



Herman O'Neal Brown

April 4, 1938 - January 1, 2016

Celebrating the Life of Herman O'Neal Brown

Herman O'Neal Brown was born April 4, 1938 in Hartford, Georgia. At the age of four Herman moved to Richmond, Virginia with his parents Lula and Ed Porter.

Herman attended church regularly during his early childhood, and as an adult he attended St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Herman attended Richmond Public Schools where he graduated from Armstrong High School in 1957. He later joined the Marines where he served in the Korean War. After four years of service he was honorably discharged.

Herman met and married the love of his life Eleanor Wood on June 20, 1959. From their union they were blessed with three wonderful daughters, Tondra, Kim and Debbie. They enjoyed 56 years of marriage.

Herman served 28 years with the Richmond Fire Department until he retired in May 1988 at the age of 49. During his life time he was a successful entrepreneur, where he owned and operated Eleanor's Variety Shop for 53 years. It became a staple in the West End Community.

Herman touched many lives in a selfless, positive and giving way. He was a people person, a pleaser and enjoyed great pleasure in making all those around him happy. He had a great sense of humor. He was lovingly known as the “I Got It” or “I Can Get It” man, and that was quickly followed by “How Soon Do You Need It”.

Herman loved life and the finer things it offered. One of his favorite saying was, “You know it only costs a little bit more to go first class”. He felt that nothing was ever too good or unattainable for himself and those around him. He encouraged everyone that he encountered to adopt the same belief and it was infectious.

Herman enjoyed traveling, especially going on cruises. After his first voyage he remarked. “I just didn’t know what I was missing”. Herman will be missed by all who knew him, especially his sons-in-law who loved him and considered him a second father.

Loving memories of Herman will be cherished by his wife, Eleanor Brown; three daughters, Tondra Wilkerson (Barry); Kim Taylor (Mark); Debbie Cousins (Joseph); nine grandchildren, Brandon, Brandi, Lauren, David, Tyler, JaBria, Chandler, Scidney and Jeremy; one sister-in-law, Ann Wood Mallory (Eugene), one brother-in-law, Nathaniel J. Wickham, III; a devoted aunt Georgia Braxton; six nieces; Brenda Boone (Azariah), Jackie Harris (Samuel), Joslyn Ford, Joyce Johnson (Jerome), Dr. June P. Robinson and Natalie Lambert; six nephews; George Braxton, Jr. (Kelly), Anthony Booker, Nathaniel J. Wickham, IV (Shavonne), Andre` Wickham (Daphne), Byron Wickham (Starletta), Mark Mallory (Tyee)); five close and cherished friends; Everett Graves, Louis Hatch (Junie), Duke Stewart, Cheddar and Chester Wood; a loyal pet and companion Brodie Brown, and a host of cousins and other relatives.

Cemetery Details

Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road
Hanover, VA 23069

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Herman O'Neal Brown*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may GOD give you comfort in your time of need. 2Corinthians I :3,4.*

Carolyn - January 10, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family in the loss of your loved one . May the fond memories shared with him be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain . John 5 : 21,28,29*

D Allen - January 08, 2016 at 05:31 AM



“ *Janice Roane lit a candle in memory of Herman O'Neal Brown*



Janice Roane - January 07, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ Andrew and I would like to express our sincere condolences to your family. Mr. Brown was truly a great, kind and compassionate person. May God grant you peace and comfort at this time and keep you close. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."
Andrew and Jan Roane

Janice Roane - January 07, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Brown family.
From the entire Archer family.



Yolanda Archer Lee - January 06, 2016 at 10:16 PM



“ Debbie, Sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences are being sent to you and your family in your time of grief. Take Care!!!

Zenda Neal - January 05, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ James Churchwell purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Herman O'Neal Brown.



James Churchwell - January 05, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ My deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to The Brown's Family, Herman was just like a mentor, brother and even a father figure to me. I remember when he first open his store at the corner of Cary and Lady Street back in the 1970s. He used to let me ride with him to do repair work on a house he used to have on 4th ave. amongst other things. One of my fondest memories of him was when I used to purchased shoes from him and I would ask what kind of warranty would I get with the purchase, his response would always be the same " 30 days or 30 seconds which ever came first", yea that's the kind of humor I could expect from him whenever I came by to see him. all I know is that corner will never be the same whenever I pass that way again. Herman I will miss you tremendously, because to have known you is to have loved you, and I truly did and will always love you and your family. Thanks for the great memories my friend.

James Churchwell

James Churchwell - January 05, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ Mr Brown was like a big brother to me. He was the most caring, sharing and giving man to everyone. God's Angel's are welcoming him home. We will forever miss you.

Willis Brailey, 8101 Bay Springs Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

Willis Brailey - January 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM

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“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to the entire family. May you find peace in knowing God's love is there to support you and carry you through this most difficult time.

Paul General - January 04, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 04, 2016 at 11:33 AM