

*Celebrating the Life of*



**Donald Stanley Potts**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1936 - MARCH 18, 2025**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025 3:00 p.m. ET**

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**Virginia Cook Activity Center**  
**806 MLK Drive**  
**West Point, GA 31833**



# *Order of Service*

The Order of Service

The Opening Prayer  
Mr. Charlie L. Williams

The Old and New Testament  
Rev. Willie Williams

Selection  
Mrs. Dorothy Swanson

Reflections  
(Two Minutes)

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Repast



# *Donald's Journey*

Donald Stanley Potts, a beloved resident of West Point, Georgia passed away peacefully on March 18, 2025 at the age of 88. Donald was born September 12, 1936 to the late Nora Coar Potts and Jim Olin Potts in the small town of West Point, GA, that would become his lifelong home.

Donald attended 10th Street School throughout his primary and middle school years and graduated from Harrison High School. After high school, Donald joined the United States Air Force where he served as an Inventory and Supply Specialist. He visited many places all over the world during his service in the Air Force. Some of his fondest memories were of his time stationed in South Korea.

When he completed his military contract he returned stateside and enrolled in Mississippi Valley State University (Itta Bena, MS) where he was a Biology major with a minor in physical education. After graduation, he began his career in education and would go on to earn his Masters of Education from the University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA) and Masters in Education Leadership from Columbus State University (Columbus, GA).

Donald Potts led an impactful life in his community through his career in education spanning greater than 35 years. He taught biology at Harrison High School (West Point, GA) and West Point High School for several years and then became the Assistant Principal and later became the Principal of West Point High School. He also coached the girls basketball team at West Point High during his time there. When the school system consolidated, Mr. Potts became an Assistant Principal at Troup County Comprehensive High School. He helped with deciding the name of the school and assisted in establishing the policies and student handbook still used by the school today. From Troup High School, he took the position as Director of Central Purchasing for Troup County School Systems, retiring in the 1997-98 school year. The legacy and memory of Mr. Potts will live on in the memory of his students throughout his years of service with Troup County School Systems and also the few years spent in Meriwether County at Woodbury High School.

In Donald's private, family life he was a testament of love, kindness, devotion and respect. He was a doting son, caring for both his parents until their passing. He was a good provider and loving husband who wasn't afraid to cook dinner for his wife, take her on regular shopping sprees, and to whisk her away on weekend getaways when he wasn't building their next project or remodeling the home to meet her wishes. He loved showering her with gifts and never complained to be her chauffeur, even though that always meant he was taking the scenic route. He was affectionately known as "Papa", and was the best grandfather and great-grandfather anyone could ever ask for. He will be deeply missed by his family and can never be replaced.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim O. Potts; mother, Nora C. Potts; grandfather, Dr. Daniel Coar, MD; grandmother, Annie Toles; brother, Jimmy Potts; step-children, Craig Bernard Peters and Alzater Elizabeth Peters.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mary Phine Lee-Potts; his sister, Virginia Agnes Potts Jones; his grand children, Jaclyn Jattire Peters (Minisia) & Janiya Leigh Peters; great-grandchildren who loved dearly, Allandria Deanne Nelson, Seraphine Elizabeth Peters, and Dominic Castro; three special nieces, Lisa Potts, Pamela Ross and Shalandra Welch as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and students.



# *A Special Father & Grandfather*

You may be sitting around smiling or grouchy in  
your recliner watching T.V.

You may be in the kitchen cooking or on the porch  
doing one of your chosen projects.

Whatever it is, you never really mind delaying these  
things when we need you and putting us first.

So for going the distance and always making a way,  
we would like express the love that we  
have for you in our hearts day by day!!!!!!!!!!!!.

Love, Jacy, Janiya

Written by Tiny



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