



J. Anthony Powell

May 1, 1938 - October 13, 2024

J Anthony Powell, beloved husband, father and renowned NASA scientist, passed away at the age of 86 on October 13. He was a trailblazer in silicon carbide growth/electronics which contributed to revolutionizing renewable energy applications and space exploration. Tony's work earned him NASA's Exceptional Service award and he was inducted into NASA's Hall of Fame September 14, 2022. Tony was born in Lexington Kentucky to Carolyn Henry Powell and Earl Joseph Powell Sr in 1938. Despite childhood family challenges, he persevered through and acquired a Masters degree in Physics and accepted a job at NASA Lewis Research Center (now Glenn Center) in Cleveland. He spent many happy years pursuing research with his colleagues in the silicon carbide growth sector. Upon moving to Cleveland he met and married Mary Kay Shipacasse (Deceased, 2020) and had three girls: Donna, Jeanne and Karen. Together they built a life filled with warmth, family togetherness, spirituality and cherished memories. He was an optimist and saw the positive side in the world around him. Every day he looked outside and saw a beautiful day full of possibilities. He was steady and predictable in his interactions, calm, patient, kind and loving. He is survived by: His daughters Donna Greywacz (Dave), Jeanne Ogden (Chris) and Karen (Bob); his grandchildren Brigid, Jeanette, Cameron, Evan, Alex. Mary's siblings John Shipacasse and Linda Cook. His siblings Avel, Mary Pat, and Kathy. We extend a special thank you to Tony's caregivers Kadie and Susie who took such wonderful and exceptional care of him. As we go forward, we hope the

same kindness and compassion Tony shared with all those around him will flow out to those around us. He saw a beautiful day full of possibilities every day and lived by his often-repeated words “ be a nice person.”

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Rutherford Funeral Homes - October 30, 2024 at 10:42 AM

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"Jean", known to me as "Tony", being his younger sister whence he was always called "Tony" by me and all his siblings.. Being two and one half years younger than him and his twin Caroline...I myself always wanted us to be triplets because I felt left out. I miss him terribly though he and I had lived in different states all of our adult life. Goodness and Kindness defined him always.....and "Smart" he was also. I am Avel, and am sure his remaining siblings miss him as much, the seven of us will see each other again.

Avel Powell Fister - November 09, 2024 at 01:13 PM

AV

Tony, sometimes I return here to see your pic on the left. My! How it defines and "moves" my memories of you here in MA. Fine likeness of you!

Avel - January 16, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ *I enjoyed visiting Tony and talking about his days at NASA. He was proud to be associated with the space agency. He enjoyed receiving Holy Communion. His family was very welcoming and friendly. I thank Anton for continuing to bring the Precious Body of Christ to Tony. May he rest in peace.*

Deacon Hector Raymond - October 16, 2024 at 02:34 PM