



Mr. Waymon Brown

July 26, 1931 - November 26, 2023

Waymon Arthell Brown-

Waymon Brown, a longtime merchant and civic leader in Douglas, Alabama, died peacefully at home with family on Sunday, Nov. 26. He was 92.

Brown and his late wife, Marie Hamrick Brown, started Brown Hardware in 1960. Born July 26, 1931, as the only child of Floyd and Annie Mae Murdock Brown, he followed his father into both the well-drilling and retail business.

In 1972, Waymon and Marie also started Brown Appliance. The hardware and appliance stores both are still being operated by their son Gary and their grandsons.

Waymon was instrumental in the incorporation of the small rural community that became the Town of Douglas in 1978. He served on the Marshall County Industrial Development Authority, the local industrial board and as a board member of the former Community Bank. He helped recruit to the town its first doctor as well as Douglas Pharmacy, which has continued to expand over the years.

After graduating from Douglas High School in 1949, he immediately headed West with a friend, working on a wheat harvest crew traveling from Colorado

all the way to the Canadian border. He then worked various jobs at Chevrolet Gear and Axle in Detroit, Michigan, before returning home.

Realizing he was about to be drafted during the Korean War in 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and married Marie Hamrick. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Dec. 23, 2020. She died Feb. 5, 2021.

After completing basic training, the couple were stationed in Valdosta, Georgia, before being transferred to Victorville, California. Brown was an airplane mechanic and was 12 days at sea for his deployment to Korea when the truce was called. He served at the base at Taygue for about four months.

He is survived by four children: Sharon Brown-Henry (John) of Kaneohe, Hawaii, Vicki Brown (Chris Klein) of Nashville, Tennessee, Gary Brown (Lisa) of Douglas and Carol Brown of Montgomery, as well as seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Adams-Brown Service Funeral Home in Albertville with a celebration of life at 1 p.m. in the chapel, Elder Ricky Harcrow officiating. Burial will follow in Douglas Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Mike Graben, 1006 Bruce Street, Albertville, AL 35950 or Shepherd's Cove Hospice, 408 Martling Road, Albertville, AL 35951.

Cemetery Details

Douglas Cemetery

AL HWY 75
Douglas, AL 35964

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home
6906 US Highway 431 South
P.O. Box 488
Albertville, AL 35950
(256) 878-0231

Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Adams Brown Service Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Waymon Brown*



Adams Brown Service Funeral Home - November 29, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *100 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Adams Brown Service Funeral Home - November 29, 2023 at 08:45 AM

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“ Carol, we pray for strength for you and your family, that only He can provide, to enable you to endure the days and weeks ahead, until, by His Grace, your pain is transformed from grief to wonderful memories that will last forever. Please take some solace in the Blessed Assurance that your father is resting peacefully, in the loving Arms of our Savior, free from worry or pain. You will see him again in Paradise! Jimmy, Carol, and Ellie Pool

Jimmy Pool - November 29, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Waymon Brown.



November 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Waymon Brown.



November 28, 2023 at 08:13 AM

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“ Sarah Hiestand and Mark Schoenfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Waymon Brown.

Sarah Hiestand and Mark Schoenfield - November 28, 2023 at 08:13 AM