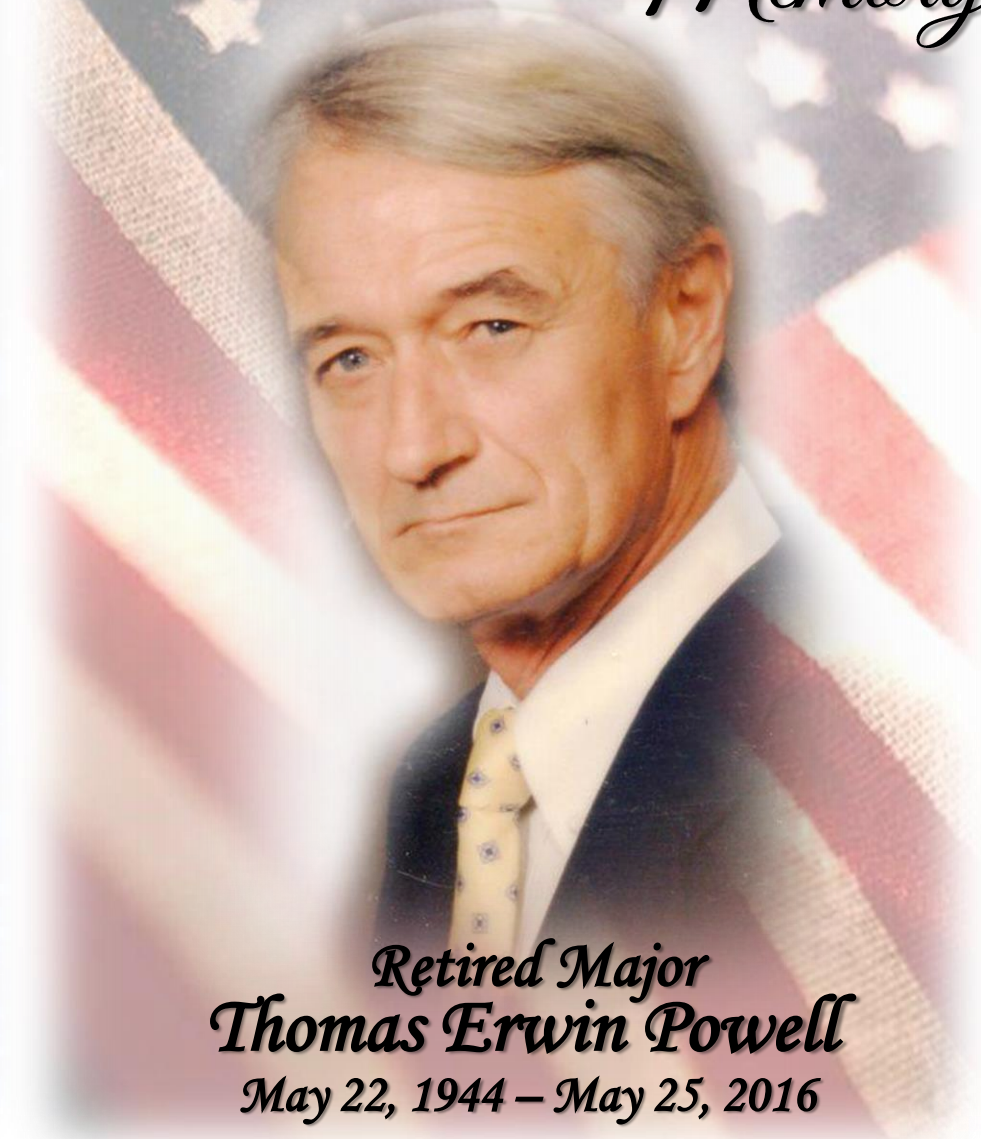


*In Honor
and Memory*



*Retired Major
Thomas Erwin Powell
May 22, 1944 – May 25, 2016*

Special Forces Prayer

Almighty GOD, Who art the Author of liberty
and the Champion of the oppressed, hear
our prayer

We, the men of Special Forces, acknowledge
our dependence upon Thee in the preservation of human
freedom.

