



## Mr. James Brandon Powers BPharm

January 6, 1928 - December 10, 2019

James (Jim) Brandon Powers peacefully passed on to be in God's arms December 10, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida. Jim was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1946. Jim served in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1949, as a Sergeant in the Marine Wing Service Squadron One in Santa Ana, California.

He attended Chaffey College in Ontario, California, where he met and married the love of his life, Patsey Jane Olsen Powers. Jim completed his education at the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy in 1953, with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree (BPharm). He was a member of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society and Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemical Fraternity.

After interning with his brother-in-law, Ed Felosi, in Coleraine, Minnesota, Pat and Jim returned to Florida, where he practiced as an independent retail pharmacist and attended the Stetson College of Law until he joined the Bureau of Narcotics of the Florida State Board of Health. After the Bureau was disbanded, Jim worked in the Florida Medicaid program and other programs within the Florida State Board of Health.

In 1969, Jim was selected by the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA) to be

the Executive Vice President and served in that position for 21 years as a passionate advocate for patients, pharmacists and pharmacy owners. During his tenure at the FPA, the Association realized a number of legislative achievements enhancing the practice of pharmacy and established the Florida Pharmacy Foundation, the Recovering Pharmacists Network of Florida, Pharmacy Provider Services Corporation (PPSC), a Pharmacy Political Action Committee (PAC), won numerous awards with the Florida Pharmacy Today Journal and owned a credit union that is now the First Commerce Credit Union.

Jim received a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Graham in 1986, for his valuable and distinguished service to the State of Florida on the Governor's Commission on Drug and Alcohol Concerns. He was appointed to the Florida Board of Pharmacy by Governor Bush and served in that capacity from 2002 to 2009. His passion for the profession of pharmacy continued as he spearheaded the Florida Independent Pharmacy Network (FIPN), an organization dedicated to addressing issues affecting independent pharmacy owners at the state level.

He was the recipient of many professional awards during his career, including the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award, American Pharmaceutical Associate Hugo H. Schaefer Medal, FPA James H. Beal Pharmacist of the Year Award, FSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award, Bowl of Hygeia Award and a special Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Award, which recognized his life-long commitment to the profession he loved.

Jim was also active in the Tallahassee community as member of the Killlearn Methodist Church and a coach and umpire in Tallahassee youth baseball, basketball and football.

He was predeceased by parents, William H. Powers and Mary Lulu Brandon

Powers; siblings Dave, Jalene, Shirley and Bill. He leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Patsey Jane Olsen Powers; his sons, Kelly Powers and Robby Powers (Sheri), Tallahassee; his sister, Mary Lou Matthews, Hartsville, South Carolina; as well as two grandchildren, Sarah Roy (Jamie), Columbus, Georgia and Kayla Powers, Tallahassee; and two great-grandchildren, Stella Rose Roy and Kylie Grace Roy.

The family would like to express gratitude to the Alzheimer's Project and Big Bend Hospice staff during this time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations recognizing Jim be sent to the James B. and Patsey J. Powers Scholarship Fund, in care of the Florida Pharmacy Foundation at P.O. Box 266977, Weston, Florida 33326.

Funeral arrangements are handled by Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens, 4037 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. The family will have a private service and announce a reception to celebrate Jim's life in their home at a future date. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *My name is Gary Hobbs, I just heard that Jim passed in December. I opened a Pharmacy in Merritt Island, he inspected my pharmacy I also was involved with him through the FPA. I have fond memories and respect for him.*

*I hope the pain has passed and that you are enjoying the many memories of his life and what he gave to the Pharmacy profession in Florida'*

*Gary K. Hobba*

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**Gary Hobbs** - February 18, 2020 at 10:26 AM

TT

“ *Jim Powers...a solid guy who was passionate about the pharmacy profession and who worked tirelessly to advocate for its best interests. I will forever remember him as a caring colleague who brought positive energy to our collective work in the profession. Pat, you have my deepest sympathies on Jim's passing. May God be as good to Jim as Jim was to you and all his friends.*

*Tom Temple  
CEO Emeritus, Iowa Pharmacy Association*

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**Tom Temple** - January 06, 2020 at 10:28 AM

TJ

“ *Tim and Jolynn purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Mr. James Brandon Powers BPharm.*



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**Tim and Jolynn** - December 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM

LV

“ I valued my friendship with Jim Powers. I first met him in the early 70's when I began to work in the pharma business. I was appointed Government Affairs Manager for DuPont along my career path. I sought his advice as I began that job. He was a lion for any cause that he adopted. What an advocate he was for Pharmacy. Men like him rarely come along. He was passionate and committed to the craft. God bless you Pat and family as you deal with this loss. Peace be with you.

