



James Kenneth Powless

April 9, 1949 - April 18, 2015

James Kenneth Powless, age 66, of Marion, passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015, in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born on April 9, 1949, in Carbondale, IL the son of Kenneth Barnett Powless and Emily Mary (Cygner) Powless.

He was united in marriage to Susan Elizabeth Reed on Saturday, June 13, 1970, in Marion, IL and together they have shared over forty-four years of marriage.

Jim obtained a BS in finance in 1971 and a Juris Doctor in 1974, from the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL. He practiced law in Marion and owned William County Title and Abstract.

He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Marion.

Jim enjoyed fishing, reading, cooking, tinkering, teaching, and listening to folk music. He was selfless, performing acts of service for people without hesitation. He enjoyed volunteering for the Marion Regional Humane Society and substitute teaching for Marion and Carterville school districts. He was a “Dad” to many of his daughters’ friends and invested many years coaching summer softball league. His patience, laugh, humor, and love will be celebrated and remembered.

He is survived by his wife, Susan E. Powless of Marion; two daughters and son-in-law, Sarah Filkins of Champaign, IL, and Jamie and Will Miller of Herrin, IL; three grandsons, Colin Filkins, Jack Miller, and Finnegan Miller; sisters, Linda Powless of Marion and Catherine Powless of Glen Ellen, IL; brother and sister-in-law, David and Patty Powless of Marion; mother-in-law, Carol Pullis of Marion; several nephews and nieces; many friends; and the many students whom he enjoyed teaching in the Marion Unit 2 and Carterville Unit 5 school districts.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, George Pullis.

Arrangements for James K. Powless were entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court Street, of Marion, IL.

Visitation was from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st, at the funeral home. During the time of visitation a “Reflection of Life” DVD Memorial Tribute featuring special people, places and events of Jim’s life was presented to the family and friends.

The funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Wilson-

McReynolds Funeral Home, with Rev. Dr. Tim Ozment and Pastor David Miller presiding. The eulogy and comments of memory were presented by Jim's sister, Linda Powless. The prelude and postlude musical selections were presented by pianist, Judy Hopkins. Special musical selections presented during the service were "Psalm 62" as a recorded selection and "The Lord's Prayer" as a congregational hymn, led by Sarah Marsh and accompanied by pianist, Judy Hopkins.

Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery of Marion, IL.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Herman Lyle and Tom Dibble.

Active pallbearers were Nick Powless, Bill Nielsen, Scott Verbest, David Counts, Hank Counts and Ryan Abney.

Following the service the family and friends gathered at Aldersgate United Methodist Church for a meal and continued time of fellowship and support.

For those who preferred, memorial contributions were made to "Aldersgate United Methodist Church Youth Ministries" or the animal rescue groups "Crittergal Rescue" or "Angelina Foundation". Memorial contribution envelopes were available at the funeral home or were mailed in care of Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, P.O. Box 370, Marion, IL 62959.

For additional information please contact the funeral home by calling 618-993-2131.

Cemetery

Rose Hill Cemetery
1445 North Court Street
Marion, IL, 62959

Events

APR 21 Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM
Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home
900 N. Court St., Marion, IL, US, 62959

APR 22 Funeral Service 11:00AM
Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home
900 N. Court St., Marion, IL, US, 62959

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home - April 20, 2015 at 10:43 PM



“ Marvelous...

Kurt Stowers - April 21, 2015 at 08:21 PM



“ Such a joy to relive so many wonderful memories of Jim and all his family, What a tribute

Jane Ann - April 21, 2015 at 10:56 PM



“ It was amazing

Glen Burton - April 22, 2015 at 12:23 AM



“ This tribute is wonderful!! My sincere sympathy goes out to all his precious family! After watching the video, I remember Jim well.

Gail Ann Henard - April 22, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ What a wonderful tribute...So many memories to treasure! Jo Anne Kline Miller

Jo Anne Kline Miller - April 25, 2015 at 09:47 PM



“ My sympathies and condolences to the Powless family. Jim and I had a special relationship as fellow Phi Sigs when we met for Illinois Bar activities around the state. I enjoyed his friendship and humor when we met at the fraternity as well. My sincere condolences to brother Dave, too. I regret not knowing Jim better. The letters from Jamie and students and friends are precious reminders of his special qualities. I'm sure the Lord will provide comfort to his family as Jim enters heaven with him. Dave Murray PSK '57 Law '60

Dave Murray - May 07, 2015 at 03:40 PM



“ Linda lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Powless



Linda - April 23, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ Dear Dad,

In case you didn't know, you've always been a great man to me. Despite any flaws, mistakes, or errors in judgment, you have my heart. I think you are kind, selfless, brilliant, loving, sacrificial, talented, and precious. Those words may be overused, but they are your true attributes.

