



Willie Bell Brown

July 25, 1934 - October 25, 2023

Willie Bell Brown, affectionately known as Paw Paw, Brown, Deacon Brown, and Uncle Willie Bell, was born in 1934 to Burt and Lucy Brown on July 25, 1934, he was the fourth of thirteen siblings.

Willie married the love of his life Marva Louise Ellis on July 8, 1955, and they moved to Chicago, IL in 1957; to this union 5 sons were born.

Willie was a faithful member of Mt. Olivet M.B. Church where he was a Deacon and Trustee, as well as, Superintendent of Sunday School.

“Paw Paw” was an avid bowler. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, studying the Bible, and above all, he loved his family.

Willie served in the U.S. Army, worked at Harrison and King Steel Mill, Sunbeam Appliances, Tuthill Pump Company, and The U.S. Post Office where he retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Burt and Lucy Brown and ten siblings.

He is survived by his loving wife Marva Brown; sons: Wayne Brown of Starkville, MS, Darrell Brown of Mt. Vernon, IN, Terry (Cynthia) Brown of

Chicago, IL, Christopher (Vanessa) Brown of Gurnee, IL, and Timothy (Zahara) Brown of Bloomington, IN; one brother, Vandie Brown; and one sister; Catherine Hill; Brothers-in-law: Eluster (Ethel) Ellis and William Ferguson; Sisters-in-law: Betty and Ethel Lake; 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; countless loving and cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Park

9036 Oktoc Road
Starkville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Starkville
112 Earnest H Jones Jr Dr
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-5854

Funeral Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olivet M.B. Church
1966 Mt Olive Road
Starkville, MS 39759

Dr. Pastor James Covington, Officiating

Tribute Wall



“ Lorene Osby lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Lorene Osby - November 16, 2023 at 12:48 AM

QM

“ Queen Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Queen Malone - November 04, 2023 at 11:21 PM

RB

“ My condolences are with my family. Deacon you will truly be missed. Church won't be the same without you.



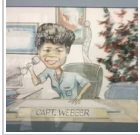
Rose Billups - November 03, 2023 at 06:13 PM

CR

“ Conchita Richardson lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Conchita Richardson - November 03, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Deacon Brown was one of the first people I met when I first came to Mt. Olivet. I respected him as a kind and Christian example. When it came to his faith, he didn't just talk about it, he lived it. He was humorous and I especially enjoyed talking with him about sports. He even got me to watch some of the Chicago Cubs games even though I am a Dodgers fan. Deacon Brown will be missed greatly, but every day we should endeavor to follow his example of loving and caring for others. Wilma Faye Webber-Colbert and Victoria Colbert*



Faye Colbert - November 03, 2023 at 12:32 PM

CR

“ *My condolences to my uncle*

Conchita Richardson - November 03, 2023 at 12:21 PM

CR

My condolences to family rest in peace uncle.

Conchita Richardson - November 03, 2023 at 12:27 PM

ER

“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace, Unc! We are lifting the Brown family up in prayer and we are so sorry we couldn't be there in person but know we are there in spirit. Ethel, Melva, Evelyn*

Evelyn Reed - November 03, 2023 at 11:48 AM

BB

“ *With Loving and Fond Memories . . . You Will Be Remembered Paw Paw Brown.*



Barbara J Booker - November 03, 2023 at 11:19 AM

JE

“ *Jackie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Jackie Ellis - November 03, 2023 at 10:26 AM

PW

“ *Deacon Brown, The Works You Have Done Speaks Loudly! You have earned your rest 🙏*

*Respectfully
Paul Webber*

Paul Webber - November 03, 2023 at 09:12 AM

RM

“ *Rodney & Towanda Miles sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Rodney & Towanda Miles - November 02, 2023 at 04:55 PM

DS

“ *Diane Stinson lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Diane Stinson - November 02, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LD

“ *Latache Dancer lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Latache Dancer - November 02, 2023 at 07:17 AM

JM

“ *John & Mary McGee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Bell Brown.*

John & Mary McGee - November 01, 2023 at 11:13 PM

JM

“ *John & Mary McGee purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Willie Bell Brown.*



John & Mary McGee - November 01, 2023 at 11:13 PM

WS

“ *Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. - November 01, 2023 at 10:54 PM

DJ

“ *DORA JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



DORA JACKSON - November 01, 2023 at 06:32 PM

BE

“ *Betty Ellis lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Betty Ellis - November 01, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Bell Brown.*



November 01, 2023 at 12:39 PM

KG

“ Karen Gandy sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Karen Gandy - November 01, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Bell Brown.



November 01, 2023 at 11:51 AM

PW

“ Deacon Brown was a mentor and father figure to our brother, Paul Webber. He and Mrs Brown invested their love in a motherless and fatherless child. Your gift of love will always be remembered. Thank you for sharing.

Patsy, on behalf of the children of Edward and Viola Moody Webber

Patsy WebberHunt - November 01, 2023 at 09:51 AM

LS

“ Lynn Staples sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Lynn Staples - October 31, 2023 at 07:08 PM

TS

“ Oh how I will miss him calling me Tee Tee...and always saying Christmas is going to beat you here.. 🤪...lol, because I was always late when he brought Mrs. Marva to the Beauty salon...young man, as I called him, you are and forever will be truly missed...my sincerest sympathies and deepest condolences to the family 🙏❤️🙏

Teresa Self-Harris - October 31, 2023 at 06:46 PM

GR

“ Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Glenda roberts - October 31, 2023 at 03:17 PM

WS

“ Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. - October 31, 2023 at 11:13 AM

BH

“ Barbara W Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown



Barbara W Hill - October 31, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Cynthia Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Bell Brown*



Cynthia Robinson - October 30, 2023 at 11:29 PM