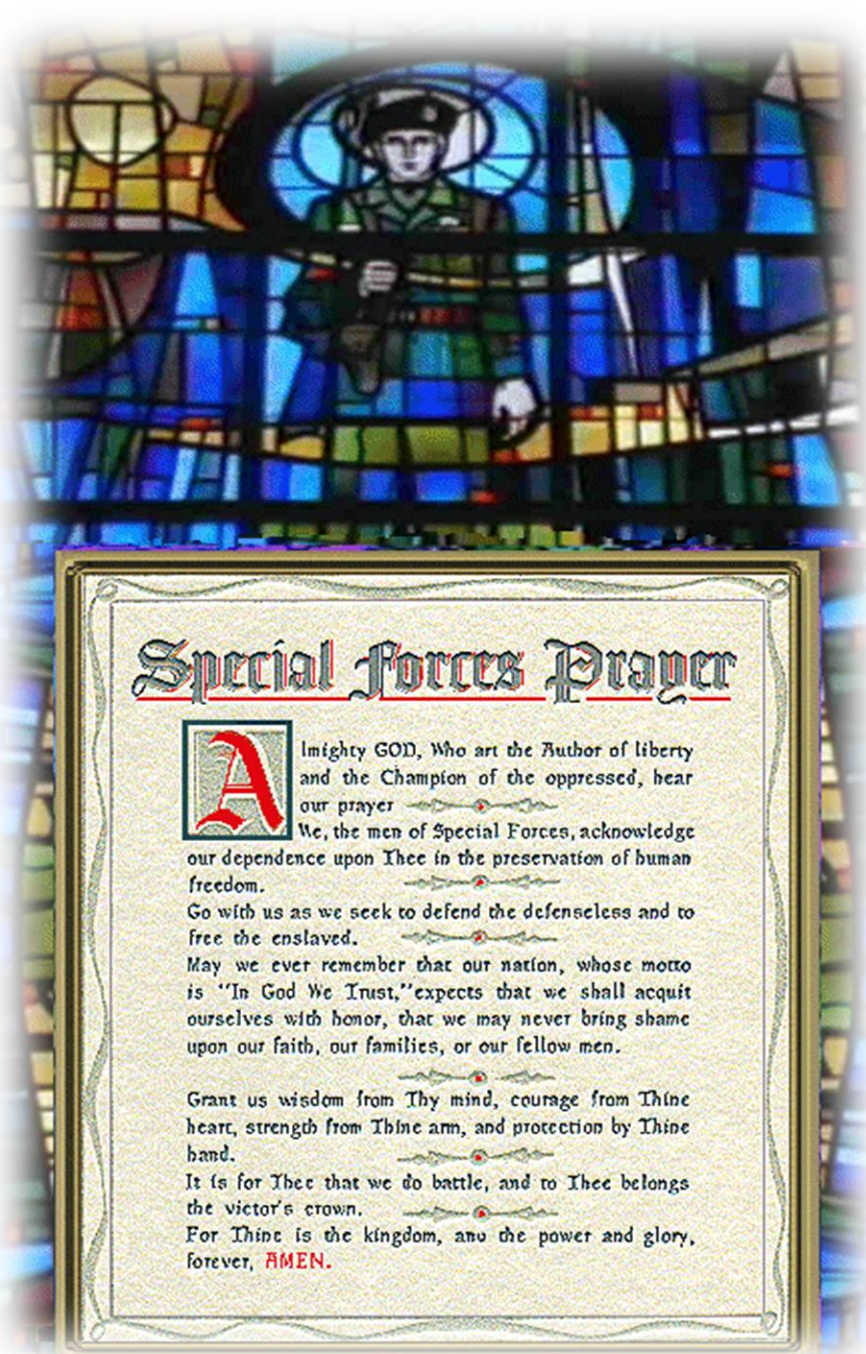
Go with us as we seek to defend the defenseless and to
free the enslaved.

May we ever remember that our nation, whose motto
is "In God We Trust," expects that we shall acquit
ourselves with honor, that we may never bring shame
upon our faith, our families, or our fellow men.

Grant us wisdom from Thy mind, courage from Thine
heart, strength from Thine arm, and protection by Thine
hand.

It is for Thee that we do battle, and to Thee belongs
the victor's crown.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory,
forever, **AMEN.**



*Funeral Service with Full Military Honors
11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2016
Rogers and Breece Funeral Home Chapel
Chaplain Mike Shellman, Officiant
Mrs. Cheryl Shellman, Pianist*

Obituary

Major Thomas Powell enlisted in the United States Army on June 30, 1965 and graduated as a Special Forces Combat Engineer Sergeant. He served 2 tours in Vietnam, during which the Joint Task Force assembled to rescue United States prisoners of war at Son Tay, N. Vietnam. His actions in this raid earned him the Distinguished Service Cross. He volunteered and graduated from US Army Ranger school. His career overseas continued to advance as a Special Forces Officer.

His final assignment before retirement was 1st office in charge at the field phase of the SERE school and then working with the field portion of the Special Forces Qualifications Course. After 22 years of Military service, he worked as a Research Analysis for the Joint Special Operations Command. During time he was deployed in support of the United States Special Operations in Panama for operation JUST CAUSE. Additional career awards and decorations include Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Metal, Army Commendation and V-device (all with Oak leaf cluster). Both Combat Infantryman and Master Parachutist Badges and the Special Forces and Ranger Tabs. Most recently, prior to his Civil Service retirement he was inducted into the Special Forces Regiment and into the Commando Hall of Honor.

Retired Major Powell spent a lifetime of unwavering loyalty and dedication to his duty, to all those he served with and for his country.

Prelude

Welcome *SGM JoAnn Naumann*

**Opening Prayer* *Chaplain Mike Shellman*
**Please stand if you are able.*

**Hymn* *"Amazing Grace"* *Congregation*

Commanding General's Comments *LTG Austin Miller*

Song *"Go Rest High On That Mountain"*

Tribute *Mr. C.W. Thompson*

**Hymn* *"Old Rugged Cross"* *Congregation*

Scripture Reading *CAPT Frank D. Whitworth*
First Corinthians 13:1-13

Words of Comfort *Chaplain Mike Shellman*

Song *"Remember When"*

**Closing Prayer* *Chaplain Mike Shellman*

Postlude

*Interment will be held at 4 p.m. Mt. Vernon UMC Cemetery Wadesboro, NC
(directions are available)*

Services Entrusted To:
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