



William Brown

January 31, 1932 - April 5, 2006

William George Brown (Bill) an Okie from Muskogee, was born January 31, 1932 , the third child of Ural and Mable Brown. He had two older siblings, Helen (deceased) and Lois Jean and two younger sibling Jack and Marva (deceased) . The family lived in Muskogee and Tulsa before putting down roots in a small Oklahoma farming community, Wagoner, OK. Shortly after graduating from Lincoln High School, Bill struck out on his own moving to Detroit. After settling in and obtaining employment at a foundry, he sent for his high school sweetheart, Virginia, who on January 20, 1951 became his wife, life-long companion and friend. They did almost everything together from going to Wal-Mart, flea markets and Burger King to traveling to far away places. Their union of 55 years resulted in four children, Valorie, Deborah, Gregory and Wendson, four grandchildren Romero Johnson, Lela Torres, Wayne Robinson Jr. and Lori Robinson, one great-granddaughter, Diamond Johnson.

Bill loved his family and worked hard to care and provide for them. He was especially close to his granddaughter Lela, who affectionately nick named him “Dut” a name that all his grandchildren called him. Bill retired as Building Maintenance Foremen from the Detroit Zoological Parks Department in 1986 with 31 years of service. He was recognized by zoo and City officials for his efforts of what they termed as “almost single-handedly putting the zoo railroad back in operation” for the enjoyment of zoo patrons. Bill was a skilled tradesman demonstrating expertise as a carpenter, electrician and plumber,

skills he used as he personally participated in building five homes for his family. Bill relaxed by going fishing, traveling and square dancing. Decked out in western gear and cowboy boots, Bill and Virginia were quite a pair on the dance floor. Retirement allowed Bill to winter in Florida, getting away from the cold Michigan winters, while providing a place for his children and grandchildren to visit during the bleak winter months. Springtime brought Bill back to his home in Michigan, to his children and grandchildren.

In June 2000 at the District Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Pontiac, Michigan, Bill took the biggest step in his life. After nearly 50 years, he joined his wife, daughters and grandchildren as a dedicated baptized servant of Jehovah God.

He came to appreciate the joy of serving Jehovah and his son, Jesus Christ, and did what he could to live his life in harmony with God's will while sharing his faith with others. He served as a faithful servant of Jehovah as a member of the Lady Lake Congregation in Florida and Richmond Congregation in Michigan.

Bill will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his wife Virginia, children Valorie Robinson, Deborah Brown, Gregory Brown and Wendson Brown, son-in-law Wayne Robinson, Sr., grandchildren Lela and Mario Torres, Wayne and Lori Robinson and Romero Johnson, sister Lois Williams (Alonzo) brother Jack Brown (Josephine) sister-in-law, Lela Williams, Rose Gregory, Essie Martin, Lois Robinson and Saphronia Samuel and a multitude of dear family member, neighbors and true Christian friends.

His family honors the memory of Bill and invites you to share Friday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m with services at 11:00 a.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family"

"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things (will) have passed away" Revelation 21:4

Officiated by: Wayne D. Robinson, Sr.

Obituary: Mario Torres

Acknowledgements:

Our sincere appreciation to all who extended their love and support during our time of sorrow....Family of Bill Brown

Family Meal/repast:

65330 Forest Road, Lenox, MI (home of Deborah Brown)

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond
71235 Memphis Ridge Road
Richmond, MI

Tribute Wall



“ VIRGINIA, AND FAMILY, WE ARE SO SADDEN BY YOUR LOSS, WHICH IS A LOSS FOR ALL OF US. MAY JEHOVAH'S SPIRIT REST HEAVILY ON YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS SAD, SAD TIME. WE SO DESPERATELY NEED JEHOVAH'S KINGDOM, NOW!! OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOURS. YOUR BROTHER AND SISTER VERN AND SHANNON YODER###imported-begin##VERN AND SHANNON YODER###imported-end##

April 15, 2006 at 01:13 PM



“ To the Family of William Brown,

My sincere condolences in the lost of your husband, father, grandfather and sibling. Having known his daughter Valorie for a number of years, his positive influence is evident in the honor and love she showed. I am sure his memory will comfort and inspire you all.##imported-begin##Dianne Holmes##imported-end##

April 11, 2006 at 12:21 PM



“ Dear Virginia and Family,

May Jehovah be with all of you at this time. Please know our hearts feel your pain.