In case you didn't know, I have fond, vivid memories of you and me. It seems like yesterday I was standing at 1001 E. Illinois in the fresh-mown grass, looking at you squatting down with your glove up in the air in front of the fence. You wore white shorts, white tennis shoes, and often a red shirt and hat. Every night you made time for me to pitch after dinner. A beautiful picture framed in my mind. In case you didn't know, these are the most vivid memories I have of us. I remember a time I was back talking and you chased me around the entire house. You chased me into the kitchen and put me in a headlock in front of the oven. I deserved it. I remember you and mom tucking me in every night. I would say, "Love you, goodnight, see you in the morning." You would then turn on all my music boxes at once. I remember you in your recliner on Illinois. I would lie with you on the chair; you let me even when I was too big. I loved rising and falling on you as your belly did the same. I remember you taking me to the park in the mornings. You would go to Hucks and then we would sit in front of a field. You got me a fruit punch and cinnamon and jelly donuts. I remember a lady working at Hucks asking you if you and your son were going to have a picnic. I had short hair and wore boys' clothes and shoes, so she thought I was your son. I remember you taking Sarah and me to Jefferson School. We called the circle drop off drive "The Grand Canyon." I remember you sitting with me for hours trying to animate a cigarette pack by using the big VHS video recorder. Was that really the only object you could find?! I remember you trying to teach me to hand sew. We made a little white rabbit. I remember you giving me a letter because you couldn't go to my senior musical. I remember you writing me a letter about my birth and how we were the only ones in the room. I can't find that now, but I wish I had it. I remember you taking me on a date. I got to get dressed up. We saw The Bodyguard. I remember you trying to give me the birds and the bees talk in 7th grade in the sitting room upstairs. Geesh. That was awkward. I remember driving to countless car lots to view cars. I remember I can call you any time and you will have something I need in that garage of yours. I remember you putting rollers in my hair my 8th grade and freshmen years. I remember being locked out of our house on Illinois and we sat in the hot tub in our clothes until Mom got back. I remember you guiding me through my faith, countless times. I remember you calling a family meeting when I was in grade school. You made folders and had stickers for me. You told us God spoke to you. I don't quite remember what you were supposed to do, but I do know you were taking charge of our family and that God asked you to. I remember you at every ball game saying, "Come on, Jame." I remember driving to a ball game from a swim meet and you got pulled over by a cop. I remember you driving me to Union to retake my ACT, and although I scored the same and didn't get more money for a scholarship, you were still proud of me. I always knew you were proud of me. I remember you rolling on the floor kicking your legs in the air playing Catch Phrase with Will, Sarah, and me. I remember the countless hours you helped me with college papers. I remember you packing my stuff and moving me to Tennessee, Lexington, and

Belleville. I remember you loving me and supporting me in every mistake I made. I remember you taking care of Mom, making her dinner, fixing things, rubbing her shoulders, giving calm responses. I remember the first time you held Jack. You were my dad...holding my son. I remember the time that you give to my children. I remember the time I heard you reading to Jack

Jamie Miller - April 22, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ The letter got cut off. Here is the rest...

and discussing books with him like you used to do me. I remember you sacrificing, even when you didn't have it. I didn't need those clothes. I didn't need that truck. I didn't need those toys. I didn't need those vacations. I didn't need a private college. I didn't need that wedding. I didn't need anyTHING. I needed you.

In case you didn't know, I think about you all the time. I wonder how you're doing. I wonder what great talks you are giving the students. I wonder what cool project you are tinkering with. I wonder what meal you are making Mom for dinner. I wonder what mess around the house you are cleaning. I wonder what book you are reading. I wonder if you talk to God. I wonder if you think of your mom and dad. I wonder if you have regrets. I wonder if you're happy. I wonder if you think of me, like I do you.

In case you didn't know, you've taught me so much, Dad.

In case you didn't know, I have never wanted any dad but you.

In case you didn't know, I respect you.

In case you didn't know, I can count on you.

In case you didn't know, I love you with all of my heart.

In case you didn't know, I'll always be your baby.

Merry Christmas 2013.

