



Earle R. Brown, Sr.

January 23, 1927 - March 18, 2011

EARLE ROBINSON BROWN, SR., AGE 84

And a resident of Franklinton died at 9:45 AM, Friday, March 18, 2011 at Riverside Medical Center. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and a U.S. Navy veteran during the World War II Era. Mr. Brown was first a teacher, then principal, and later the superintendent for the Washington Parish School Board retiring after 41 years. He was a member of the Louisiana School Administrators organization and a board member for the Louisiana Municipal Association. He was the Chief of the Franklinton Volunteer Fire Dept. for 10 years and very involved with the Washington Parish Free Fair and numerous other civic organizations. Mr. Earle was a dedicated Mayor of the Town of Franklinton for 17 years, who loved to play golf and enjoyed fishing.

Survived by:

Wife: Peggy Smith Brown of Franklinton

2 Sons and daughters in law: Dr. Earle R. Brown, Jr. and Sherri Brown of Franklinton Frank and Nancy Brown of Baton Rouge

2 Daughters and son in law: Teresa Simpson of Franklinton Deborah and Rick Walker of Brandon, MS

5 Grandchildren and spouse: Barrett and Christi Brown, Matthew Brown, Daniel Brown, Kelli Walker, Casey Walker

Great-grandson: Beau Brown

Brother: George Brown of Franklinton

Sister in law: Frances Smith of Tylertown, MS

Numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members

He was preceded in death by his first wife Leona Vessier Brown, parents George Brown and Frankie Brown Rhodes, brother in law Billy Ray Smith and sister in law Eleanor Ruth Brown.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home from 5 PM until 9 PM Saturday, March 19, 2011 and after 11 AM Sunday. A funeral service will be held at 2 PM Sunday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Gene Richards, Rev. Percy Mac Frazier and Rev. Steve Porter officiating. Burial will follow in the Ellis Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Mr. Brown was a great man! He hired me in 1982 to work at Mt. Hermon School. I just recently retired from there in July 2010. He was always encouraging and caring with his employees. He was a very well loved and respected man. He will be missed!*

Ruth Lewis Stoudenmier - March 25, 2011 at 10:53 AM

JV

“ *Frank and Nancy, Robbie and sheri, Teresa and Mrs. Brown, All here in Franklinton have so many special memories of Mr. Earle and his family. I fondly remember Mr. Earle, Mrs. Leona living down the street from the school. Mr. Brown was my principal and I thought he was so handsome and strong. My husband's mother (Josie Hoggatt) was Mr. Brown's secretary. Later he was our WP School Supt. What better man to watch over our schools and children. Then later as Mayor, he did our town proud. My heart goes out to you all. Jimmie D and I are so sorry we could not attend the service. Our prayers and love to all of you. Love, Joanie and Jimmie D Varnado*

Joanie Varnado - March 24, 2011 at 02:32 PM

BC

“ *Rest in peace my friend!*

billy crain - March 23, 2011 at 11:24 AM

TM

“ *Earle R. Brown, Sr.*

Ted & Kathy McElveen - March 22, 2011 at 01:45 PM

DW

“ We extend our heartfelt sympathy to each family member. We were privileged to have worked for so many years in the school system with Mr. Brown. We did not learn of his passing until late Sunday.

David & Anita Wood - March 21, 2011 at 09:53 PM

BF

“ Sad to hear about your loss. And most sorry that we could not be at the service or wake. Your dad was the first Man to paddle me (B Ray) other than my dad. He always had a smile, a hand shake, and a kind word when we met. Of course I would make sure I met him face to face.

Billy Ray and Rachelle Fisher - March 21, 2011 at 07:55 PM

GP

“ We want to express our sympathy for the loss of your father. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Gary & Jean Parker

Gary & Jean Parker - March 21, 2011 at 05:01 PM

JR

“ Robbie and family, I was saddened to learn of Mr. Earl's passing. He was a great man and I have many fond memories of him as a leader of the Washington Parish School System while I served as Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. My prayer's are with you and your entire family at this time.

Jim Richardson - March 21, 2011 at 09:17 AM

TO

“ With deepest sympathy to the family.

Toni Oswald - March 21, 2011 at 08:35 AM

ES

“ We know that your loss is great and we too shall miss his smiling face. Mr. Brown has been a positive force in our lives since our elementary school days. Lela adds "I was very close to your dad. He helped me many times and I loved him." Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May your faith in God keep you strong.

