



Elliott William Brown

September 14, 1928 - March 18, 2019

Elliott William Brown Jr.

Elliott William (Bill) Brown Jr. passed away at home in Newnan, GA on March 18, 2019 at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his parents, E.W. Brown, Sr. and Gertrude Blue Brown; his siblings Sample Duncan Brown, Walter Hubert Brown, Johnny McQuagge Brown, and Rosa Anne Brown; and his grandson, Zachary Sheldon Brown and granddaughter, Emilee Ann Brown.

Bill Brown is survived by his wife, Lela Jacks Brown; his children: David Kent Brown (Deborah Bynum Brown), Jane Brown Orendorff (John Alan Orendorff), Glen Weldon Brown (Kaylyn Fisher Brown); his sister-in-laws: Patricia Walls Brown and Alda Jacks Ball; his grandchildren: Cara Orendorff Windham (Anthony Wayne Windham), Katherine Orendorff Malcom (Joshua Preston Malcom), Elizabeth Orendorff Elhammali (Adnan Mousa Elhammali), Betsy Orendorff Zint (William Carl Zint, IV), Nicholas Kent Brown (Kelcie McCall Brown), Sarah Orendorff Kirkley (Kevin David Kirkley), Laurel Summer Brown, Gabriel Elliott Brown (Mary Pennington Brown), Benjamin Bynum Brown, and Garrett Riley Brown; numerous nieces and nephews, 13 great grandchildren, and caretaker and special friend, Rosetta Smith.

Bill Brown was born on September 14, 1928, in Palatka, FL. His family moved

to Georgia at an early age. He graduated from Newnan High School where his nickname was “mi” (pronounced m – i since he ran the mile for the track team). Bill attended Georgia Tech where he participated in the Glee Club and joined the Air National Guard. He was called up to active duty and served in Louisiana during the Korean War. He then enrolled at Auburn University and earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education. At Auburn, Bill was president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and he met his future wife, Lela Jacks. Upon graduation, Bill taught at Hogansville High School and Troy High School. Bill then returned to Auburn University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Bill went on to teach at Auburn University and Arkansas Tech University until he joined Brown Steel Contractors, Inc. in 1964.

Bill served as Vice President, President, Executive Vice President, and a member of the Board of Directors alongside his father, E.W. Brown, Sr., and brother, Sam Brown, at Brown Steel Contractors, Inc. In addition to working in the family business, Bill served in multiple business, civic, and social organizations. Bill served as Chairman of Newnan Hospital Board of Directors, Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce, and Newnan Country Club and as a member of the board of the Newnan Kiwanis Club, Coweta County Board of Education, Citizens & Southern Newnan Bank. He was a member of the Newnan First United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and served in multiple lay leadership positions.

Bill and Lela were married the first time for 26 years, divorced for 30 years, and secretly eloped to remarry in the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas 10 years ago. Bill and Lela developed real estate in the Newnan area, including the Brown Ridge subdivision and apartments.

Bill will be remembered for his dedication to his family, friends, community, and country. He was a die-hard Auburn football fan (WDE), a skillful hunter

and fisherman, and a collector of Indian relics and antiques. His family and friends remember a man with a quick witted sense of humor. He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed.

A service to celebrate Bill's life will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 2 o'clock in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. The family will greet friends beginning at 12:00 pm on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the Music Ministry of Newnan First United Methodist Church (33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA 30263) or to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org/donate).

Condolences may be made to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA 30263, (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Elliott William Brown*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 23, 2019 at 08:49 AM

RJ

“ *Dear Lela and The Brown Family,
We send our deepest condolences to you. What an incredible man Mr. Brown was and what a legacy he leaves behind. We could all learn from his involvement in all walks of life. It makes me chuckle when I think about y'all eloping at White Wedding Chapel. To see him is to smile as he had a twinkle always in his eyes the few times I met him. What a sense of humor! As Kent's sister in law I know he was raised w a faith based background lots of love and high standards as he has demonstrated thy raising his own children and I know Bills legacy will live on forever and forever be in your hearts. While we mourn his loss we rejoice knowing he is reunited w his father in Heaven. May peace and love and memories sustain you all.*

Robert and Jody Johnson - March 23, 2019 at 01:55 PM

DS

“ Dear Lela,
I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death. He was a good and outgoing person, just like his Daddy. We have been Friends with the Brown Family for years. May the Good Lord give you peace love and contentment.
God loves you and I do too,
Don Jones

Don Jones Sr - March 23, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Elliott William Brown.



March 22, 2019 at 03:35 PM

DD

“ Mr. Bill and Miss Lela have been friends and advisors to us for many years, both in business matters and life lessons...and will remain the standard for success and happiness in every challenge we face! We will miss his leadership, experience, and the "light" he shined on our path, and everyone who was lucky enough to share his life!.
Love, from Dennis and Cheryl Drewyer and our many friends he influenced

Dennis Drewyer - March 22, 2019 at 01:10 PM

FF

“ Our prayers are with all the family during this difficult time. Mr. Bill was a great fellow and helped make Newnan and Coweta County a great place. A special hello to my old buddy, Kent. I won't be able to attend the funeral, I really wanted to speak to Kent. Take care Kent. God's love is with us always. Frank

Frank and Melody Farmer - March 22, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elliott William Brown.



March 22, 2019 at 06:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elliott William Brown.



March 21, 2019 at 03:49 PM

YF

“ Your DTR family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elliott William Brown.



Your DTR family - March 21, 2019 at 10:26 AM

BW

“ Bobby and I send sincere condolences on Bill's passing. We fondly remember his contribution in serving on the Coweta County Board of Education. His sense of humor and ready smiles will long be remembered. Be comforted in his long and well-lived life.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - March 21, 2019 at 07:23 AM



“ The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Elliott William Brown.



March 21, 2019 at 06:51 AM

CF

“ I am so sad to hear of Mr. Bill's passing! He was always so funny and fun to be around. Am so glad I got to see him in Feb. when he helped celebrate Dad's 90th. He will be missed!! Thinking of all the family and hoping all the great memories will get you through this sad time! Hugs!!
Carla

Carla Fowler - March 20, 2019 at 05:21 PM