



## Billy Ray Brown

November 3, 1935 - March 24, 2023

Billy Ray “Bill” Brown, 87, of Ashdown, AR passed away March 24, 2023 in a local hospital. Bill was born November 3, 1935 to Vernice Charley “Red” and Maxine Brockman Brown in Bodcaw, AR. He was the oldest of four children. He moved to Ashdown, AR in 1971 where he achieved his dream of opening the Bank of Ashdown. He was a successful businessman who owned and operated Millwood Country Club, Yarbrough Landing and Millwood Housing. He loved to relax by playing golf and was an avid fisherman. As a man of deep Christian faith, Bill belonged to First Baptist Church of Ashdown and later practiced his faith at Richmond Methodist Church.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents Charley and Maxine Brown and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Peggy & Billy Mac Russell and Nancy Burke. He is survived by his wife Dianne Brown of Ashdown, AR; two loving daughters, Kandi & Dennis Greene of Hot Springs, AR and Kim Brown of Fayetteville, AR; two stepsons, Jeff & Kristi Corbell of Ben Lomond, AR and Larry Bonnette of South Louisiana; one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Betty Brown of Bodcaw, AR; five grandchildren, Pate & Haley Easterling of Texarkana, Tanner Halliburton of Fort Worth, TX, Kadie Easterling & Steven of Ashdown, AR, Lyndi & Robert Blanton of Yarbrough Landing and Kaitlyn & Matthew Finigan of Charleston, SC; three great grandchildren; Rylie Rae Fyock, Alvae Easterling and Charli Cranor; two step great grandchildren, Bailey & Berkley Blanton; a lifelong friend, Robert Dennis and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on April 22, 2023. Time and Place to be determined.

The family request that memorials be made to the Richmond Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Ray Brown*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Allie, Robin, Velva and Terah*

**Velva Lansdell** - March 28, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *A great man. He was the first one we met here and was our helper on opening Jerry's.* 💙

**Geraldine Haskins** - March 27, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Met him two years ago after my mom and stepdad moved to Yarborough Landing and he was a very kind hearted man. Enjoyed visiting with him . Condolences to his family.*

**Rhonda** - March 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Billy Ray was always the sweetest cousin.* ❤️❤️

**Linda Vines Clouse** - March 27, 2023 at 06:58 AM

BG

“ *What an honor and a blessing to have known Bill. We are so blessed with his achievements and love for others. If it weren't for him we would not be living in paradise here at Yarborough Landing. The story about the concrete walkway he shared with me still makes me grin. What a man! He will be missed so bad. Praying for strength and sending condolences for the family. Hugs love and lots of prayers.*

*Love Tony and Beverly*

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**Beverly Glanville** - March 26, 2023 at 06:46 PM

JR

“ *Sweet man. Always loved being around Uncle Billy Ray.*

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**Jonathan Russell** - March 26, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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“ I got to know Mr.Brown though my memaw Wanda Poindexter they grow up together and when I told my memaw I want a place on the lake one day so got ahold of Mr.Brown and he carry us everywhere and show different lots I say no are my memaw would when finally found the one I wanted he said this going be a great place once u get clean up so we work hard even my folks helped and I told you care if I went all way in woods he laugh and said if want mow that much but got stay so many feet from sewer pond and the look I gave him much been funny he still tease me for a long time .When finally got to looking for trailer I gave hard time I call every two weeks are more he find one and call me and we go look I said nope not what looking for when finally found one he seen me down at my lot working and said I'm bring a trailer in from Texas and I thing one u love and he was right it was I was so excited and he come by visit with us often when makes around though here and I think him and memaw could talk all night share the story's of them growing up I cherish ever memory I have I write book he was a great man he came by we sit talk when my memaw pass away .My hearts go out to the family during this sad time sending prayers.

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**Carla weaver** - March 26, 2023 at 12:03 PM