

Dear Friends,

On the first Saturday of each month, we invite family members who have qualifying students to come for an on-campus visit for 4 hours. The interaction between the men and their families ranges from guarded anticipation to outbursts of emotions. Old memories begin to fade in the reality of life changes taking place in their sons, husbands, and fathers.

A few of the pictures captured here tells a story without using words. Outdoor Games, Picnic Meals around a family table and HOPE shared brings out the good times in all present. I wish there was a way to bring each of you to see for yourselves and experience the reward of seeing your donation dollars at work! With God's help, there will be many more gasps, hugs, tears, and pictures, as memories are made. With each visit, the trust builds and HOPE shines brighter in our men. Thank you for making this happen each month by giving sacrificially.

The entire Powell family would like to express a sincere THANK YOU for your kind words, prayers and donations given in Mom's memory. We had two grueling years of hospice care, where dementia took over and we said a LONG goodbye to our mother. The end came early on May 2, 2023, when she transferred from this world to her eternal home. The grief process has been long and painful, but each day gets a little better. God's mercy is new every morning.

With 635 miles separating us as the end drew near, Karen and I packed up and began an 11-hour journey deep into the night. We drove hard with the hope mom would still be alive when we got to her side. All physical signs were not in favor of us arriving in time. By midnight in Montgomery, I had some hope that we could make the next two hours. In God's favor, we arrived to be able to say goodbye as mom relaxed and took her last breath here on earth.

While the nurses were working with mom, one turned and said, "your mom was waiting on you to get here before leaving to go home". We stood around her bed and marveled at the timing and goodness of our loving Savior. We have the HOPE of one day being reunited with both Dad and Mom in Heaven. Until then, we continue to go forward in ministry to others.

If you do not have this same HOPE, please ask Christ into your life and you can know the peace our family has experienced in this time of loss. A happy day is coming!

Thank you so much for helping us live this exciting life in ministry.

Helping Hurting People,

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