



Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.

January 11, 1947 - July 12, 2022

BROWN, Mr. Dennis Ray Sr. - Age 75, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 1:30 PM Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Mr. Brown will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday, August 1, 2022. Dennis Ray Brown Sr. of Flint, Michigan departed this life peacefully on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at Hurley Medical Center after a battle with Renal failure and Liver cancer.

Dennis was born on January 11, 1947, in Portland, Oregon to Ada B. Washington Brown and Thomas Brown. Dennis was the first of two children born to this union. Dennis was reared in Tulsa, Oklahoma surrounded by the love of his mother's devoted family of sisters, brothers, and parents. He was the first child born into the Washington family.

His early years of education were in Tulsa Public Schools. The family relocated to Flint, Michigan during his final year of High School. He continued his studies in Architect and Engineer Design at Mott Community College. He later attended Baker College enrolling in Semi Tractor Trailer operation.

Dennis met and married Patricia Shackelford on March 26, 1971 to this union

two children were born. Dennis was employed by Genesee County Parks and Recreation. He later joined General Motors Fisher Body Coldwater Road Division and retired after 24 years of employment. Dennis played the drums, loved Jazz and served as the family historian.

Dennis Ray Brown Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Rhonda Brown Cotton, Las Vegas, Nevada; sons, Eric Bates, Fairfield, California; Dennis R. Brown Jr.; Ahmand (Maia) Brown I; Jamal Bacon; bonus children, James Williams, Dawn Banks, LaTonya Bacon; Patricia Shackelford Brown; sister, Shirleen V. Brown Newman, Fairfax, Virginia; step sister, Ellen Manly; half sisters Anita Smith, Benita Presley; half brother, Jeffery W. Brown; stepmother, Jenelle Brown, Portland, Oregon; 22 Grand-children; 25 Great Grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Rose Williams, special sister; Willie Florence, special brother.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
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Family hour

AUG 2. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - August 02, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To Eric and the Brown family, condolences from Cousin Mikey and Donna Ward! LORD, please wrap YOUR loving and comforting arms around the Brown family during their hour of grief, In Jesus Name, Amen!* 🙏🙏🙏
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Lincoln Ward - August 01, 2022 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ Love ya bro. I am stuck right now and I can hear you say. Your aspirin is always stuck somewhere. Your baby brother misses you more then you could ever imagine.



jeffery warren brown - August 01, 2022 at 12:08 PM

BG

“ To the Brown family, I offer my prayers & condolences. May God provide you with comfort & peace during this most difficult time.

Barbara Gill



Barbara Gill - August 01, 2022 at 02:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr..



July 28, 2022 at 05:39 PM

AL

“ Dennis and family, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. God's comfort to all.

Alex LaGrone



Alex LaGrone - July 26, 2022 at 05:02 PM



Thank you Brother Alex

Dennis Brown - August 02, 2022 at 01:32 PM

DB

“ *Rest in Heaven Dad*



Dennis R Brown - July 25, 2022 at 07:40 AM

CP

“ *To my Cousin Eric Bates Sr. I Love you & I'm sorry you've loss your Dad.... Youre strong & loved. To Uncle Dennis Family & Friends I'm Praying for you & just know he's smiling down with God* 🧡💙

Caprie Price - July 22, 2022 at 12:33 PM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn Shackelford-Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.*



Gwendolyn Shackelford-Greene - July 21, 2022 at 11:56 AM

ES

“ *Ellon Manly, Baby Sister lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.*



Ellon Manly, Baby Sister - July 19, 2022 at 02:25 PM

NF

“ Nicole Lee And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.



Nicole Lee and Family - July 19, 2022 at 12:27 PM

RB

“ I remember Dennis as my cousin, my friend, by buddy. In ancient Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dennis and I were fellow rascals in the Brown, Washington, Graham family circle. We were the resident co-conspirators who drove our Aunt Vaughn and Uncle Emmitt to distraction with our antics. We caused Grandmother and Grandfather Washington untold discomfort through our impromptu adventures, and our almost constant tussling made the rest of the family want to strap us until we "roped like ochre" with our mischievousness. But throughout our brief time together we were cousins, friends, buddies. Alas, our paths quickly parted and we ventured into different realities. Nonetheless, Dennis was and is my cousin, and my friend. I pray Shirleen and his family will find solace in the fact that his struggles have now ended.

Rowan Bronson

Rowan Bronson - July 18, 2022 at 08:08 PM

CD

“ Carol Duplessis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.



Carol Duplessis - July 18, 2022 at 12:26 PM

CD

“ To Shirleen, Rhonda, Dennis, Christine, Ta’Shunna, and all the family I don’t know. We are connected through Voncell (Emmett) Graham from Tulsa.

I send condolences to you all for the loss of Dennis Brown. We were both cousins and playmates when we youngsters, but grew apart as adults because life just takes us on different paths as we age. He and my brothers were mischievous running buddies as kids.

My condolences and prayers for strength and endurance as you move through these difficult days.

*Be well,
Carol Bronson-Duplessis
Las Vegas*

Carol Duplessis - July 18, 2022 at 12:25 PM

LV

“ *I have always cherished the times we have spent together when Dennis visited Portland. May God bless and comfort his family. Rest In Peace*

LaDell Vance - July 16, 2022 at 07:17 PM

ES

“ *Eddie & Shirlene Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.*



Eddie & Shirlene Simmons - July 16, 2022 at 11:59 AM

AS

Shirleen and Brown Family:

I love you so much. Dennis is our big brother who will never be forgotten. Daddy and your Mom have open arms for you, so rest peacefully now.

Love Anita Smith and Family

Anita Brown Smith - July 16, 2022 at 07:54 PM

PR

“ *To the Brown Family:*

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and take away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious quality of life that leads to death.

However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.

*Yours truly,
Patricia*

Patricia A Rison - July 16, 2022 at 10:07 AM



EB

Ms Patricia, thank you for your sentiments. I am Dennis' step mom in Portland OR

E Jenelle Brown - July 16, 2022 at 11:50 PM



Thank you Grandma

Dennis Brown - August 02, 2022 at 01:33 PM

AB

“ To Eric Bates, Sr., and the Brown family and friends, we are so sorry for your loss of Papa Dennis. Know that you all are in our prayers. God bless.

Andrea Bates and family

Andrea Bates - July 15, 2022 at 05:24 PM

EB

Ms Andrea, thanks so much for your kind words. Blessings to all

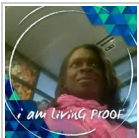
E Jenelle Brown - July 16, 2022 at 11:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr..*



July 15, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Prayers and Condolences from Sharone Robinson and Family*

Sharone Robinson - July 15, 2022 at 02:42 PM

TR

“ *Traci lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Ray Brown Sr.*



Traci - July 15, 2022 at 03:35 AM

TR

“ I am so sorry for your loss if u need any thing let me know and I’m going to miss u dad u have always been there for me

Traci - July 15, 2022 at 03:16 AM

EB

Thank You for Your Prayers and Blessings!

Eric Brown - Bates - October 29, 2023 at 12:34 AM

ES

“ I’m going to miss You! I Love You Dad! Thank You for sharing Your wisdom! To The Father Be The Glory! Peace Be Still! Love Eric Bates Sr.

Eric Bates Dennis's Oldest Son - July 15, 2022 at 02:29 AM



“ Rest in Heaven Dad 😭



Dennis Brown - July 14, 2022 at 09:36 PM

EB

Love You Dennis!

Eric Brown - Bates - October 29, 2023 at 12:35 AM