imported-end##

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January 08, 2010 at 01:19 PM