



## Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell

July 1, 1941 - August 9, 2021

A celebration of the life of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell, 80, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 14, 2021, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Pastor Bruce Wike officiating. The family will receive friends following the service on Saturday.

Mr. Powell passed from this life on Monday, August 9, 2021, at UT Health in Henderson. He was born July 1, 1941, in Fort Worth to the late Michael Eugene and Elizabeth (Ambrose) Powell. During his life, Warren authored two books in addition to teaching at Tyler Junior College, East Texas Christian School, and Full Armor Christian Academy. Even after his retirement from the classroom, he continued to tutor students from his home. Mr. Powell was also a member of Henderson Metro Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Powell; and two brothers, Gene and Ronnie Powell.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Beth Powell of Henderson; children, Shannon Powell of Tyler, Warren Powell II and wife Angela of Frisco, Jason Powell and wife Bryony of San Leon, Matt Powell and wife Tara of Cypress, Joy Meadows and husband Michael of Converse, and Crystal Meadows of Henderson; brother, George Shepherd and wife Janet of Ventura, California; and grandchildren, Zachary, Avery, Aedyn, Cade, Kaedynce, Reid, Aezlyn, and

Aubrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Breckenridge Village of Tyler at 15062 CR 1145, Tyler, TX 75704.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Warren and I were in same Sunday School class at First Methodist Fort Worth. He liked to joke, laugh, kid around, and now see his spiritual life was growing and deepening. We graduated Arlington Heights High School, 1959. He reached for joy and happiness throughout his life.  
Sandra Williams Lydick

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**Sandra Lydick** - October 16, 2021 at 04:55 PM

RJ

“ I remember my father telling me about him in the 1980s in Tyler. Warren would sneak up behind him when he would see him out at Brookshire's or out in town somewhere, and say something funny. My dad mentioned to me Warren had been hit by a car two or three different times, crossing a street or parking lot. I know he got hurt physically by those, but it didn't stop him in doing funny and positive things. Dad liked him a lot.

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**Richard Johns** - August 28, 2021 at 09:59 PM

HP

“ Heidi Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell



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**Heidi Powell** - August 25, 2021 at 11:30 PM

MM

“ I am so glad God allowed our paths to cross. To be in your presence Warren was such a joy. I wonder how many remember that you were a member of the Thunder Chickens radio station basketball team. Mary Beth my prayers are with you and the family. I will see you again one day my friend.

Mike McMeans - August 14, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ I was in Mr. Powell's math class I remember him bringing croutons to ETCS and us loving them. He always had a funny story or something to make our days a little better. He honestly was one of my favorite teachers in school. He helped turn my way of thinking around so much. He will be missed... Thank you Mr. Powell for changing my life through teaching and helping me learn...

Kathryn Henley - August 14, 2021 at 12:14 AM

JM

“ He is the first one who ever believed in me. After a long battle of addiction he met me when I was sober and scared. He walked me through life in college and we kept in contact for the last 11 years. If it wasn't for him I would've never graduated college. He supported my ministry and was always a sound voice for my heart. The love he had for Marybeth was breath taking. Mr.P, you save me a seat ok.



jeni jones martinez - August 13, 2021 at 11:28 PM

MS

“ Meredith Soape sends her condolences to the Powell Family.



Meredith Soape - August 13, 2021 at 08:01 PM

FM

“ Frankie & Kim Mele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell



Frankie & Kim Mele - August 13, 2021 at 07:48 PM

JS

“ I went to high school with Warren. His best friends were my husband Bob Sager and Bob McLean. We spent a lot of time at the Eagle's nest. When some one new joined us Warren would always go under water and come up with seaweed under his arm pits. You can believe his humor definitely started in High School. Often when I went on a date with Bob Sager, Warren and Bob McLean would be in the back seat. Three great guys. Now only one left. Judy Sager

Judy Sager - August 13, 2021 at 04:35 PM

CG

“ I was in his high school class of 1959, Arlington Heights, Fort Worth. I did not know him well but always admired him. Carla Gilbert