You have so many friends that have you in their prayers.

Love,

Mary##imported-begin##Mary Crosby##imported-end##

April 10, 2006 at 08:31 PM



“ Dear Virginia and family....I was so blessed to have come to know all of you. You shared your home with my Mom and I, and it was so very wonderful to be able to see Bill be baptized. We will always remember how good you were to us.

You have our prayers to help you thru this hard time. But remember he will be waiting for us at the end of this system with that great smile of his, to be welcomed back. He is thru his tribulation, and stayed faithful to the end. Jehovah has him in his memory until this system is past.

If there is anything I can do, please let me know. Hope to hear from you soon. My love and prayers go out to all of you.

Agape'...Sharon Preston...Mesa, Arizona##imported-begin##Sharon Preston##imported-end##

April 10, 2006 at 12:44 AM



“ Our prayers are with you. May God keep you and your family safe.##imported-begin##Monroe and Tamar Hinton##imported-end##

April 09, 2006 at 10:15 PM



“ So many warm memories shared while growing up and spending time with the Brown family. And looking with eagerness to an amazing future that Jehovah God has promised. May we all keep focused on spiritual things so that we can get a 'hold on the real life'. Our love and our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Edward & Valinda Thompson##imported-end##

April 08, 2006 at 09:04 PM



“ Dear Virginia and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Bills passing. We will never forget him and always remember the fun times we had together and look forward to the time we can greet him again in life. I just received an e-mail from Joanie today, otherwise, had we known, we would have been there. Take care and you are in our prayers. Love, Jay and Marcia##imported-begin##Jay & Marcia Willison##imported-end##

April 08, 2006 at 06:54 PM



“ sorry we couldn't come, we had made other plans. with Marylou @ Ken Johnson
that is why we are late sending this message, everyone is in our prayers.
we love you all

Joanie @ Jose##imported-begin##Jose @ Joan
Fuentes##imported-end##

April 08, 2006 at 05:36 PM



“ OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS!!!!##imported-begin##PASTOR MARVIN R. & CRYSTAL GRAY & FAMILYS
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS##imported-end##

April 08, 2006 at 04:42 AM



“ PLEASE!! REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE...OUR
THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS!!!! LOVE
ALWAYS MRS.STEWARD FAMILY!!!!##imported-begin##LaRheba
Haywood, Dorothy Steward, Ronnie Steward, Shareef Daaliya,
Flechia Phillips, Terri Jones and Family OKC!!! ##imported-end##

April 08, 2006 at 04:22 AM



“ I am a daughter of the late Lela Brown McDuffy and the
granddaughter of Mother Ada Brown. My sincere condolence to the
family of Bill Brown. Please know that the truth of the word of GOD
stands firm even during times of sorrow over the loss of a loved
one....Comfort ye one another for comfort is available to those who
remain for GOD has promised to wipe every tear from our eyes.
More importantly the gift of salvation through our faith in Jesus
Christ seals the hope of eternal rest which is affirmed through HIS
word in St. John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth
my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life,
and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death
unto life." May the love of GOD be your strength and abide in your
heart during this time.##imported-begin##Wanda McDuffy
Vinson##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 08:50 PM



“ Dear Virginia & Family,

Although words cannot begin to ease the sorrow of Bill's death, know that you are in the prayers of some many who care. I will always have beautiful memories of him, as will you. I'm still remembering Bill's beautiful smile when he traveled to Maryland for my mother's services, his Aunt Lela. What a precious memory reminiscing of past family times with he, Jack and Lois Jean. I was so blessed by him in so many ways. Unfortunately, I had not visited with him more recently, but those memories never fade. I will continue to pray for your peace and comfort. Remember to keep your focus on Him who hears and answers our prayer.