Love, Jamie

Jamie Miller - April 22, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ Waaaaahhhhhh! Beautiful tribute I have ever read - thank you so much for sharing - it touches my heart and makes me want to be more like you and your dad much love. me

gaylynn rice - May 04, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ I was stunned when I heard of Jim's passing Saturday morning. My thoughts have returned to him every few minutes since then. His big smile and the twinkle in his eyes keep coming to mind. I didn't need the slide show to remind me of that smile, but it was nice to see him, loving all his family and friends. I don't think I have ever seen Jim not smiling and I will remember him for it, for his friendship, and for introducing me to my wife for the rest of my life. He will be missed by all that knew him.

My deepest condolences to you, Susan. I'm sorry that we were not able to come to Marion and pay our respects, but please know, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mack Gaither - April 21, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ I went to school with Jamie and Sarah....and though I didn't know Jim well, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for comfort and strength for each day.
With my loving sympathy,
Sarah (Mayfield) Wanck

Sarah - April 21, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Kenneth Powless.



April 21, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ I, too, spent a majority of my pre-adolescence with the Powless family. They always welcomed me, this spunky child with eyeglasses and giant hair, into their family. With Jim as the head of the household, they were always welcoming and always giving. Wherever they were going, I was always welcome to go too, just like one of them. Summers spent with the Powless' meant swimming, mixed-tapes, crank-phone calls, delicious grill-outs, and softball! Jim was my first, and only, softball coach for several years. He was a father-figure, a teacher, a coach, and a wise friend. He always had patience for whatever hijinx Jamie and I were getting into. He never yelled and never complained when he (usually) had to help us clean up or deal with the after math. He kindly drove us all around town in that beautiful blue Toyota Celica and let us dominate his radio with whatever 80's "hair band" was popular at the time. From dances to the skating rink, to softball and gymnastics, and even to school we would go, pre-teen and teenaged girls, all the time, all days. I don't know how he dealt with all that crazy estrogen, but he always did it with a twinkle in those blue eyes. He was the grounding energy, the rock, and the safety of the household. I would like to thank him and his family for all the loving, patient, wonderful memories I have of growing up with them. I send my sincerest condolences to the Powless/Miller/Filkins families. Jim was a true gentleman, a one of a kind, and he we be truly missed, but never forgotten.

With love and prayers,
Stacia

Stacia Kammerer Riffe - April 21, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“ Thank you. Precious words.

jamie miller - April 26, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ I just viewed the Tribute Video...such a special person remembered and such a beautiful life honored...so many sweet memories brought to mind from high school days with both Jim and Susan and later being in their wedding. My heartfelt sympathy to all of you.

Carla Galloway (Skelton)

Carla Galloway - April 21, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ Jim introduced me to my husband, Mack. I was a young single mother of two and Mack was running the area headquarters for a state senate campaign. I needed a job, Mack needed an office manager and Jim made the connection. It was the age when typing was considered critical, but at that point the office did not even have a typewriter. We walked down the street to Jims' law office to 'take a typing test'. I failed the first three times and definitely feel I failed the fourth, but under questionable ulterior motives was hired anyway. Two years later, Jim and Susan were our Man and Matron of Honor at our wedding. One month later, Mack graduated from college and together with Jim and Susan, we made what was a great adventure trip east to Boston for the ceremonies, with a swing by Niagara Falls to top it off. That was 35 years ago.

Over these many years since we have spent many, many hours with Susan and Jim, philosophizing, politicizing, grousing, espousing and solving a lot of the entire world's problems. Jim was always a deep thinker and our conversations are all worth savoring. However at times, Jim's thinking got very deep, indeed. In fact, not just a few times I found myself leaning in, trying to really grasp the whole meaning of where he was going with the conversation. For years I thought it was just me and my limited ability to truly understand the gist of what he was getting to. And then one day I had the guts to ask Mack . . . 'so what exactly was it that Jim was saying about' . . .? Let's all be honest, we have all been there with Jim. It is one of the greatest of my memories that I will cherish about him; the convergence of thought with entangled words and my deeply furrowed eyebrows!

About 10 years ago, at the age when our mortality begins to weigh more heavily on us all, Jim had turned a theory of life-after over in his mind for apparently quite some time. He had concluded that our mind was nothing more than elaborate electric impulses and one cannot destroy energy, only convert it to another entity. Jim was unequivocal that you cannot destroy the mind, it only transforms. Jim's fantastic mind lives in each of our memories. And for Jim, his mind is now soaring in the heavens.

All my love to you Susan. My thoughts are with you Jamie, Sarah, David, Cathy and Linda.

