



Stephen L. "Coach" Powell

June 6, 2018

Stephen L. "Coach" Powell, 68, of Lancaster died on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Hospice & Community Care in Mount Joy. Born in Chester, PA on July 13, 1949 a son of the late Dorothy L. and Jerome E. Powell, Sr.

He was a graduate of Chester High School and earned his Teaching degree from Millersville University.

Steve was the Head Coach of J.P. McCaskey High School Boys Basketball Team for 26 years and was Assistant under Coach Horn from 1972 to 1993. Coach Powell was the winningest basketball coach in the Lancaster-Lebanon League history.

Steve was the Founder, CEO, and President of Powell Steel in Pequea Township from 1993 to 2013.

He is survived by his life partner of 42 years, Gloria J. Campbell; his children, Stephen, Aleisha, Stephanie and their mother, Janie; siblings, Ethel, Nathaniel, Kevin, Jerome, and Sharon; grandchildren, Makiyah, Syrah, Duron, and Laylah; Aunt Elsie who helped raise him and Aunt Della.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Elaine and Elinore.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Coach Powell's Memorial Service at J.P. McCaskey High School Gymnasium, 445 N. Reservoir St., Lancaster on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services.

Please wear McCaskey pride colors, Red & Black.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in his memory to Hospice & Community Care, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

J.P. McCaskey High School
445 N. Reservoir Street
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Stephen L. "Coach" Powell

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Condolences to Gloria and the Powell family. Met Steve and Gloria back in the 70's. What many might not know is that Steve and Gloria also we're pretty good at Tennis and played at the Host indoor courts and saw them even at the US OPEN Tennis in NYC. Steve and Gloria a great couple and Steve a great super wonderful guy, whether on a bb court or tennis court. Will be missed... Paul H.

Paul Banks - June 15, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ May God comfort the entire Powell Family! Love you all. Cousin Judy Powell McCloud, Lancaster, PA

Judy Powell McCloud - June 14, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ RIP Coach Powell. As a young man, I had the pleasure of playing for Coach Powell back on the McCaskey teams from 1977-1980. Though I didn't always do what was expected of me, both as a student and player, Coach Powell never wavered in his support in helping me as he would say, in "getting my mind right". Regardless of who you were or where you came from, Coach Powell was as genuine and caring of a person one could need as a young person. After all these years, I've never forgotten this man's purpose. Coach and family...may God bless you all...may peace be with you.

Craig Albright
Counselor/Basketball Coach
Stonewall Jackson MS
Charleston, WV
JP McCaskey '80

Craig Albright - June 11, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ This dude was larger than life. I will always remember the awe I felt looking at his basketball Hightops (and often trying them on!) He quite literally and figuratively leaves enormous shoes to fill on the court, in the coaching world and in our lives.

Mandy Delp - June 11, 2018 at 09:38 AM

Laura
Tressler

“ Steve was, hands down, the best boss I ever had. I worked at United Chem Con, my first "real" job out of college and Steve was this larger than life guy who knew everyone's name and more than a little about them. He managed to be a friend as well as a boss and treated everyone fairly but had high expectations as well. You always knew where you stood with Steve. Thirty years later, he still remembered my name and we shared stories from that time. I had begun to run the clock for the Donegal boys basketball team and in 2013, we reconnected through, of all things, basketball. My boys were making a state run and we met McCaskey in Districts I believe. I went over to say hello to Steve before the game and to see if he remembered me, he did. :) He confided in me that his kids were nervous about meeting ours. After the game, he said they were the first team that had his running scared and we almost beat them. Almost.... but he was a gracious a winner too and praised our kids efforts and talents and sincerely wished them well in states. Like his team, we lost, at the buzzer to a private Philadelphia team. What an amazing example and mentor for all those McCaskey players he was!!! I'm sure they will remember him fondly, as do I. Rest in peace my friend... you deserve it!



Laura Tressler - June 11, 2018 at 08:39 AM

GD

“ George & Janice Doto lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. "Coach" Powell



George & Janice Doto - June 10, 2018 at 04:04 PM

PG

“ Steve and Gloria attended our wedding 31 years ago. We also went to the US Open Tennis in New York several times. Always had fun at the Open with Steve and Gloria. We went out to dinner and enjoyed life in NY. We also had good times playing some doubles tennis locally. We have not seen Steve in the last 5 years but always loved them as a couple. We will miss Steve.

Pam & Don Gilles

Pam & Don Gilles - June 10, 2018 at 01:54 PM

MW

“ Gloria, it is with deep sadness that I extend my sympathy to you and the family. May many happy memories sustain you at this very difficult time. You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.
Blessings, Marion Wonder

Marion R. Wonder - June 10, 2018 at 01:04 PM

KN

“ Gloria my deepest sympathies on Steve's passing. May you and the family find comfort knowing he is at peace. Kim Neumar

Kim Neumar - June 10, 2018 at 12:09 PM

LK

“ Sincere condolences for your loss . The “ Red Tornado” family past and present have been blessed with his caring. Great memories selling and taking tickets at basketball games in the 80's . Never a dull moment. God bless to you and your family. Thanks for sharing him. LOU and Claudette Korzniecki

lou korzniecki - June 10, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JB

“ Rest in Peace Coach, I enjoyed knowing you and working with you at McCaskey East, I am sorry for you Families Loss I know you have touched a lot of Peoples Hearts! God Bless you and them all!
Jon Bruce

Jon Bruce - June 10, 2018 at 07:29 AM

JP

“ Jerome (jc) Pompey lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. "Coach" Powell



Jerome (jc) Pompey - June 10, 2018 at 05:55 AM

JP

The Coach was a very special person & I will always have a special place in my Heart for him. He is gone but never will be forgotten..

Jerome (jc) Pompey - June 10, 2018 at 06:01 AM

JS

My deepest condolences and love to Gloria who was a special friend of mine with the School District of Lancaster. You married a great man and I am sure he brought you years of joy and contentment

john sayer - June 10, 2018 at 12:34 PM

RA

Our deepest condolences to the family of Steve "Bird" Powell. Steve was a great inspiration & role-model to us Allen siblings, back in junior high school & high school, during his earlier years at Millersville U. He was a fantastic basketball player, student, & somewhat comedic/personable friend.

Later on, Steve Powell became also an outstanding Basketball Coach & business-person there in Lancaster, PA. We are very proud of Steve's accomplishments in life, most especially, the type of man that Steve became. "May God bless and keep" the family in the days ahead.

Richard & Ronald Allen

Richard William Allen - June 10, 2018 at 04:05 PM

EL

Bird, was my basketball teammate and former roommate during our entire time at the Ville. He will be missed along with our other roommates Genaro Elam and Andre Lewis. Great memories riding in his red caddy, all of us together. RIP Ernie Lowe

Ernie Lowe - June 22, 2018 at 09:53 AM