



Russell “Marshall” Powell
November 14, 1951 – July 23, 2024

Relationship to St. Andrew:

Marshall was raised in the Southern Baptist Church in Georgia and initially pursued youth pastorship. However, many years later when he and Barb married they settled on a different denomination in Virginia and in West Lafayette. In 2009 they left that church denomination and discovered Tim Burchill’s preaching at St. Andrew where and officially joined in 2018.

Family:

Marshall grew up in Aiken, S.C. and Augusta, GA. His mother died when he was very young, but he was raised by his father and grandmother with a large contingent of aunts, uncles, and cousins. He had an older brother who is deceased. His career in HMO/health care marketing began in Atlanta, GA where he met Barbara Baxter Powell and where they were married in 1984. Shortly after, they moved to Richmond, VA. Marshall became Marketing VP for Southern Health Services and there their two sons, Alex and Brent, were

born. In 1992 they moved to West Lafayette whereupon he became Marketing Director for Arnett Health Plans. From 2006-09 he sold various Medicare Advantage plans including IU's. In 2009 he inherited and took over managing his brother's RV park in Aiken, S.C. but cancer forced him home in 2011 and essentially, he retired. For about 18 months in 2017-19, he became the Transportation Person at Cumberland Pointe Health Care which he enjoyed because he also was able to "keep an eye on" Barb's mother who lived there.

Son Alex lives in Fort Wayne and is married to Laura Crabtree. They are expecting a child in July 2025. Son Brent lives in Maryland and is married to Ashley (Gibson) Powell and they have three daughters – Bexley, Violet, and MillieMae. Marshall adored his family and gratefully they were all together to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary weekend two weeks before his death.

Recognition, Activities, Special Interests:

In Marshall's early days in Lafayette he became involved in Leadership Lafayette and was active in the Lafayette Kiwanis Club. He and a friend founded Lafayette Investment Club (LICs) in 1997 and the club is still very active. He always enjoyed following the stock market.

Marshall loved traveling around the US with Barb and their sons, and in order to see family it meant traveling north and south. Eventually Britain and Paris were added to his travels to see Brent's family in England. He loved going to concerts in recent years and Purdue football games. For those who knew him in retirement, Starbucks, or any coffee shop, became a haven for morning coffee, reading or visiting with others. Baristas came to love his visits and humor and several have become long time friends.

Use of Memorial Funds:

Funds have been applied toward the new projection system in the church.



Obituary:



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Russell Marshall Powell, 72, passed away on July 23, 2024, in West [Lafayette, Indiana](#). Born on November 14, 1951, in Aiken, South Carolina, Marshall grew up in a closely-knit extended family and graduated from Richmond Academy before furthering his education at Truett-McConnell and Augusta Colleges.

Marshall began his career in Atlanta, GA and built a fulfilling career as a Marketing Director, contributing significantly to Arnett Health Plans in [Lafayette, Indiana](#) and Southern Health Services in Richmond, VA. His professional legacy is marked by a blend of professional expertise and genuine commitment to community welfare.

Having grown up in the church in his youth, Marshall currently was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, where his joy and friendliness were evident to all who knew him. His personal life was enriched by his passions for travelling with family, attending concerts with his wife, Purdue basketball, coaching basketball, watching WWE, and helping to establish the Lafayette Investment Club.

Marshall's loving spirit is carried on by his devoted wife of 40 years, Barbara Powell (née Baxter); sons, Alex (Laura) and Brent (Ashley); and granddaughters, Bexley, Violet, and Millie. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Eunice (née Stewart), and his siblings, including a sister and his brother Wyman.

Visitation will be held at 9 am with service at 11 am on August 3, 2024, at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, West [Lafayette, IN](#). A luncheon for family and friends will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center for cancer research in memory of Russell Marshall Powell. Please make checks payable to: IU Foundation and mail to IUF; PO Box 7072; Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072. Indicate "In memory of Russell Marshall Powell" on the memo line. You may also make donations online at www.cancer.iu.edu/giving.