Good bye my dear, dear friend,
Rebecca

Rebecca Gaither - April 21, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Kenneth Powless.



April 21, 2015 at 07:20 AM



“ I remember Jim and Susan from high school days. The teachers often seated us alphabetical and my former name was Janet Rich so I fit in after Reed and Powless! What good memories those years bring back. I always thought Jim was the smartest guy in the class and admired him. My heartfelt prayers go out to his family.

janet rich schulz - April 20, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ Let me start by saying I was deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing the other day. I will truly miss a good friend and MHS '67 classmate. Wish I could attend the services, but family commitments and distance does not allow it. But you have my word that I will make it a point the next time I visit Marion to see my folks' gravesite that I will stop and say "Hello" and a prayer to a fine man. I remember the last time Jim and I had a good visit, in the spring of 2008, when he attended my mom's gravesite service. A few years before that, I stopped by the house, reminisced about old times, and caught up on current events. Although our life paths took us in different directions and we didn't stay in touch with each other, Jim was always someone I wanted to see when in town because I enjoyed his company. The good and bad times we acquire during our teen years stay with us forever because of the bonds we form growing up and Jim will be one of those wonderful memories. To Susan and your immediate family, to Linda, Cathy, and David, you have my deepest sympathy on the loss of a loving husband, father, and brother. To me, he was a damn good friend and great human being.

Bye old buddy,

Bill Parks

Bill Parks - April 20, 2015 at 06:25 PM



“ Bill, thank you for the above, I remember all you guys playing together and growing up together. Keep him in your heart Linda

Linda - April 23, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ Message to Jim's Family,

I have the privilege and enjoyment of working with Jim over the past eight years.

Jim was always articulate and 90% of the time quite upbeat. I will miss his interaction and sound judgment.

Having lost my wife last summer, I can only imagine the grief that the family will go through. I will say prayers for June and hope that you we will find a way to continue life. Thank you for The opportunity of knowing Jim.

Edward Lee Frauenheim

Edward E. frauenheim III - April 20, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ Jim was a kind and friendly man with a great sense of humor. I met Jim and his wife Susan about 38 years ago when I was dating his sister in law. Jim was a young lawyer then. I never had the visit with Jim again. I regret not getting to see him again. I can still remember Jim's voice and laughter all these years later. He was a great guy and fun to be around and talk to. Very intelligent, gentle man and always thinking of others. My deepest sympathies to his wife Susan, daughters, brother David, sisters and entire family.

John Travelstead - April 20, 2015 at 01:36 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Kenneth Powless.



April 20, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ Sending my sincere sympathies to all members of Jim's family, especially his wife, Susan, and his brother, Dave. Jim was a fraternity brother of mine at the University of Illinois, and I fondly remember his great friendship. -- Bruce Johnson

BRUCE JOHNSON - April 20, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ So many years of my childhood and growing up involve wonderful memories of the Powless family. Jim was such a calm, sweet, caring father who never seemed to be phased by Jamie and I (and other friends) constantly needing to be driven here, there, and everywhere...and turning the house upside down w/ our various slumber parties, etc. One of my fondest memories of Jim was our big fishing trip to the Ozarks. We had many laughs as he patiently taught Jamie and I the skill of fly fishing. An amazing man who I thought the world of!! Rest in peace sweet Jim!!



Amanda Malin-Diamantis - April 20, 2015 at 08:50 AM



“ Thank you for this.

Jamie Miller - April 20, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James Kenneth Powless.



April 20, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ One of the things I always admired about Jim was his ability to know what to say and when to say it to capture the hearts of those around him. Although we, who knew him well, all wondered sometimes if he was going to get to the end of what he was saying, we always were hanging on his every word:) I will miss those conversations with Jim greatly. I will also miss the way he loved his daughter (my wife) so selflessly and how he knew how to love her perfectly at times when I was blowing it as her husband. His love and example helped teach me how to be a better husband and father in ways that I cannot fit on this page. Jim, I will miss you. You better have our poles ready when I finish my time here. You bailed out early on our trout fishing trip this summer. I'm not forgetting that.

Will Miller - April 20, 2015 at 12:11 AM



“ Mr. Jim Powless was a great man and a passionate teacher. No matter the age group or subject matter, he was able to captivate his audience with his wit, wisdom, and genuine thoughtfulness. Any classroom that had Mr. Powless as the teacher that day was very fortunate. His wealth of knowledge was beyond compare. The students left school on those days with a lasting learning experience and the teacher came back to class with all of the work complete and more. Thank you Jim for the lasting memories you have left with us and our children. We will miss you and your presence in our schools. May God bless you, your family, and all of us! Sincerely, Jenna Fletcher



Jenna Fletcher - April 19, 2015 at 11:13 PM



“ Perfect. Thank you.