Carla Gilbert - August 13, 2021 at 01:49 PM

RP

“ *Renae Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Renae Phillips** - August 13, 2021 at 01:07 PM

RP

“ *Was an honor getting to meet Uncle Warren. Mark had talked about you often so I felt I knew you. Prayers for Miss Mary Beth and family during this difficult time.*

*Renae Phillips*

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**Renae Phillips** - August 13, 2021 at 12:47 PM

CS

“ It’s taken me awhile to try to come up with the words to adequately describe what this man meant to me and my daughter, Addison (who he nicknamed Root Beer) but I’ve come to the conclusion that’s not going to happen. There are no words. The first time I remember meeting Warren was in the waiting room of a doctors office. I had heard great things about this man but never had the privilege of meeting him until this day when he handed me a business card and told me he could provide me a free service. At first I wondered what in the world he was talking about but then I read the card and it said Free Taste Testers - you provide us dinner, hopefully with a dessert, and we will give you our honest opinion free of charge! Ironically, I found that card Sunday when I was cleaning out a drawer and it made me smile and I knew I couldn’t throw it away because the next time I find it, it will make me smile again. Little did I know, less than 24 hours later I would find out he had passed away. Mr. P, I will never be able to tell you what a difference you made in our lives. Addison went from hating math to acing it her 8th grade year all because of you! After we moved, I can’t tell you how many times she said I wish I could go to Mr. Powell’s house. But it wasn’t just math - it was so many other things. You made her laugh. You made her think. You shared your love of your sweet dogs with her (she kept the video you sent to her) You made her feel like she was the only kid you ever knew or cared about but I know you made each kid feel the very same way. There’s never been another one like you in our lives and we will miss you terribly but we smile because you left us with incredible memories, and most importantly, because we know we will see you again! Much love to Mary Beth and your boys!

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christy Stanearth - August 13, 2021 at 12:46 PM

RM

“*Mary Beth, I just love you both and I am praying for you. I loved the way he adored you and you him. Still remember the laughs and smiles between you two. Your time together was a gift and I know he is near you now. Wishing I lived closer to attend the service, but please know I am praying for you to feel peace.*”



Rheana Maloney - August 13, 2021 at 12:30 PM

CB

“*Tim and I send our love and prayers from North Carolina. Warren was a special friend from years ago, and will never be forgotten. We cherish the laughs, love, and memories. Prayers for family and friends.*”

Carol Bost - August 13, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“*I'll forever remember your quirky math joke humor, inspirational devotions shared and puzzles you and MB shared with me. Well done thy good & faithful servant, your race is done. Xoxo*”



Dawn Taylor - August 12, 2021 at 08:10 PM

PA

“*Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*”



Patricia Akin - August 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Kathy Webb** - August 12, 2021 at 01:55 PM

HS

“ *Harold Sentmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Harold Sentmore** - August 12, 2021 at 12:33 PM

LS

“ *Linda Slagle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**linda slagle** - August 11, 2021 at 04:43 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and peace*  
*Bonnie Geddie*

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**Bonnie Geddie** - August 11, 2021 at 04:35 PM

HB

“ *Mr. Powell was a wonderful person; Always bringing fun to the table and a sense of lightheartedness in a world looking for bad. He and Mrs. Powell were such a wonderful example of what true love looks like. He also played a very important role in my daughter's math journey. We are so grateful for him and Mrs. Powell for their help. He will definitely be missed.*



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**Holli Bridges** - August 11, 2021 at 03:41 PM

KP

“ *Mary Beth, my heart goes out to you. I could write about what a great teaching team you and Warren were, and it would all be true, but the most powerful impression I have about y'all was what a sweet relationship you had. It was obvious to anyone who spent at least five minutes in your presence that you were deeply in love with each other, like a pair of newlyweds.*

*I feel inadequate to be of comfort to you in your loss. I'm praying for you, trusting that God will give you the comfort only He can provide. Maybe I can be a vessel for Him, when you are ready. Meanwhile, you will be constantly in my prayers.*

