



Argatha Lee Powell

January 24, 1936 - February 18, 2026

Obituary

Argatha Lee Powell, a resident of Snow Hill, MD peacefully transitioned from labor to eternal rest on February 18, 2026 at the age of ninety (90). Born on January 24, 1936, in Snow Hill, Maryland, she was the daughter of Homer and Hattie Corbin Shockley, both of whom preceded her in death. From an early age, she displayed a spirit of strength, compassion, and quiet determination that would define her life and bless all who knew her.

She attended Worcester High School and carried herself with dignity, grace, and resilience throughout her years. At an early age, she accepted Christ and became a devoted and faithful member of Hutt's Memorial United Methodist Church, where her service and dedication were unwavering. She faithfully served on the Usher Board, as a Communion Stewardess, and on the Administrative Board Council. If there was ever a question about the church — its history, its operations, or its members — she did not have to guess or hesitate. She knew! Her commitment to her church family was steadfast, and her presence was dependable. She did not simply attend church; she was an active pillar within it.

“Gate”, as she was fondly known, did for everyone — family, friends, and even neighbors, carrying a servant's heart and freely giving her time, her resources,

and her unwavering love without condition. If someone needed help, she was there. If something needed to be done, she stepped in. Her generosity was natural, her care was genuine, and her heart was open. She lovingly took in her nephew, "Pee Wee" (David Shockley), at just eight years old and raised him as her own, demonstrating her boundless capacity for love, sacrifice, and responsibility. Family was not just important to her — it was everything.

She was a hardworking woman who believed in providing for her family and serving others. She retired from Perdue Farms after more than twenty years of faithful service. Throughout her lifetime, she also worked at Buddy Boys and Swift, and she provided private sitting care for many in the community. Even in her work, she nurtured and cared for others. Serving people was not simply what she did; it was who she was.

She leaves to cherish her precious and enduring memory with her five devoted children: Johnny Powell, George Powell (Raynetta), Essie Powell-Brown (Benjamin), Charles Powell, and Iona Powell Dashiell (Gregory). She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives, church family, and dear friends who will forever carry her love in their hearts. Her life was a testimony of faith, sacrifice, strength, and unconditional love. Though our hearts ache, we rejoice knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Her legacy will continue to live on in every life she touched, in every lesson she taught, and in every act of love she demonstrated. Well done, good and faithful servant.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Roosevelt W. Powell, her six siblings, James Shockley, Charles Shockley, Agnes Duncan, Virgil Shockley, twin sister Doretha Jenkins, and Gertude Shockley and her beloved parents. Though we mourn her absence, we find comfort in knowing she is reunited with those who have gone before her.

Submitted With Love ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church (Snow Hill)
107 S. Collins Street
Snow Hill, MD

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - February 28 at 09:34 AM

MR

Sending prayers and condolences to the Powell family! Your mom was a special lady with a sweet spirit. I know she will be greatly missed. 🙏



Mary Ringgold - February 28 at 11:31 AM

RO

To Johnny, Essie, On, Chick and Zag. I want you all to know that you made Aunt Gate so proud yesterday. The service was beautifully put together with alot of love and care. Aunt Gate was one of the best. She was one of the best. She always came and saw mom mom (Agnes) before she passed and always invited us to her house.

As a kid we spent many weekends in Snow Hill with Aunt Gate, Aunt Reat, Uncle Virgil, Aunt Gertrude and Uncle Charles.

I want you all to know that I love you and my heart is and will always be with you.

Rochelle - March 02 at 02:37 PM

NR

“ *Auntie there's no words to describe how much you will be missed.
MUCH LOVE..*



NEICE REAT - March 01 at 03:55 PM

NB

“ *Im gonna miss you auntie, thank GOD for allowing us to have you in our lives for the time we had. Thank you for always welcoming me in your home when I visited and the conversations shared. Love you!* ”



Nate Barkley - February 28 at 12:36 PM

AF

“ *Ann Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell* ”



Ann Fletcher - February 28 at 10:44 AM

TH

“ *Tanika Harmon lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell* ”



Tanika Harmon - February 28 at 02:02 AM

VD

“ *Vanessa Deshields lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell* ”



Vanessa Deshields - February 27 at 08:32 PM

AW

“ Audrey Waters lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell



audrey waters - February 27 at 01:38 PM

EM

“ EDNA MORTON lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell



EDNA MORTON - February 27 at 01:35 PM

TW

“ Tammy Waters lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell



Tammy Waters - February 26 at 05:43 PM

SJ

“ Shelley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell



Shelley Johnson - February 25 at 07:19 PM

PG

“ Aunt Gate I can't believe you left us so soon after your Birthday Party.im really going to miss our phone calls and the I all the laugh's we shared and BBQs that we shared and I'm going to miss inviting you to my church for different things.I Loved you then and I love you now you will always have a special place in my heart I will never forget how you was beside me when Mom and June passed and I'll glad I got to tell you that at the party.you was a special person to me.Rest In Peace My Sweet Aunt I'll never forget you Love You Your Niece Butch.

Peggy Greene - February 25 at 03:22 PM

MF

My Condolences and Prayers to the family 💔

Marie Fortune - February 27 at 09:36 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - February 25 at 07:25 AM

AM

“ To the family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Miss Gate was a sweetheart and a gentle soul. She is now sleeping in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

Angela Marshall - February 25 at 06:20 AM

WB

“ Family our thoughts and prayers are with you doing this difficult time.

*Wilbert and Lavonia Brown
Va Beach Va*



Wilbert and Lavonia Brown - February 25 at 05:41 AM

LB

“ This world lost a wonderful, caring woman and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed. Lillian Wilkinson Broman

Lillian Wilkinson Broman - February 25 at 12:43 AM

EB

“ Our condolences and prayers are with the family. †

Edith Bishop - February 24 at 10:06 PM

EB

“ Edith Bishop lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell



Edith Bishop - February 24 at 10:05 PM

LB

“ *Larry & Edith Bishop lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell*



Larry & Edith Bishop - February 24 at 10:00 PM

LB

Our condolences and prayers are with the family.

Larry & Edith Bishop - February 24 at 10:02 PM

BG

“ *Barbara Gumby lit a candle in memory of Argatha Lee Powell*



Barbara Gumby - February 24 at 09:15 PM

AB

“ *On behalf of Victory Faith Worship Center, we extend our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May the loving memories bring you peace and comfort.*

Apostle Matthew and Bishop Cora Brown - February 24 at 09:13 PM

MB

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Maurice Brown - February 24 at 11:58 AM

MB

“ You will always be the light that shines on our pathway through life.



Maurice Brown - February 24 at 11:44 AM