Jamie Miller - April 20, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ Such a beautiful tribute, Jenna.

susan - April 20, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ He was the best sub ever he would always tell the best stories. He was the best history sub at the Jr high he knew a lot about history. He will be missed by the whole Marion unit 2 school district

Clayton Bowles - April 19, 2015 at 10:10 PM



“ Jim, David and I spent our junior high-high school summers working at the Marion pool - buying our three identical Gibson J50 guitars at the same time, playing between pool sessions in that great concrete music hall. What a rich time. Upper classman Jim sponsored me as a pledge at U of I's Psi Sigma Kappa fraternity. On the phone with David Saturday morning, we were flooded with those and more fond memories - and almost every waking moment since. May God bless and keep the Powless family. Kurt, MHS Class of 69

Kurt Stowers - April 19, 2015 at 08:41 PM



“ I'm the CEO of Dogwood Management Partners in Tampa, Florida, and I'd like to tell the family how much I both liked and respected Jim as a business colleague and as a friend. His mixture of people skills, good old fashioned common sense and values were what he was all about. I received a call from a mutual friend and colleague on Saturday who informed me about his passing.

I miss Jim already. My most sincere condolences to the family.....Ross Statham

Ross Statham - April 19, 2015 at 08:00 PM



“ Mr . Powless was my favorite sub at the marion Jr high I will always remember him.



Marquez Lilly - April 19, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“It was at a different age, not when I'm 4, but I remember Grandpa playing tinker toys with me. I remember him reading the book There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea.”

-Jack, Grandson (4 and a half)

"Grandpa Jim helped Nana feel better. I liked to play puzzles with him."

-Finn, Grandson (2 and a half)

Jack and Finn Miller - April 19, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“Rest in peace Jim. Will always remember the fun times at the Marion pool.my condolences to the family.”

Dalyce Rupert - April 19, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ Those beautiful, blue eyes. That warm smile. His famous bald spot. His khaki shorts, polo shirts, sandals and baseball hat. His endless sacrifices. His servant's heart. The devotion to his family. His unconditional love. His joy in his grandchildren. His pride in his children. His protection of his wife. His helpfulness to his mother-in-law. His endless stories. His guidance. His delicious cooking. His frustration with his sassy child. His unlimited supply of useful and useless knowledge. His Illinois-shaped birthmark. His folk music. His time, that he always gave to me, and never stopped giving. His sensitivity. His gentleness and patience. His effort--on everything he touched. His hands, shaped like mine. His beauty. All this--and so much more--was mine to enjoy for 36 years. This complex man, with his life victories and defeats, will forever be treasured and adored. I stole his heart when my baby hand wrapped around his finger, but he stole mine year after year as he held my hand and guided me through both dark woods and sunny meadows. God knew what I needed in a father, and He outdid Himself when He provided me you.

In your own words: "I hope is that our efforts at making memories--whether going with you to your events, cheering or coaching, or taking some long summer vacation--give you some lasting times to recall fondly throughout your lifetime. That is what we all have of each other in this lifetime--memories built on love. "

I love you, Dad. And you can believe I'll hold dear all those memories...built on the strength of your love.

Jamie Miller - April 19, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ Perfection

Jane - April 19, 2015 at 06:14 PM



“ So Beautiful Jamie!

Patty Powless - April 21, 2015 at 01:56 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to your Father!

Kay Hig - April 21, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the family.



Marian Neely-Carlson - April 19, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ Jim gave me my first law related job when I was in law school. He always had patience trying to teach me about the practice of law. I got the added benefit of also working with Kenny Powless, David Powless and Ann Brown. I was still working for Jim when I graduated from law school and my father had just had a severe heart attack and couldn't go to my graduation. Jim closed things down and he and much of the staff went to my graduation. They also made sure the ceremony was taped so my mom and dad could see it at home. I will always be appreciative of what Jim taught me both about the practice of law and how to treat people. God Bless Jim Powless and his family. Mike McCormick, Champaign, IL

Mike McCormick - April 19, 2015 at 01:36 PM



“ Thanks for this, Mike. Those are the things my dad did for people. I'm so proud of him. He spoke fondly of you.

