



## William Carney Powell

March 7, 1933 - July 27, 2018

William Carney Powell, Jr., of Chestertown, MD, died on July 27, 2018, at Heron Point in Chestertown. He was 85.

He was born in Norfolk, VA, on March 7, 1933, the son of the late William Carney Powell, Sr., and Virginia Boush Powell.

He was a graduate of Oceana High School in Oceana, VA, in 1952 and proudly served from 1953 until 1957 with the U.S. Coast Guard. He finished at Atlantic Christian College, with pre-engineering in Wilson, NC. His first marriage to Barbra Norryce ended in divorce. His second marriage to Nancy Hoon lasted over 40 years.

Mr. Powell had an enriching career which he began after he completed a 2 ½ year program at Capitol Radio Institute. He worked briefly with CBS and spent the majority of his career with NBC. Mr. Powell was instrumental in the conversion from film to video and soon became a cameraman and technical director at NBC News. He would then join as a member of the White House Press Corps and would frequently travel on Air Force One.

Mr. Powell covered world events, political conventions, presidential assassination attempts, and great tragedies along with tiresome hearings press conferences and stakeouts. He was at NBC for 25 years during the

Kennedy through George H.W. Bush administrations. Following retirement, he would freelance with NBC and CBS.

His wife, Nancy, brought out the adventurous side of him, they brought a small cabin in Lost River, WV, and became deeply involved in the area. He attended blue grass festivals, taught TV production at 4-H camp, joined the Lost River Artisans Cooperative, and worked tirelessly at the Lost River Museum.

He also enjoyed hiking, cooking, extensive travel, cherished pets, and tending to their garden.

In addition to his wife, Nancy Hoon Powell, he is survived by his daughter Suzanne Powell Ikenberry and her husband Steve of Spotsylvania, VA; grandchildren, Wesley Steven Ikenberry and Corey David Ikenberry; a sister, Anne Powell Lang; a brother, Robert Lee Powell; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Hoon Baker.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at 2:00 PM, at Wesley Hall, Heron Point 501 E. Campus Ave., Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, please direct contributions to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617 or to the Heron Point Benevolence Fund.

# Previous Events

## **celebration of life**

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Hall at Heron Point  
501 E. Campus Ave  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Carney Powell*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Carney Powell*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Carney Powell*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

RS

“ Though my dear friend and business associate, William C. Powell, Jr, died on July 27th, I feel sure that Bill's unforgettably beautiful spirit will continue on with all of us who still celebrate his admirable life.

*Bill and my late husband, Richard T. Slade ("Dick") were employed at NBC during the same period of time. During those NBC years Dick and I became friends with Bill and his wonderful wife Nancy. Bill and Dick retired from NBC about the same time. Bill went on to freelance as a cameraman and director. Dick and I had formed an independent production company in 1979, and upon retirement from NBC, he and I contributed full-time to produce a number of award-winning, visual communication tools for extremely diverse and discerning clients, as well as independent productions for sale to special interest groups.*

*Bill often worked with us on these productions over the years between retirement from NBC and just prior to my husband's death in early 2017. I would like to share an excerpt from one of our thank-you letters to Bill following completion of one of those productions.*

*"... Because you are so reliable, Bill, we sometimes tend to take all of your great qualities for granted, but we want you to know that we realize and appreciate the extent of your contributions to this production and to our image over the years. Thank you for your dedication to excellence, for always delivering skillful craftsmanship for us with a conscientious attitude and an artistic eye, and, most of all, for your loyal friendship.*

*With condolences to Bill's wife, Nancy, his daughter Suzanne Powell Ikenberry and her husband Steve, Bill's grandsons, Wesley Steven Ikenberry and Corey David Ikenberry, and to rest of Bill's family and friends.*

*Ruth M. Slade*

**Ruth M. Slade** - September 07, 2018 at 12:26 PM

BW

“ I met Bill shortly after moving into Heron Point. We lived a few doors away in Pintail Court. Soon found we had a lot in common, US Coast Guard – US Navy, Phone Company. We told each other many stories of the past. We both had a keen interest in technical things. Bill took care of the sound system in Wesley Hall and set up the microphones for many meetings. I started to help with the setup; we talked about improving the system even more and made changes. I now take care of Wesley Hall by my self with help from other residents and miss Bill’s keen interest in the sound system . Can still see him adjusting microphones for different speakers. God speed Bill!  
Bill Williams

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**Bill Williams** - August 08, 2018 at 04:48 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Nancy and the rest of Bill’s family and loved ones. Though I had not seen Bill for over 15 years, he and I had many a terrific discussion of his memories as a cameraman and later his trips to Russia with Nancy. These discussions always took place as I was working on his eyeglasses at my old optical shop near their home in the Sumner area of Bethesda. More than once I tried to encourage Bill to write a memoir of his many experiences he witnessed and recorded over his career, but he felt that no one would be interested. I found the perspectives that he shared from his side of the camera to be incredibly interesting. Bill was a good man and I feel honored for the time I had to spend with him. Godspeed, Bill.

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**Joe Tate** - August 01, 2018 at 07:31 AM

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“ *Thank You Dad  
For always being my  
tower of strength  
You always protected me*

*For giving me sound advice  
when I needed it  
even when it seemed  
I wasn't listening ...  
I really was*

*For giving me guidance  
through many of life's lessons  
You were always there for me*

*But most of all Dad ...  
I want to Thank You  
for being my most loving  
Father  
I love you so much*



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**Suzie Powell Ikenberry** - July 31, 2018 at 03:28 PM