

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RECOGNITION SERVICE
FOR
STANLEY M. POWELL
75 Years of Membership

Hymn No. 370

Count Your Blessings

Welcome and Prayer

Introductions of Family and Special Guests

Solo

How Great Thou Art
Mrs. Shindorff

Greetings from Michigan Senator Alan Cropsey.

Tribute to Stanley

Presentations

On behalf of the Gideons

Bruce Boroff

On behalf of First Baptist

Rod Zeagler

Benediction

JUNE 16, 1985

Baptist Church honors Powell



Eleanor and Stanley Powell stand before the cake commemorating his 75 years of membership in the First Baptist Church of Ionia. Following worship, the church held a social hour and a special service of recognition in Powell's honor Sunday.

IONIA — Sunday was Father's Day — and at Ionia First Baptist Church, a special day for the church patriarch.

Stanley M. Powell, Ronald Township farmer and former state legislator, was honored by the church for having been a member for 75 years.

While all fathers in the church were honored during the regular worship services, a special recognition service was held during Sunday school hour, honoring Powell for his long years of membership.

After a social hour, during which a special 75th anniversary of membership cake was served, the congregation returned to the sanctuary for what Rod Zeagler, chairman of the event, called "recognition and reminiscences."

THE REV. Tim Gillette, pastor, opened the service with a welcome and prayer. Members of Powell's family, including his wife Eleanor, and sons Ronald, Rex and Larry, and their families, were introduced.

Two state Senators — Alan Cropsey of DeWitt and his father, Harmon, of Decatur, delivered greetings to Powell.

Alan Cropsey succeeded Powell as state representative in the old 88th district, which included most of Ionia County.

"A Tribute to Stanley" was read by the Rev. Gillette, encompassing his role and that of his family, in the history and life of First Baptist Church. A poem for the occasion, written by Marian Tingley, was read by Mabel Jones.

JERRY REICHARD, a member of the church, researched and read from the official minutes of the church numerous excerpts concerning Powell, from his baptism to the present time. "And, of course, Stanley has filled every office in the church and was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school," Zeagler said.

Two presentations were made to Powell. One was the gift of 20 Bibles, on behalf of the Gideons, made by Bruce Boroff. The other was a plaque, on behalf the church,

marking his 75 years of membership, presented by Rod Zeagler.

"Stanley responded after the plaque was presented," Zeagler said, "and recalled various incidents from his memories of his early years, as a boy, and memories of his family."

"**HIS MEMORIES** go back a long, long time," Zeagler said. "This was an occasion in which we could gather in fellowship to honor Stanley and his role in our church."

The special service concluded with a benediction by the Rev. Gillette.