Jamie Miller - April 19, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ I always thought highly of Jim and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with Susan and the rest of the family.

Missy Brown - April 19, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ Can't believe that he's gone. Didn't have him much as a sub in school but when I did, wow that made the day 100% better. RIP!! You will always be missed at District 2

Stormie England - April 19, 2015 at 12:39 AM



“ Mr. Powless was the best sub ever. He would tell the funniest stories and always make us laugh, he will truly be missed

Joshua Bloodworth - April 19, 2015 at 12:07 AM



“ He was the best substitute teacher ever. He will be missed a lot by all of Marion. The Jr high especially.

tyler loyd - April 18, 2015 at 10:47 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news.....Jim was my very first official 'car' date my freshman year of high school. He was always such a gentleman and so kind. I'm sure he was a wonderful father and grandfather and will leave a void in so many lives of those who loved and knew him. My sincerest sympathy....

Francey Wolfe (Lokerse)

Francey Wolfe - April 18, 2015 at 10:44 PM



“ Kim Biver Harris lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Powless



Kim Biver Harris - April 18, 2015 at 09:58 PM



“ He was the funniest and nicest substitute teacher I have ever met. He was my favorite. He will be dearly missed by many including me. I just seen him Wednesday and Thursday while he was filling in at the Marion Junior High school. It's so sad that things can change so fast. We will miss you dearly. Forever in our hearts. Rest in Paradise.

Kaitlyn - April 18, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ Kelli (Cooper) Bathon lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Powless



Kelli (Cooper) Bathon - April 18, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ Your entire family will remain in my prayers during this difficult time. - Kelli (Cooper) Bathon
Kelli (Cooper) Bathon - April 18, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ Mr. Poetess was my favorite English substitute I had. He was just teaching our English class yesterday about Macbeth. He was not only a great substitute, but a truly great man.

Emily - April 18, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ Best substitute teacher EVER



cameron - April 18, 2015 at 08:22 PM



“ One of my favorite substitute teachers ever. Always laughing and making other people laugh. Will be missed by very many people

Daishen Wolaver - April 18, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ he was the best substitute ever.! i knew I could talk to him about anything i can't believe he's gone I seen him last week when he subbed for Mrs.Fletcher && he seemed fine I will miss him so much R.I.P you will be missed. I hope you're dancing with the angles



Chantel Tucker?? - April 18, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ He was by far one of the best substitutes I've ever had. He was always my favorite and I remember he would always tell me all these stories or just give such great advice about life and school and dealing with people in general you know? He loved to read which was something else we would talk about books we had read and books we wanted to read. He was honestly just a great person and he genuinely cared for kids even if he wasn't our actual teacher. I'm gonna miss him so much.

Diamond Henderson - April 18, 2015 at 07:43 PM



“ He was the funniest and nicest substitute teacher ever. He would always tell funny stories that had nothing to do with the lesson but we always wanted to hear more anyway. He subbed for Mrs. Fletcher the English teacher at Marion Junior High Wednesday and Thursday, we were some of the last people to see him.

Drew - April 18, 2015 at 07:23 PM



“ Jim,Susan, Sarah, and Jamie were like family to us when we lived in Marion. We have many happy memories of times spent with them. Our hearts are broken for Susan and the girls. Praying for strength and peace for them.

bonnie casmer - April 18, 2015 at 10:23 PM



“ So sorry for the passing of Jim. I have known Jim through working with his father Kenny on many lawsuits at Marion Memorial Hospital. Kenny was always so proud of Jim. Later enjoyed talking with Jim at junior high school. Jim will be missed by all.

June Wollard - April 18, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ Kathy Ann Walker lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Powless



Kathy Ann Walker - April 18, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Susan, Sarah, Jamie, Linda, David, Cathy, and the grandchildren at this time.

Kathy Ann Walker - April 18, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ Susan, I was simply stunned when I heard this earlier this afternoon. My heart goes out to you and your family. Please give my best to you mother also. My mother always thought so much of her. Again please know that you are being held very much in my heart!!!! I surely know how very hard this it!!!! MUCH LOVE and concern!

Gayle Feurer Miller Ernsting

Gayle Feurer Miller Ernsting - April 18, 2015 at 07:06 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of James Kenneth Powless.



April 18, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ Christina Schafer (Mandrell) lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Powless



Christina Schafer (Mandrell) - April 18, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ Dave McReynolds lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Powless



Dave McReynolds - April 18, 2015 at 04:20 PM