



Mae Howard Powell

October 10, 1935 - February 22, 2026

Mae Howard Powell, 90, of Travelers Rest, wife of the late Milton F. Powell, died unexpectedly on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at St. Francis Hospital, Downtown.

Born in Greenville County, SC, at Glassy Mountain, on October 10, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Robert Howard and Bessie Lindsey Howard.

She was raised in the Watershed community of Travelers Rest. Since 1981, she was the owner of Travelers Rest Sewing and Alterations, spending countless hours mending, sewing and altering clothing for her clients in the Travelers Rest area. Mae enjoyed cooking for those she loved and could be found on any given day helping someone in need. She was a member of Rock Spings Baptist Church in Easley, and attended there faithfully with her husband, until his death in 2013. She was currently worshipping at Poe Baptist Church. Life for Mae was summed up in three areas: her family, her church, and her work.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Doug Powell (Karen), Tim Powell (Kim) and Mike Powell (Michelle); her eight grandchildren, Tyler (Allison), Taylor, Alex, Lauren (Alex), Jessica, Caitlin (Joe), Austin and Samantha; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Hazel Pace (Cecil), Donna Heatherly (Rudolph) and Dale Hudson (Ronnie); and numerous nieces and

nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mae was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary, 6714 State Park Road in Travelers Rest. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of The Howze Mortuary. Burial will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Poe Baptist Church, c/o 4 Shelly Lane, Taylors, SC 29687.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park

7 Duncan Rd
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(864) 834-3184

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (et)

The Howze Mortuary, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

FEB **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (est)

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Burial

FEB 27. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mae Howard Powell*



The Howze Mortuary - February 25 at 01:18 PM

DB

Mae was just the sweetest person. She always altered my pants for me when I was working security at the Gayley Plant. She was just a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

Debra Barker - February 25 at 08:28 PM

LJ

Mrs. Powell was one of my clients. I loved going down to her shop and just talking with her. She was so feisty and so funny! She was an amazing lady!! My thoughts are with her family who she talked about all of the time.

Lisa Jenkins - February 26 at 08:41 PM

KE

What are we all going to do without Mrs. Mae?? She was an icon for our little town and so sweet. She will be greatly missed. She and my mother worked together many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Kay Epps - March 04 at 07:36 PM

LL

Louis LeBlanc

May I offer my sincere condolences for the family. Mrs Powell was a delight for me. Every time I brought clothes in for alterations, I looked forward to having a fun, no-holds-barred conversation with her. She was a master seamstress, took pride in her work, and it was beautifully done. I had tears in my eyes when I read the notice on her shop door. I can't help but feel that the hurricane damage and the awful, inefficient road construction caused her much stress. She was a lovely lady, and I know she is missed dearly by her friends and family, as she is by me.

Louis LeBlanc - May 01 at 07:11 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Childs Smith lit a candle in memory of Mae Powell*



Teresa Childs Smith - February 27 at 10:49 AM

SH

“ *I know you are so happy. You have reached Heaven's bright shore. You have already seen and been reunited with love one's. Mae you will be so missed. This is not good bye and it's not the end. But, it's look for us cause we will be there too!!! Love and see you soon, Shawnee, Jeff, Taylor, Dylan, Tyler and Baby Declen.*

shawnee hensley - February 27 at 08:14 AM



“ *Denise Sexton lit a candle in memory of Mae Powell*



Denise Sexton - February 25 at 06:11 PM

CH

“ I’ve known Mae for over 30 years and she has been my seamstress. She was such a beautiful lady with a vibrant, happy personality. I enjoyed talking to her and loved that she knew my parents when they were younger. She donated a trombone to my son who was in Marching Band. He loved it and used it for many years. It continues on, donated into the band program. I will miss you Mae Powell!

Cynthia Howard - February 25 at 05:45 PM

SC

“ Stoney Mountain Baptist Church purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mae Howard Powell.



Stoney Mountain Baptist Church - February 25 at 03:29 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mae Howard Powell.



February 25 at 10:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mae Howard Powell.

February 25 at 10:08 AM

CG

“ Mae held a very special place in our family. Our mother, Letha Groves, spoke of Mae often throughout our lives and never forgot the kindness that Mae and her sisters showed her when she was growing up. Even decades later, those memories remained vivid and dear to her. My sister Pat and I grew up hearing those stories, and through them we came to share our mother’s deep affection, respect, and gratitude for Mae. She will always be remembered with love by our family.

*With sympathy and affection,
The family of Letha and Sam Groves:
Pat Groves Jaurequi and Butch Groves*

Charles Groves - February 25 at 08:18 AM

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mae Powell



Pat Hawkins - February 25 at 12:10 AM

YV

“ Mrs. Powell was such a sweet woman. I always enjoyed talking to her. She sewed for me since high school. She will truly be missed.

Yvonne - February 24 at 05:43 PM

DH

“ Donna Harbin lit a candle in memory of Mae Powell



Donna Harbin - February 24 at 01:18 PM

DH

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Donna Harbin - February 24 at 11:34 AM

YM

“ Your colleagues at Air Methods purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mae Howard Powell.



Your colleagues at Air Methods - February 24 at 10:42 AM

YM

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Your colleagues at Air Methods - February 24 at 10:42 AM

LR

“ Please accept my concern & sympathy for your loss. Mae was so kind & helpful to me for many years doing my alterations. We had many visits during these times. I will miss her expertise. Linda Ray

Linda Ray - February 24 at 10:34 AM