*Sincerely;*

*Lee Vass  
DuPont Pharmaceuticals  
Government Affairs Manager,  
Retired*

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**Lee Vass** - December 16, 2019 at 11:52 AM

RW

“ I first met Jim in 1956-he inspected our drugstore in Winter Park- Most folks walked in the front door-he exploded thru it-Always in a hurry-but willing to help-I do recall when he was chosen to lead our Association-& moved it to the political arena in Talla- Over the years both he & Pat were perfect reps of Florida Pharmacy with the many changes-We also attended his 90th birthday celebration with pharmacists from around the State- Farewell and Thank You Old Friend- Bob and Betty Weber Tallahassee,FL

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**Robert B Weber** - December 15, 2019 at 05:39 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss, Pat. I loved having Jim cheering us on at London Town tennis courts. Always a thumbs up meant he appreciated your shot. He was a great addition to Pete’s Wednesday tennis. He will be missed. Much love, Becky Miller

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**Becky Miller** - December 15, 2019 at 02:50 PM

MW

“ I am so sad to hear of Mr Powers passing. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Powers when I worked at the Board of Pharmacy. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. I am so glad our paths met and we became fast friends. Mrs. Powers and family you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Maxine Wenzinger

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**Maxine Wenzinger** - December 15, 2019 at 07:26 AM

DW

“ I knew Mr. Powers for most of my life. I first met Jim when I was just a teenager and he treated me like a son. I have fond memories of him wrestling with Robby, myself and any other boy that might happen to be around at the time, and he didn't hesitate to throw us in the pool when prompted. Jim usually had a big smile on his face and always had time to talk.  
He will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

*Don Williams and Family*

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**Don Williams** - December 14, 2019 at 12:25 PM

BM

“ I have been saddened since I received a call last week ago that Jim was entering Hospice. It was just a couple years ago Lynda and I celebrated Jim's 90th birthday with Pat and his friends and family members. What a memory Jim had of each and every one of us when he spoke, and what a hunger he still had to better our pharmacy profession. Throughout the many years, I would call upon Jim just to ask his opinion/advice on any type of pharmacy issue, no matter the circumstances or time of day. He always had a sensible response, and then we ended up talking on a multitude of other subjects unrelated to pharmacy. What I will always remember and cherish about Jim, my friend, is that he always gave of "HIMSELF", and you knew it came from his "HEART"! Jim was a unique and caring individual wanting the best for others! REST IN PEACE, You will be missed, and never forgotten!

*Bob Miller*

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**Bob Miller** - December 13, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. James Brandon Powers BPharm.



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December 13, 2019 at 12:40 PM

SG

“ Please accept our most deepest condolences, Robby and family. Mr. Powers was always kind and sincere when we had the pleasure of being included during family events and I know he will be missed beyond measure. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during your time of healing. With much love - Susan George and family

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**Susan George** - December 13, 2019 at 11:10 AM

KS

“ Jim Powers was a legendary name in Florida pharmacy circles when I became a member of this noble profession in the late 1990’s. Simply put, he advanced the cause and visibility for the pharmacy profession more than any other individual in recent history. His home-going is to be celebrated; because of his efforts and love, millions of people in Florida are living better lives. On a more personal and spiritual note, may his family and closest friends find comfort, and know that he will be an angel over their lives. We all are thankful for his presence on this earth, for sharing his talents, and for giving love to all he encountered.

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**Kevin B. Sneed** - December 13, 2019 at 07:07 AM

CA

“ Jim welcomed me back to the FPA family after drug and alcohol treatment. He encouraged me and supported me as I grew our independent pharmacy business in Lake City. We served together on the Impaired Pharmacist committee and helped other addicted pharmacists. He was such a positive force in my life.

*Carl Allison*

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**Carl Allison** - December 12, 2019 at 06:25 AM

GK

“ I am truly saddened by the announcement of Jim’s passing. Jim was a mentor, a colleague, a true gentleman. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be truly missed, but never forgotten.

*Gary Koesten*

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**Gary Koesten** - December 11, 2019 at 03:57 PM