



## Russell Brown

November 4, 1939 - August 19, 2024

Russell Dean Brown, of Forney, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2024, surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 4, 1939 in Apache, Oklahoma to his loving parents, Howard and Amanda Brown, both of whom met him in Heaven along with his premature infant twins, and his sister, Zetta Griffith.

Russell attended Broxton high school where he was an accomplished athlete in various sports, especially playing baseball. Left field was his position and his powerful arm helped his team win the Oklahoma State Championship in 1957 and 1958. After graduating in 1958, Russell then attended Boys State in Norman, OK where he finished his education. For most of his young life, he grew up on a farm learning important life skills via chores and the many farm duties including milking cows, taking care of the other livestock and driving tractors to keep the pastures and farmland around working properly. Russell was a veteran of the US Army having served with distinction and honorably discharged in 1965 attaining E-5 designation with secret clearance. After basic training in Ft. Polk, LA and Ft. Gordon, GA, Russell became an expert marksman in rifle detail/training and he was also trained in field communications with emphasis on morse code, teletype and other networking programs, each of which safeguarded infantry and tactical communications during his year of service in Korea.

He met and married the love of his life, Bettie, and they owned Rabbit Hut Embroidery for many years, serving the community with personalization and

custom designs. He was a man who loved to relax at home with Bettie and watch Nascar and just enjoy the life they were blessed to have. He also was known to play small pranks on other family and friends and many who knew him were targets of a well placed watermelon rind under a tire! Russell always had a firm handshake for meeting folks and a welcoming personality that made you an instant friend after that handshake. The smile that he always had was a constant sign of Russell's friendliness and kindness. A great man whose actions always spoke of his integrity and generosity, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Russell is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Bettie Brown of Forney; sons: Eric Brown and Tim Brown, of Lewisville; brothers: Jimmy Brown and wife Linda of Pecos, TX, Roy Brown and wife Linda of Plano; sisters: Marcy O'Malley of Lawton, OK and Sandra Miller Anadarko, OK, along with dearest and special friends, James and Cindy Hubbs of Forney, nieces, nephews, other extended family and many friends.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday August 22, 2024 in the Chapel at First Baptist Church Forney 1003 College Forney, Tx 75126 with the family receiving friends one hour prior to the service. Private interment will follow at Ego Cemetery in Coleman, Oklahoma.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney  
1003 College Ave  
Forney, TX 75126  
(972) 564-3357

## Funeral Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Brown* ”

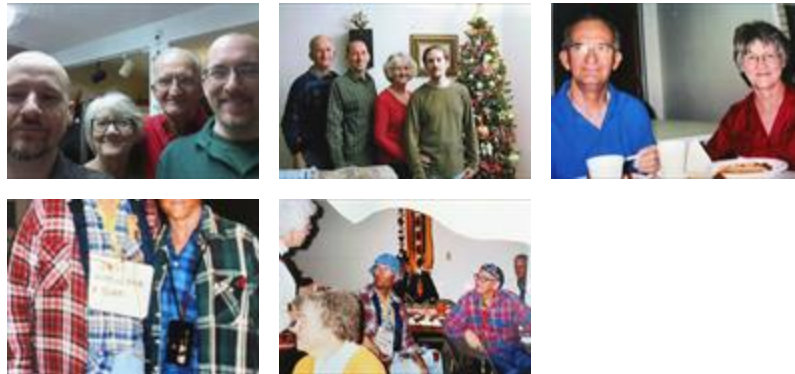


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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - August 22, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *54 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - August 22, 2024 at 01:06 PM

CM

“ I’m so blessed for the time in my life with Bettie&Russell Brown. We were in Sunday school and church together, and also had so many fun times at “Best Yet Nite”. Although my heart is sad for Bettie, I am so happy for Russell; Russell is in heaven, with our Sweet Lord Jesus, something we’re all dreaming of. Russell was a guy who lived his faith. He loved God, and served Him well; he loved his family, his church, and oh yes, old cars too ! 😊 All of us who know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior will see Russell again, he’ll be there right behind Jesus to welcome us ! My goodness, what an awesome moment that’s gonna be ! God has for sure taken home a treasure ❤️

Carol Briscoe Martin - August 22, 2024 at 11:59 AM

DE

“ Dean was a wonderful neighbor and friend to our family, always ready to help out and share a laugh. He will be missed. Sending my love to Bettie, Eric, and Tim from Dedra and family.