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**Kimberly Permenter** - August 11, 2021 at 12:30 PM

HB

*I can't agree more on this fact. What a wonderful relationship they shared and their example of friendship and love was so rare to witness.*

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**Holli Bridges** - August 11, 2021 at 03:39 PM

SM

“ Shannon & Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell



Shannon & Jason McKey - August 11, 2021 at 07:21 AM

MO

“ Mr. Powell was the kindest person that i've ever met and, he was one of the instructors that helped me with math. I thank God for blessing me to know him at tjc. And i am praying for his family during this time for strength. Heaven gained an angel. Thanks powell family for sharing him with us.



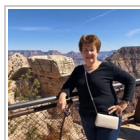
Meka Odiegwu - August 10, 2021 at 10:21 PM

SK

“ Sandy Kale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell



sandy Kale - August 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Mary Beth, David and I are so sorry forgot your loss. Ware will be remembered fondly for his sense of humor but especially for his faith and his love of Gods.



Pam Brown - August 10, 2021 at 09:40 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Linda Gooding** - August 10, 2021 at 08:32 PM

HB

“ *Heidi Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Heidi Bradshaw** - August 10, 2021 at 07:01 PM

ME

“ *Marleen Elkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Marleen Elkins** - August 10, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RP

“ *Rhonda Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Rhonda Porter** - August 10, 2021 at 02:04 PM

GE

“ *Mr. Powell was certainly one of the kindest, most engaging and sincere people we've ever known. He loved to talk. He definitely had a sense of humor with his puns and his witticisms. He helped our grandson so much. It was our great blessing to get to know him and Mary Beth a couple years ago. We will miss him greatly. RIP our good and faithful friend.*



*Greg & Bonnie Estes*

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**greg estes** - August 10, 2021 at 01:30 PM

DM

“ *I've only known Warren 6 to 9 months through church. We had many conversations and the one thing I can tell for sure is that he had a great sense of humor. Sometimes he would put a zinger out there and if you weren't paying attention it would hit you 30 seconds later. I enjoyed getting to know him and wish I had longer but he was a really great guy. Praying for peace in and through your family.*

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**David McNally** - August 10, 2021 at 11:57 AM

GW

“ *Mary Beth, Royce, Travis and I are heartbroken to hear of Warren's passing. My favorite memory is Bible Study at your home. Of course, we will always cherish the memories of Warren's teaching. May God wrap you in His sweet Spirit, bringing you comfort and healing. Love you, Gwyn*

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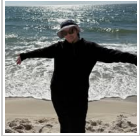
**Gwyn Weatherford** - August 10, 2021 at 11:52 AM

M(

“ I had Mr. Powell as a math at TJC. He was always finding ways to help each one of us learn and always made math fun ( if anyone could have done that it was him). He always would bring in his peanut butter and Mayo sandwich and try to get us to try it. He was an amazing amazing man so loving and caring. I know he is resting in the arms of his Savior that he loved so much. Prayers for his family, but be comforted that he his with Jesus and we will see him again someday.

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**Michal Cash (Sears)** - August 10, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ My fondest memories of Warren was when my dad was in the hospital. Warren would come up there almost every day if not every day to talk to my dad while he was in a coma. He would tell my dad jokes and would always pray for my dad. I have always remembered this and was very thankful for his friendship to my dad during his last days. Warren was very special to our family and he will be missed. I just know he is in heaven with my dad telling jokes. My prayers to his family.

