



## Thomas Michael (Tom) Powell

August 6, 1955 - August 28, 2025

Thomas Michael (Tom) Powell, age 70, of Niota formerly of Sweetwater. The avid hunter and fisherman woke up in glory after a very brief but hard-fought battle with vascular dementia. He was brave and knew God was with him all the way and was ready to go home, on Thursday, August 28, 2025. He loved singing for the Lord. Preceded in death by his parents: William Ernest (Bill) and Grace Jones Powell, brother: Richard Warren Powell, sister: Rebecca Jane Duncan, father-in-law and mother-in-law: Henry Luther (Hank) and Lida Lee (Lottie) Gardner.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years: Denise Gardner Powell, daughter: Sarah Powell White, grandchildren: Alex and Aleeya White, all of Niota, father of his grandchildren: Bobby White. Sister-in-law: Debra (Joel) Lewis, of Athens. Brother-in-law: Kenneth L. Gardner, of San Antonio, TX., several nieces and nephews and other family members and other church family and friends, special friends: Jerry and Janice Ingram, Rev. Bill and Martha Dawson, Robert (Cotton) Sewell, Johnny and Darlene Morgan, Keith and Judy Pettitt.

Special thanks to Dr. Laurence James, East Tennessee HHC, SHA, Adoration Hospice and all who sent wishes, prayers and assistance of any kind.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Beulah Chapel Church from 12:00 noon until 2:00 P.M. with a celebration of life to follow at 2:00P.M. with Rev. John Porter and Rev. Karen Porter officiating.

Followed by a time of fellowship. Please dress casual. Kyker Funeral Homes,

Sweetwater, in charge of the arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene  
270 County Road 231  
Niota, TN 37826

## Celebration of Life

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

WL

“Denise, I've always loved & appreciated you. You were always so good to me when I needed something. I love you & I'm so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you & your family. Wanda Lovingood

Wanda Lovingood - September 09, 2025 at 06:22 PM

GC

“Denise & family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Tommy passing. I remember you two” courtin’ “how happy you two were and then Sarah came along that put a BIG smile on his face! Our thoughts and prayer are with you.



*Celebrate Me Home*

*When the time comes and I am standing at the river  
That separates the two worlds that I love Torn between my precious  
friends and my family  
And the place of peace that's waiting up above....  
When I finally step into the tide  
Celebrate me home! Celebrate me there Celebrate me in that land  
of wonder where nothing can compare  
Celebrate me in that place  
Celebrate me saved by grace  
Don't just sit and weep because I'm gone Celebrate me Home.*

*Juanita Johnston Cook*

Gary & Juanita Johnston Cook - September 03, 2025 at 05:59 PM

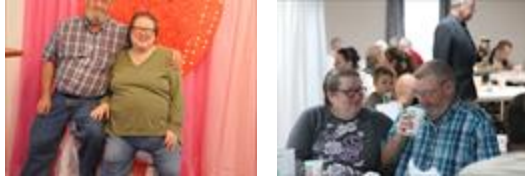
DP

*Thank you, Juanita!!! 😊*

Denise Powell - September 04, 2025 at 02:57 AM

RA

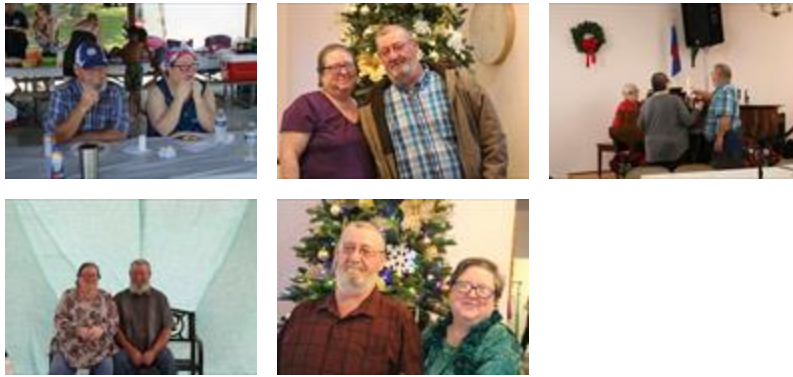
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Rachel - August 31, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Rachel - August 31, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DP

*Thank you for the memories...love you much!!*

Denise Powell - September 04, 2025 at 02:58 AM

DP

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

David and Brenda Powell - August 29, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DP

*Thank you so much!*

Denise Powell - August 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM

TB

*Denise Tim and I are so sorry for your loss. TOM and Tim were great friends growing up, going to school together and hunting together. I will always remember the days when Tom first met you he fell madly in love ❤️ with you. Then, when you both became parents to your beautiful baby girl Sarah how proud he was to be a father. To have you as her mother. May you find peace in knowing Tom will always be with you through both good and bad days in the future. Lean on each other and remember you are forever loved. Tom is a great man, friend, and family man.*

Tim and Darlene Byers - August 30, 2025 at 10:33 PM

CE

“*Dear Family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great friend. I sung with him with the Skyway singers.*

Cameron Evans - August 29, 2025 at 12:44 PM

DP

*He loved singing for the Lord!!thank you!!*

Denise Powell - August 30, 2025 at 03:15 PM

DM

“*The first time I met Tommy, Denise and Sarah, I knew I had made friends for life. Tom and Johnny grew up together, they loved to hunt and fish and we have had many meals together. Tom use to stop by our house and have supper on his way home then I'm sure he ate again after he got home, lol. Denise can really cook. We will miss our dear friend.*

Darlene Morgan - August 29, 2025 at 06:50 AM

DP

*We love you all. We had some great times!!*

**Denise Powell** - August 29, 2025 at 10:32 AM

CA

“ *Denise and family.. We are so sorry for your loss.. 🙏 for you.. Carol and Mike Akins*

**Carol Akins** - August 28, 2025 at 05:52 PM

DP

*Thank you Carol!!*

**Denise Powell** - August 28, 2025 at 09:36 PM

BC

*Denise and girls, Tom was an extraordinary soul who cherished family and friendship with unwavering devotion. His love for you was profound, and he embraced friends with the same warmth and care he reserved for his closest relatives. Robert and Beverly Clowers and son, Robbie.*

**Beverly Clowers** - August 28, 2025 at 11:01 PM

DP

*Thank you my precious friends!*

**Denise Powell** - August 29, 2025 at 10:33 AM