Dedra - August 21, 2024 at 11:44 PM

CH

“ You will always be my forever friend. Thanks for the memories. Till we meet again & stroll over Heaven. Love you, Cindy Lou

Cindy Hubbs - August 21, 2024 at 11:11 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family



Susie Harner - August 21, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Brown.*



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August 21, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Delcom Group purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Russell Brown.*



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**Delcom Group** - August 21, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Brown.*



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August 20, 2024 at 10:10 PM



“ *We are so very sorry that Uncle Dean has left this Earth, but we know he has gone home now, to feel no pain and we will keep the fun memories alive. I only had the pleasure of meeting him once, but Steve remembers him lovingly. Our deepest condolences, Love Steve & Melissa Pace*

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**melissa pace** - August 20, 2024 at 07:30 PM

GH

“ Loved to tease me about talking so much. Not just my brother in law but my brother. Love you Dean. Rest well.

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**Geneva Harner** - August 20, 2024 at 07:02 PM

MR

“ Russell was a really good man always had a smile and a hand shake for everyone. We all will surly miss him. I will keep Betty and family in my prayers.

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**Mary Rodriguez** - August 20, 2024 at 02:54 PM

EM

“ My wife Shirley and Russell had the same Birthday and the joke was who would call the other first and wish them a happy Birthday till one time Russell told Shirley in SundaySchool I going to call you in the morning about 4.00 AM. I told Russell if you call my house at 4.00 am I'am going to shoot you. We all had a good laugh. He was a good friend and one of a kind.

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**Edwin De Masters** - August 20, 2024 at 11:45 AM

DO

“ Our heartfelt condolences over the loss of our dear friend “Deano”. Our heart goes out to you and your family. Weak words of sympathy feel inadequate in expressing grief and sorrow for a loss so dear. We mourn Russell’s passing with you all. Sending a warm embrace and all of our love during this sad time. Praying for God’s peace and comfort for you in these difficult days. With love and remembrance, we share in your sorrow as we remember Russell. He was a special gentleman to everyone who met him. He was wonderful person and you could not help but love “Deano”.  
Our deepest sympathies are with you all.  
Our sincerest condolences to the entire family during this sad time. May the memories of Russell forever bring you peace. The candle may go out, but the memory of its light remains.

*Don & Patricia O’Donnel*

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**Don O’Donnel** - August 20, 2024 at 10:33 AM

RG

“ Russell had a beautiful soul. He was definitely a bright light for our Lord in this world. He was loved and will be dearly missed. I never saw him without a smile on his face and love in his heart. We will see you soon dear friend. Until then, I will give your beautiful wife hugs for you. You both have been a true inspiration for me.

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**Rhonda Garrett** - August 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM

BK

“ Brandon and King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Brown.

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**Brandon and King** - August 20, 2024 at 10:28 AM

BK

“ *Brandon and King purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Russell Brown.*



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**Brandon and King** - August 20, 2024 at 10:28 AM

PO

“ *A great Godly man. Such an inspiration to everyone he would meet. Russell always had a kind word and a friendly smile. He loved the Lord, he adored his wife Bettie and his family. I am not sure that he every met a stranger. He could make you laugh and feel comfortable around him always. We shall keep his beautiful bride and family in our prayers. Well Done good and faithful servant. Welcome home.*

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**Patricia ODonnel** - August 20, 2024 at 10:21 AM

CM

“ *Russell and Bettie lived down the street from us. They were great neighbors. When my husband was sick Russell came offened to visit. I really did appreciate that. He was a a very good man and friend. I will miss him. Love to Bettie and the family. Charlene Murr*

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**Charlene Murr** - August 20, 2024 at 10:15 AM