



Wilbur Lee Brown

March 24, 1927 - March 14, 2015

Wilbur Lee Brown, age 87 of Carbondale, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015 in Port St. Joe, Florida.

He was born to Floyd and Nellie (Chamness) in Christopher, Illinois.

He married Yvonne Hastings on November 14, 1947. Together they shared 67 years of marriage.

Wilbur proudly enlisted and served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad early in his career. He then spent 29 years at the Carbondale Post Office followed by four years as Postmaster in De Soto. He also worked for the Crab Orchard water district and was the treasurer of the Coal Valley Credit Union. He greatly enjoyed playing golf, spending time with his golfing friends and was a member of Hickory Ridge Senior Golf Association. He coached little league baseball for many years and faithfully followed SIU Salukis sports teams. He was an avid traveler. He and Yvonne traveled internationally and also visited all fifty states. His children accompanied him on many Sunday afternoon drives throughout his beloved southern Illinois countryside, but only with the promise of ice cream at the end. He loved being with his family and especially enjoyed babysitting his

great-grandchildren. He was a loving and wonderful husband and father and will be greatly missed. He was a longtime member of the University Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Yvonne Brown of Carbondale; two daughters, Susan (John) Barnes of Cobden and Debra Doyle (and Jean Wolf) of Atlanta; a son, David (Renata) Brown of Cleveland; three grandsons, Damian Doyle of New Orleans; John Barnes of Murphysboro and Joshua Barnes of Carbondale; a great-granddaughter, Thisbe Barnes and a great-grandson Rafael Barnes of Murphysboro; a sister, Bettie (Bob) Townsend of Alamo, TX; a brother, Larry (Pam) Brown of Royse City, TX; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of his life will be held from 1-3pm on Saturday, March 21 at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home. Military Rites will be accorded. Inurnment will be at a later date at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur Lee Brown*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilbur Lee Brown.*



March 18, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur Lee Brown.*



March 18, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Wilbur. Please know I am thinking about you all with deepest sympathy.*

Robin Baysinger Siegfried - March 18, 2015 at 05:40 PM



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PB

“ *Deepest sympathy from the Baysinger family. Sorry we are unable to to attend the service.*

Pat Baysinger - March 18, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbur Lee Brown.*



March 18, 2015 at 01:07 PM

MS

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Wilbur is gone, he was a good man. My sincere condolences to all of the family.*

Martha Searcy - March 17, 2015 at 07:16 PM

AH

“ *Our sympathy is with Yvonne and the family. We shall remember his smile and cheerful greeting as he walked in the mall with Yvonne.
Dr. Homer and Amber Hanson*

Amber Hanson - March 17, 2015 at 10:55 AM