

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgements

The family of Richard Willie Brown wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the many friends, relatives and neighbors during their loss. The outpouring of love, sympathy and prayers has made our loss much easier to bear. We pray God's continued blessings on each of you and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free!
Miss me a little - but not for long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this journey that we all must take
And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.

Author – Edgar Albert Guest



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A CELEBRATION Of *Life*



Mr. Richard Willie Brown
May 6, 1945 – August 4, 2017

Friday, August 11, 2017, 11:00 A.M.

Good Hope Baptist Church
2906 Hope Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180
Reverend Ronald O. McClurklin, Pastor

Obituary

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.” John 14:3

Mr. Richard Willie Brown was born May 6, 1945 to the late Sam and Ceola Singleton Brown in Ridgeway, SC. He departed this earthly life on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Blue Ridge in the Fields in Ridgeway, South Carolina.

Richard grew up in Ridgeway, SC and he made the best of his schooling in the Fairfield County Public School System. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and he served with great pride for six years.

After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, Richard continued his education. He attended several schools including Texas Western University in El Paso, TX, Benedict College, Midlands Technical College, Greenwood Technical College, and Pendleton Technical College all of which are located in South Carolina. His eagerness for education led him to continue managerial studies at USC, Clemson and Virginia Technical College in Blacksburg, VA. He was employed at several plants in South Carolina. He worked in several capacities such as mechanic, research developer, machinist, process improvement engineer, supervisor and manager during his career. He was the first African-American supervisor at Uniroyal in Winnsboro, SC and he retired from there after 23 years of dedicated service.

Richard enjoyed peaceful evenings while eating good southern food. He also enjoyed playing golf, as well as, watching baseball, football and basketball.

He was a lifelong member of Good Hope Baptist Church in Winnsboro, SC and continued to be active until his health failed. He was a faithful brother of Purity Lodge #42 and the Cairo Temple #126 for over 40 years. He was also a life member of American Legion Post #215.

Those left to cherish his memories are four sisters, Ollie Mae Brown, Earline B. Gladney, Ada Brown, and Daisy Brown; two brothers, Lucius Brown of Ridgeway, SC and Ronald Brown, Sr. of Columbia, SC; special friend, companion and caregiver, Delores Gainey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Eloise Perry; one brother, Moses Brown and his best friend, Wallace McCants.

Order of Service

Reverend Ronald O. McClurklin, Presiding

Musical Prelude-----

Processional-----Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection----- Good Hope Church Choir

Scriptures:
Old Testament – Psalm 24:1-6 ----- Reverend John C. Williams
New Testament – 2 Timothy 4:5-8-----Reverend John C. Williams

Prayer of Comfort-----

Solo -----Mrs. Ida Bell Belton

Reflections----- (2 Minutes Please) -----

Solo----- Mrs. Ida Bell Belton

Words of Comfort----- Reverend Ronald O. McClurklin

Recessional----- Funeral Directors

Committal Rites and Presentation

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery
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