



Mr. Clay Phillip "Phil" Powell, Sr.

July 29, 1932 - October 4, 2025

Clay Phillip "Phil" Powell, Sr., age 93 of Centre passed away Saturday, October 4, 2025, at his residence.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the Centre First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chris Cone officiating. Burial will follow in Cherokee Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:30 PM until the time of service on Tuesday.

Pallbearers will include John Powell Mansfield, Mark Powell Mansfield, Lawrence Ellis Mansfield, III, Dylan Scott Cochran, Keith Allen Cochran, and Sidney Blair Garrett. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Employees of the City of Centre while he was Mayor.

Mr. Powell is survived by his wife of 68 years, Frankie Smith Powell, and his son, Phillip Powell, along with a niece and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. William Henry and Willie Mae Gwen Powell, brother, Gerald Henry Powell, and sister, Willyne Powell Mansfield.

Mr. Powell was a native of Centre. He was a graduate of Cherokee County High School where he played all sports, and was all-state in football. He went on to play football at Howard College, as well as playing football while in the Army. After his service, he also played football for Jacksonville State University and graduated in 1957. He retired from Goodyear after 25 years, and then served as Mayor of Centre for 12 years. He was a member of the Rotary Club and served as President for one term. He was active in the

Chamber of Commerce and the Taste of Cherokee. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

The Powell family respectfully requests no flowers, no plants, and no food. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Centre First United Methodist Church, PO Box 296, Centre, AL 35960. The family would also like to thank the many people that were so lovingly involved in Phil's care, including Lori Ann Powell, Allyson Curry, Joyce and Tommy Price, the employees of Cherokee Home Health, and the employees of Amedysis Hospice.

Perry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

www.perryfuneral.net

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT 7. 1:30 PM (CT)

Centre First United Methodist Church

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Centre First United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

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“ Frankie, I have so many wonderful memories we had with you two in our younger days❤️ sending lots of hugs, love and Prayers to all the family. He was such a fine man and friend! Love Diane Lowe

Diane Lowe - October 07, 2025 at 03:31 PM

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“ Frankie, I am so sorry to hear that Phil passed away. Y'all had a long marriage filled with millions of memories. My prayers will be for you and your son and all who loved him to find strength and comfort in Christ our Lord. We will rejoice with them again one day, that is what keeps me going. Love you sweet lady,

Vickie Moon

Vickie Moon - October 07, 2025 at 02:48 PM



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“ So many memories of Phil! He was such a wonderful man and cared about all the people around him! Frankie and Phillip, praying for y'all and the family! We love you all!
Jennifer, Bobby and Emilee Paul

Jennifer Paul - October 06, 2025 at 06:39 AM

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“ *Dear Frankie and Family,
We are so saddened by the loss of Phil.
He was a sweet friend & always had time to
chat with us.
He suffered for a long time, & I know he is at
peace now.
Phil was a good man, & a very sincere & kind friend.
He will be missed by all who knew him.
May God give each of you comfort in knowing you will see
him again some glorious day.
In Christian Love,
Elaine Callaway (Brooks) Singleton & Family.*



ELAINE C. (BROOKS) SINGLETON - October 05, 2025 at 10:33 PM