



S. Wayne Brown

December 10, 1942 - October 13, 2019

BROWN,

S. Wayne, 76, passed away Sunday, October 13, 2019.

He was a meat cutter for 30 years with A & P, Pic-Pac, and Melton Food Marts. He was an entrepreneur and worked at Winston Products Company. Wayne served as a Deacon at Valley View Church and was a short-term Missionary to India in 1976. Wayne was also a volunteer for Helping Hands Homeless Ministry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mary Katherine Brown; and his brother, Michael Keith Brown.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Betty (Probst) Brown; sons, Steven Wayne Brown (Michele), David Wayne Brown (Sarah), and Michael Wayne Brown (Jennifer); and grandchildren, Carlea and Lauren Brown, Maggie and Sandi Brown, and Paul and William Brown.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, October 18, 2019 at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy with burial to follow in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Owen Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at Owen Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Valley View Church.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

4623 Preston Hwy
Louisville, KY 40213

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ My Cousin Wayne --

A good man, a good son, a good husband, a good father, a good grandfather, a good deacon of the church, a good neighbor, a good nephew, and a good cousin.

When his father was overseas in World War II, Wayne was born, and lived with his mother and my mother (who told me how much she loved him).

When Wayne was a little boy, Aunt Mary said they crossed the Ohio River in the car,

and Wayne said they were leaving the United States.

When he and I were a lot younger, he gave me a little necklace that he got at the fair. Another time, he brought a rubber dog for my younger sister Sharon. No occasion.

Just thoughtful.

When we were teenagers, we went to Valley High School. (I wanted to go to the same school as my cousin.) I was in 7th grade. He was a senior . I remember getting a ride in his white car with push-button windows. (Snazzy)

When I was at visiting at the home on Wisertown Road, I read a science fiction book that Wayne had. If not for that book, I'd probably never would have become interested in Sci Fi. I'd have missed a lot of joy, including Star Trek. (Yes, I'm a Trekkie.)

When we were older, I remember Daddy and Wayne sitting at our kitchen table talking together, enjoying each other's company. (They were both great talkers.)

When my husband decided he wanted a divorce, Wayne went back to California with me to see if anything could be done. (Momma said once Wayne was there a few days, I'd be known as his cousin, instead of him being known as mine.)

When someone needed to know something Momma said to ask Wayne.

He would know - where it was, what it was -- he'd know something about it.

When Wayne saw I was trying to put up shelves around the top of

my bedroom when I moved back home to Kentucky, he put them up for me. (He must have been afraid - my having never done anything like that before - that the shelves would fall down on my head. I'm sure he was right.)

When I was sick and people thought I would die from cancer, Wayne and Betty took me in till I could go home again (and snuck me home to see my cats in the meantime.) Betty also took me to the closest Taco Bell in Shively. I don't know why, but that location loved hot sauce. She said she'd tell Wayne - it would be just right for him. I'll always be grateful for having someone who cared about me and was there when I needed him -- as family, a friend, and a comfort.

Judy Marie Thomas (cousin)

Judy Marie Thomas - October 18, 2019 at 04:44 PM

CW

“ *Have known Wayne and Betty since we were children shared many many things in life a lot of good memories I am out of town so will not be able to offer my condolences in person sending love and hugs*

Carolyn Wilson - October 18, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of S. Wayne Brown.*



October 18, 2019 at 05:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of S. Wayne Brown.*



October 17, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Wayne had such a tangible love of family - always welcoming of people to his home, upbeat and glad to see you. He will be missed.*

Mark Witt - October 17, 2019 at 07:11 AM

DC

“ To the Brown family....

As time moves on, it seems like SO long ago, but for a good chunk of the 70's and 80's, I spent enough time in your house to be the extra son you didn't realize you had. :-) Wayne and my Dad even kinda looked alike. I will never forget the kindness and inclusion that you all offered, probably while wondering "is this kid ever going home?". He never hesitated to share his home, his humor, his knowledge, his interests and his compassion, even after extra long, hard days at work. I can remember being fascinated at the early computers he brought home, something that likely ignited a spark that ultimately took me to an entire career.

As I look at so many of our circle of friends that went from goofy kids/teenagers to adults of good character and conscious, I have to think that so much of that came from parents - both our own and those who periodically "claimed" us for the day - who loved us and went above and beyond to teach us and keep us moving on the right path.

My heart goes to all of you as you deal with this tremendous loss. If I can offer just a few words of encouragement, it would be to look at the legacy of good he leaves.....While that won't stop the tears now, it will mean a lot in the days, weeks and years to come.

*With much love,
Dan Crompton*

Dan Crompton - October 16, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of S. Wayne Brown.*



October 16, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *Dear Betty,
Much love and prayers for you and your family.
Praying you feel the comfort of our loving Lord as He wraps Himself around you.
His love will strengthen and help you through the days ahead.
Keeping you in my heart and prayers.
Love and hugs,
Nancy Chancey*

Nancy Chancey - October 16, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Tom & Betty Parson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of S. Wayne Brown.*



Tom & Betty Parson - October 16, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ *I am praying for the family and will miss seeing Wayne at Valley View. He will be dearly missed! God Bless you all! Christy Elliott*

Christy Elliott - October 16, 2019 at 07:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of S. Wayne Brown.*



October 15, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of S. Wayne Brown.*



October 15, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Steve Brown - October 15, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, sending prayers for the family. The Beaven Family down the street.*

Gail Beaven - October 15, 2019 at 12:15 PM