



Dr. M. Walton "Pap" Powers

March 13, 1944 - July 28, 2025

The Funeral Services for Dr. M. Walton "Pap" Powers, Age 81, will take place at Chattanooga Funeral Home North Chapel in Hixson, TN on Friday, August 1st, 2025. Visitation from 11:00am-1:00pm with funeral services to follow in the Chapel at 1:00pm with Dr. Steve Granger officiating.

A Second Funeral will be held at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home in Athens, Alabama on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025. Visitation from 11:00am-1:00pm (Central Time) with funeral services to follow in the Chapel at 1:00pm with Pastor Shane Reyer officiating.

Burial directly after at Roselawn Cemetery in Athens, Alabama.

Dr. M. Walton "Pap" Powers passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, July 28th, 2025. Dr. Powers was born March 13, 1944 in Rogersville Alabama to Albert Adell Powers and Nancy Milonea (Waddell) Powers. He attended Ardmore High School where he was a standout three-sport athlete receiving an induction to Sport Hall of Fame in 2016. He graduated from Clemson University with a Doctorate of Mathematics and Minor in Physics. After graduating from University, he worked on defense contracts including engineering the guidance system for the Patriot Missile. He loved learning and teaching Mathematics as an adjunct faculty member of the University of TN at Chattanooga while working full time with TVA as a Long Range Planner and

retired after 27 years.

He was very involved in his church even at a young age serving in Campus Crusade for Christ where he met his loving wife of 59 years at the age of 16. He instilled a lifelong passion for bringing others to Christ thru his work at church as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher, teaching with the Good News Club and donating to missions such as Cru.

He was a very humble and strong Christian man that was devoted to his family as a loving husband, brother and Dad. His life was marked by loyalty, conscientiousness, and love, as a testament to the strength of his character. He will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Milonea Powers of Toney, AL. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara Taylor Powers, of 59 years of Chattanooga, TN; three daughters, Kellie and husband Keith Helms of Charlotte, NC, Kristen and husband Dr. Jason Thomas of Nashville, TN, Kara Ruth and husband Dr. Chad Charapata of Chattanooga, TN; two brothers, Jerry Powers and wife Jennie of Greenville, North Carolina, Steve Powers and wife Mary Jo of Toney, AL; six grandchildren, Kelsey Hawkins, Carter Hawkins, Amber Thomas, Caitlin Thomas, Andrew Charapata and Carter Charapata.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are made to the Good News Club (Child Evangelism Fellowship), Cru or Hixson First Baptist Church Children's Department.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

523 US Hwy 31 South
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
322 Hwy. 31 N.
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Funeral

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Walton was a wonderful Christian man who I will always remember with fondness. He was a great husband, attentive father, always faithful to God. He will be sorely missed and I send prayers and condolences to his family.

Debi Taylor - July 29, 2025 at 02:41 PM

JW

We studied math and physic at Athen College many days and nights together and was privileged to be best at his and Barabs wedding. Walton always loved Jesus, family and many, many others. Will certainly be missed. John W..

John walker - July 29, 2025 at 04:33 PM

HW

Pap as we all call him in high school, a classmate at Ardmore and a strong athletic. when I had to compete with pap as I move on to Elkmont high school he was and outstanding person, and a great football player...

harold wales - July 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

JM

We met in the summer of 1956, when we started high school and had numerous classes together over the next six years. After graduating in 1962, we have stayed in contact over the years following. Walton (PAP) Powers was a person of honor, integrity, and impeccable character, but most of all a devout Christian. It has been my honor and privilege to have such a friend for life.

Jerry McCown - July 31, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JH

I'm heartbroken to hear of Walton's death. He was a great guy. PhD in math. One hobby was code breaking. Most friendly and approachable guy you'd ever hope to meet. And a great father to Kara, Kristen and Kelli and great spouse of Barbara.

Joe Hamaker - August 01, 2025 at 08:46 PM

RW

Walton and Barbara always showed a wonderful love for each other. Karen and I looked to them as examples. Even used their example for my second marriage with Mary Ann after Karen passed away. Love you all and praying for peace and understanding.

Rodney Wilson - August 05, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JS

Barbara, So sorry to hear Walton passed away. He sure put up a good fight! You took such great care of him. He is at peace now with The Lord! No more pain and suffering! Just remember the good times and know he will be there waiting for the day you will see each other again. Love all your family. Remember our school days! Much Love, Judy Crowe Stinson

Judy Crowe stinson - August 15, 2025 at 04:22 PM