Elaine Seals and Lela Seal - March 21, 2011 at 08:09 AM

GB

“ Rob, Frank and family I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Earle. He was a good man who through his tireless efforts made Franklinton a much better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Greg Blair - March 20, 2011 at 09:02 PM

JA

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. He was a great man and will be sadly missed.

Janie Arguelles - March 20, 2011 at 07:46 PM

GL

“ Of the many mayors I've had the opportunity to observe for newspapers in this region, Mayor Brown was by far the best. He was easy going and well informed and always made wise decisions for the people of Franklinton. He was a gentleman and a great soul, and his passing is a great loss for this world. My heart goes out to the family and to the entire community.

Gloria W. Lupo - March 20, 2011 at 12:13 PM

SP

“ With deepest sympathy to the entire family. I will be praying for you all at this most trying time. May God cradle you in his blessing.
Love you all

Shaunna Perry - March 20, 2011 at 10:24 AM

BR

“ Teresa, Robbie, and Frank- you and your families are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your father was a man who touched so many lives--making the world a much better place. May God bring you peace and comfort.

Bill and Judy RollinsBurch - March 20, 2011 at 12:34 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family

Jay Bailey - March 19, 2011 at 11:52 PM

TW

“ Our condolences are with you at this time...

Troy & Brenda Wilson - March 19, 2011 at 11:46 PM

BS

“ Robbie just found out about your dad sorry too hear may God be with you and your family during this time. your dad will be missed by everyone

Brian Lomg SR - March 19, 2011 at 10:24 PM

MD

“ I will always remember him as a true gentleman in every sense of the word. All of us who cared for him at STPH feel honored to have had the opportunity to get to know him.

Mike and Louise Dill - March 19, 2011 at 09:39 PM

VD

“ Robbie and sherri, I am so very sorry for your loss..Mr. Earl was an exceptional man. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Vickie DeCarlo - March 19, 2011 at 09:19 PM

ML

“ Mr. Brown was a kind man that always helped his communtiy, he will be missed.

malinda larsen - March 19, 2011 at 03:59 PM

BL

“ Mr Earle was a kind man and respected by his students and employees. I know the people of Franklinton will miss him.

Brenda Knight Lindig - March 19, 2011 at 03:06 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Earle was a great man. I will remember your family in my prayers.

Sandra Penton Mohon - March 19, 2011 at 02:12 PM

FC

“ Admired, respected, and a good friend. Finley Corkern

Finley Corkern - March 19, 2011 at 12:43 PM

JM

“ A role model of a man has been called home. May the memories you cherish sustain you through your sorrow. Every memory I have of Mr. Brown reflects a smile upon his face.
Prayers of strength are with each of you...

Judy McCasland Micelle - March 19, 2011 at 10:01 AM

JN

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Nielson - March 19, 2011 at 08:46 AM

TL

“ Bon voyage, Earle. It was a pleasure knowing you and all your service to the community.

Tom Lewis - March 18, 2011 at 08:56 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's passing. He is in a lot of my early memories: as a smiling principal watching us in the halls; a member of my church; and as a volunteer fireman, when I'd hang around the firestation and "visit" on summer days. He will be sorely missed by our town. Praying for your family in this difficult time.

Sylvia Moak LaPointe - March 18, 2011 at 08:32 PM

SM

“ Teresa, I wanted you to know that I am holding you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Susan Matherne - March 18, 2011 at 08:02 PM

TT

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Earl. He was a very nice man and will be missed by all. Will keep the family in our prayers.
Teri Lyles &
Clayton O'Brien, Sr.

Teri Lyles Tanner - March 18, 2011 at 07:17 PM

BK

“ ROBBIE AND FAMILY,I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MR.EARLE PASSING.YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.I WILL BE THINKING OF YOUR FAMILY AS YOU ALL GO THRU THESE NEXT FEW DAYS. GOD BLESS.LOVE YOU'LL

brenda kennedy - March 18, 2011 at 07:15 PM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss.Seemed like I knew him forever.This was the loss of a very good man.My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sally Luper Penton Gainey - March 18, 2011 at 06:21 PM

TM

“ We are so sorry to hear about your great loss. Please know that many people love you all and are praying for you today and in the days and months ahead. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS TENDER CARE!! Love in Christ, Ronnie & Terry Moak and family Mount Hermon, Louisiana

Terry Moak - March 18, 2011 at 05:53 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Earle. He was a great man respected by many. He will be greatly missed. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers for the difficult days ahead as well as daily life. God Bless

Robert and Connie McDaniel - March 18, 2011 at 05:40 PM