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**Patty Adkinson** - August 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CH

“ Mary Beth, I am so very sorry for your loss. Warren was kind and compassionate man. His influence will be felt for generations.  
Mart and Cathy Hooper

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**Cathy Hooper** - August 10, 2021 at 10:41 AM

JG

“ *Mr. Powell taught me at TJC. We took to each other like a duck to water ! One fall semester he called me at 6 A.M just to wish me a happy birthday! Class wasn't till 2pm...! Bahahaha. He was a true role model and will always be a life long hero!!! Rest easy sir!!*

Jonathan Gray - August 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM

RG

“ *So sorry to hear of Warren's passing. I pray that you will let God fill the void in your heart with His Love and Care. Robert & Diane Gholson*

Robert Gholson - August 10, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *I always looked forward to going to Kroger because I knew I was going to run into him. He was always the comedian and pretending to run me over with his cart. I always teased him about working there. I know he made a big impact on many and probably doesn't even know it. His love for Christ was so apparent. What a legacy. He will be missed. Will be praying for Mary Beth and family in the days ahead.*

Eddie Oden - August 10, 2021 at 09:06 AM

SD

“ *Shay Ditter*



Shay Ditter - August 09, 2021 at 10:42 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Warren Ambrose Powell*



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**Kathy Webb** - August 09, 2021 at 10:24 PM

JH

“ *I remember Warren from our time as students at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth, TX. He was 2 years ahead of me, in the same class as my husband, and we shared several classes. Many years later, when I moved to Tyler, I was surprised to find Warren here in addition to a couple of others from Heights. Later, he moved to Henderson & married Mary Beth, whom he always spoke of so highly & with such great affection. My heart goes out to his family as they process this loss & find a way to go on without him. I know he's left them with many good memories & I know from experience those will sustain them as they go forward. RIP, Warren - you were one of a kind.*

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**Judith Highsmith** - August 09, 2021 at 02:28 PM

JJ

*Pride Mary and I spent time with Warren and Mary Beth last time we were in East Texas and parked our road trip RV in their yard. I remember Warren will always be in my mind a teacher the way he went about showing and explaining things. He was excellent tutor I'm sure with the kids and we go back to artisan heights high School same same class same age and we were the same age.*

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**Jack Jewett** - August 10, 2021 at 10:19 AM

JJ

*I remember last time we were there we spent time including going to church with them. Warren and Mary Beth knew all the greatest places to eat and we made a goodly number of them the times we were with him and Henderson. My bride is from Nacgdoches, Texas. I remember one of several times we spent at kinfolk restaurant and Warren always wanted to go up to the counter and see what the complete choice of desserts look like, not just the menu. He was a hoot at times and God loves you Mary Beth and Warren and we love you both also! Brother Jack*

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**Jack Jewett** - August 10, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JL

“ *A.J. and our family are so sorry. Mr. P always had something funny to say if we ran into him at Kroger. He told my husband years ago, "do you know you have a crazy woman following you". You both blessed us in helping A.J. with his math, and our hearts are broken. Love and prayers to you Mary Beth, and all the family.*

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**June Lee** - August 09, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JH

“ *Mr. Powell was a fantastic math professor. I had him as a professor at Tyler Junior College and then later served as his teaching assistant. He had the best sense of humor and always made time to ensure that his students understood the concept. God bless the family!*

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**Jennifer Helge** - August 09, 2021 at 01:11 PM

CW

“ *Mary Beth - Johnny and I - and Jared - are so sorry to hear of Warren's passing! We pray that God will comfort you through these sad days and give you strength. Sending love.*

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**Cyndi Walker** - August 09, 2021 at 12:20 PM

DE

“ Oh my gosh. I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Warren. Back in the seventies I had gotten to know him very well thru The Firehouse Coffeehouse, a Christian coffee house here in Sioux Falls, SD. What an awesome, gregarious, fun man who is so witty, and a lover of God. So very sorry to Mary Beth and family.



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**Deb** - August 09, 2021 at 11:45 AM

SH

Warren was a character and blessing the moment he came into the Gentry/McCleskey family. I will always remember Mary Beth and Warren's Beautiful Wedding in the backyard that Spring. What Joy and Happiness they experienced over the years and what a wonderful blessing they have been to one another, as well as the Henderson Community. God Bless you Warren Powell. At last your are Home with Your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, AMEN Kenny and Susan Hensley

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**susan hensley** - August 15, 2021 at 12:43 PM