



Ruth Ann Powell

April 24, 1933 - November 15, 2024

Mrs. Ruth Ann Murphy Powell, 91, passed away on Friday, November 15, 2024.

Mrs. Powell was born April 24, 1933 in Brighton, Massachusetts to the late William and Irene Murphy. A retired social worker, she worked for 20 years at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VA Medical Center in Bedford, Massachusetts where she also served as the POW Coordinator. She was also very active in both the American Ex Prisoners of War Association and the Korean War Veterans Association.

She enjoyed spending time with family, cross-stitching and Disney, especially Olaf and Simba. Other interests of Mrs. Powell included yard sales, antiques, watching Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, Hallmark movies, football and golf.

Mrs. Powell is preceded in death by her husband, John Willis Powell, her daughter, Juanita Anne Pina, and her sister Marion Butler.

She is survived by her sons, John David Powell of Waltham, Richard Powell and wife, Suzanne, of Greenville, NC and Patrick Joseph Powell and wife, Nicole, of Shirley; sister, Barbara Farren; brothers, Paul Murphy and Edward Murphy; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited for a celebration of life at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd. (Rte 2A), Ayer, MA on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00am to 12:00noon. Final resting place will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VA Bedford Healthcare System Mail Stop:135, 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730. (www.va.gov/bedford-health-care) or via online (e-donation) Volunteer Or Donate | VA Bedford Health Care | Veterans Affairs

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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