Love ya to Life,

Jacquie McDuffy

Daughter of Bill's Aunt Lela McDuffy

*jacqmcd@hotmail.com##imported-begin##Jacquie
McDuffy##imported-end##*

April 07, 2006 at 08:38 PM



“ To the Brown Family:

May the God of All Comfort and Joy be a comfort to you during this time of bereavement. I am the grandson of Lela McDuffy and the son of Barbara Hinton Harris.

You have my deepest sympathy!

Sincerely,

Michael

*352/214-6059##imported-begin##Reverend Michael T. Johnson,
Gainesville, Florida##imported-end##*

April 07, 2006 at 08:21 PM



“ To my Cousin's family:

Please know that I share in your loss. I will always remember Bill, Lois, Jack and Lil Honey as children when we were all growing up in Oklahoma. Also the fond memories our grandmother Ada Brown would share about Bill's father, and my Uncle, Ural.

I will be with you in spirit on Saturday and will continue to remember you.

I am Lela's oldest daughter, Barbara. My mother thought the world of all of Uncle's Ural's children.

Take care of your mother and hope we can see each other soon. Would love to have you come to visit us in Montgomery, Alabama.

Love,

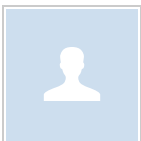
Barbara

4435 Woodcrest Drive

Montgomery, AL 36108

334-284-3976##imported-begin##Barbara H. and Herman L. Harris##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 05:08 PM



“ You have my sincere condolences in the loss of your loved one, Bill. Love you all. Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce Harmon##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 02:28 PM



“ Sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the Brown family. May you be comforted by family, friends and most of all loving memories of Bill, a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a father-in-law and friend. God Bless.##imported-begin##Flora Butchee and Family##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 02:13 PM



“ Much thanks to Jehovah for the future hope held out to His faithful ones. Where would we be without such knowledge.

With prayers and love Troy & I are keeping you all in our thoughts, and know that the love of all your brothers & sisters will aid you.

*Much love to you all,
Troy & Elaine Walker
N. Westland Cong.##imported-begin##Elaine Walker
(McCloud)##imported-end##*

April 07, 2006 at 01:23 PM



“ Valorie

My sincere condolences on the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am sorry I cannot attend the visitation but want you to know that I am thinking about you and your family.

Patty##imported-begin##Patty Deneau##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dearest Brown Family,*

We want to send to you our love. We so look forward to seeing Brother Brown, again, in Jehovah's New System of Things. We all will have a lot to share with Brother Brown.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Much Love,

The Williams Family

Christopher, Marshay, Christen and Nicholas##imported-begin##The Williams Family##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 12:28 PM



“ *Val,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this grievous time.

Theonas##imported-begin##Theonas Barry##imported-end##

April 07, 2006 at 12:21 PM



“ *You were always a father to me and I will always love you and your family "Daddy Bill". Sarah Sapp##imported-begin##Sarah Brown-Sapp##imported-end##*

April 07, 2006 at 12:02 PM



“ *My thoughts any prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lorretta J Davis##imported-end##*

April 07, 2006 at 10:06 AM



“ *We will miss you Uncle Bill, your smiling face and love you have shown our family over the years. Thanks for the precious memories and the time you spent with us. We love you, but GOD LOVED YOU BEST.##imported-begin##Judy and Hermie Brown, Jr and Family##imported-end##*

April 07, 2006 at 09:31 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, we will all miss Bill dearly.##imported-begin##Raul Mendez##imported-end##*

April 06, 2006 at 10:51 PM