



John F. "Jack" Powell

December 18, 1952 - January 28, 2010

WASHINGTON – John F. “Jack” Powell, 57, of Washington died at 1:07 am Thursday, January 28, 2010 at BroMenn Healthcare in Normal, IL.

Born on December 18, 1952 in Peoria, IL to John W. and Margie Bowers Powell, he married Patrice C. Johnson on April 22, 1978 in Peoria, IL. She survives in Washington.

Also surviving are 2 sons, John E. (Alicia) Powell of Leroy, IL, Tim Powell of Washington, IL, and 2 daughters, Oceanna Powell and Elizabeth Powell, both of Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 sister, Violet Marie Sisk, 1 nephew, Brian David Sisk, and an infant brother, Frankie Powell.

John was a 1970 graduate of East Peoria Community High School. He spent the summer of 1977 at the Kibbutz-Eilon in Northern Israel working as a chicken handler, banana harvester, among many other jobs.

He had worked at Mitsubishi Motors in Normal, IL since 1989 where he worked on door sub-assembly. He was a proud member of the Union Local #2488, where he served as editor of the Union Spirit for 3 years, winning numerous awards for his articles including the Luna Award. He also served as

a District Representative for 4 years and a Benefits Representative for 11 years. He was always actively involved in defending the rights of workers.

John was an avid Cardinal baseball fan, and was artistically and musically gifted.

A service celebrating John's life will be at 4 pm Sunday, January 31, 2010 at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington. Visitation will be from 2-4 pm on Sunday at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services and inurnment will be at a later date at Lutheran Cemetery in Peoria.

Tribute Wall



“ I only learned of John's passing today. I worked with John at Mitsubishi and he was always ready to help. My prayers are with his family. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Dan Martindale##imported-end##

March 08, 2010 at 04:24 PM



“ Hi Oceanna -

Just found out about your father and I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. You and your family will be in my prayers.

*God bless and keep you,
Adam##imported-begin##Adam Penn##imported-end##*

February 18, 2010 at 01:20 AM



“ We are so very saddened by Jack's passing. Our very deepest sympathies to all.##imported-begin##Alan, Jodi, Jillian and Mallory Strong##imported-end##

February 16, 2010 at 07:57 PM



“ To the family- I only knew John for a very short time, a little more than a year. And when I moved into my apartment he made me feel very welcome, and I would see John almost daily and it was a pleasure to hear his voice "Hi JoE". He let me know that if I ever needed anything his door was always open. Little did I know that literally it was, every single night, no matter what the weather was like(if it wasn't too cold of course). I loved that about John, he was going to get fresh air no matter what! =) He definitley will be missed by alot of people, and I know for sure by me. I'll miss listening to him rockin out to his music from my apartment upstairs, just like he was 20 years old again! Rest peacefully in His everlasting arms John, and may God bring swift comfort to your family in their time of need.###imported-begin##JoElla Saines###imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ John, My sincere condolences for you and your family. I didn't know your dad, I did meet him at your wedding. I know he's very proud to have you as his son. I know he's especially happy for you and Alicia and he knows you will be taken care of by your new wife. My prayer for you and your family is a celebration for your dad in his new life and that you all will be a family again. In sympathy, Karen PS call me sometime###imported-begin##Karen Keown###imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 01:27 PM



“ I am sorry to read of John's passing. He was a good person and union brother. May he rest in peace.###imported-begin##Justin West###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ John or Ambee as I knew him on the Cardinal's Blog, could tell that he was a warm compassionate and loving person with a sense of humor. And after reading about his life it only confirms this. God Bless You and your Family! Your Friend, Gonzo24 (David Gonzalez)###imported-begin##David Gonzalez###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 09:42 AM



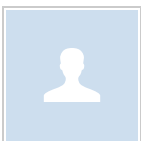
“ I only met John through the Cardinals website, but he was a good man. Sorry for your loss###imported-begin##Terry Waller###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 01:23 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I only knew Jack as Ambee on the Cardinal website. I have only been on for a couple of years and go by Lifelongcardinalfan. I live in Bartonville and did not know that Jack lived in Washington. I know Jack will be missed by his family and friends and everyone in Cardinal Nation!###imported-begin##Larry satterwhite###imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 08:54 PM



“ Fellow Crads fan. You will now have one of the best seats in the house to enjoy our beloved Cardinals. I thank you very much for turning me on to some new Christian bands/singers that I was not familiar with. You are with the Lord now Ambee. Rest in peace.###imported-begin##Redbirds4evr###imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 07:45 PM



“ To Johns' Family,
I worked with him at Diamond Star. He was certainly a great person.
He was always willing to help anyone that needed him to do
something for them at work. I am very sorry for your loss. He will be
greatly missed.##imported-begin##Liz Pool##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 03:59 PM



“ I was very sad to hear of Jack's passing. Jack was my cousin and
we had many good times growing up, playing at one another's
homes and at the family farm in MO. Lots of treasured memories
will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Glenda
Scofield##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 07:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. My heart goes out to all of
his loved one's as you struggle through this rough and rocky patch.
Loosing a loved one is no easy thing to move beyond. John was a
wonderful, funny, trusted and compassionate man. My prayers are
with you all.##imported-begin##Patti Kertz-Greer ##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 07:23 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of his passing. Lots of great memories of
him. We are so sorry for ya'lls loss. Albie and Mary
Konovalski##imported-begin##Albie and Mary Beth
Konovalski##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 06:38 PM



“ Sorry to hear of John's passing, he always had a warm hello for me. Sometimes when I needed a smiling face the most it was his smile.
Kent##imported-begin##kent Ferguson##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 06:32 PM



“ We were shocked to hear of Jack's death. Please accept our most sincere condolences for his family and friends.##imported-begin##Fred and Florence Richardson##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 06:14 PM



“ Jack was a friend and my Cousin, someone who shared many fun times with while growing up. As we grew up we went our separate ways, but always a part of the whole family, and he will be missed by us all. I believe I can speak for the entire family who are scattered across the country we will all mourn his passing.##imported-begin##Tony Sinclair & Mary L. Sinclair##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 05:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathies on your loss. I had the pleasure of working with John on many projects and issues. He genuinely cared and worked for others. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Jim Finegan##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 01:33 PM



“ sorry for your loss! roger&zoe tate##imported-begin##roger tate##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 01:28 PM



“ We had the real pleasure to work with John for many years. He was always friendly, helpful and always had an aura of professionalism in everything he did. Brother John will be missed.##imported-begin##Jerry & Dale Pinson##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 10:07 PM



“ It saddens my heart to hear of the passing of John. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with John. You will be missed my union brother.##imported-begin##Fred Jones##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 09:53 PM



“ John was a man who was well respected and liked by all who came in contact with him. I don't know if he was soft spoken with everyone.... but he was with me and very patient in helping me out at work at Mitsubishi in benifits when I needed it...He gave me good sound advice and was the angle I needed at the time...He was a good person and I will forever remember his kindness...Laura McFadden##imported-begin##Laura McFadden##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 04:18 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Dan Roger##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 12:21 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jacks family and friends. Sorry I won't be there for the visitation or services, but Linton, Indiana is far from your neck of the woods.##imported-begin##Don Auton##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 09:47 AM



“ John was a dear old family friend. May God be with his family.##imported-begin##Lew Carney##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 09:21 AM



“ had the pleasure of knowing John, sad to hear of his passing, John is a great humanitarian with great respect for all. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends.##imported-begin##Larry Hackney##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 09:07 AM



“ I am sorry for your great loss. John was a committed union brother who spent years fighting for the rights of workers. I was blessed to know him and I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Larry Butts ##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 05:36 PM



“ Had the pleasure of working with John for over 14 years. He is a trusted friend with a great sense of humor. I will always remember him as an advocate for the dignity and justice of working men and women. This world has lost a good one... Rest in Peace Brother.##imported-begin##Scott Andrews##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

John was a wonderful person and I feel blessed that he was a part of my life in the UAW/MMMA family##imported-begin##Tammy Jo Johnson##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 02:54 PM