



## Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown

November 23, 1942 - March 11, 2025

Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown, 82, of Bowling Green, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

Funeral services for Ernie will be Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Lay Pastor Chris Gamm officiating. Visitation will be Saturday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ernie was born November 23, 1942, in Bowling Green to Roy Clifford and Anna Marie (Sparks) Brown. He was united in marriage on November 17, 1962, to Loretta Katherine Sutton. To this union two daughters were born: Charlotte Speagle (Lonnie) and Cheryl Jennings (Clifford), both of Bowling Green.

Also surviving are granddaughters, Michelle McGovern (Cody), Rachelle Curtis (Brent), and Olivia Speagle; great-grandchildren: Jasmine, Tyler, Cooper, London, and Lillian; brother, Edwin C. Brown (Rosemary); sister, Dona Rae Riffle (Jr.); sister-in-law, Julianna Brown; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members, along with many special friends whom were thought of as family. Two special friends and caretakers, Debbie Fuerst and Brenda Rutherford also survive.

Preceding Ernie in death were his special friend, Karen Williamson; brothers, Roy Elmer Brown and Charles David Brown; sister-in-law, Patricia Brown; sister, Evelyn Irene Constable; and brother-in-law, Leroy Constable.

Ernie was a life-long resident of Bowling Green and attended Bowling Green Schools. After school, Ernie went to work for Rupert Shepard who taught him the construction trade. Ernie eventually started his own construction company. At the age of 18, Ernie hauled minnows to Florida for Pollard Fisheries. He would then haul worms back to Missouri. He had also worked part-time at F&F in Bowling Green.

Ernie was active in the Jaycees and the Missouri Jaycees Ambassadors. While in the Jaycees, Ernie played on the slow-pitch softball team and the basketball team. He also spent time with the Jaycees working at Camp Wonderland. Ernie loved to be outside. He enjoyed rabbit and squirrel hunting, fishing, camping, pitching horseshoes, slow-pitch softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and swimming. He also enjoyed barbecuing, and he made the best chicken. You could always find Ernie at the Ashley Fish Frys, preparing the fish and making the corn bread.

Memorials may be made to Wonderland Camp.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
(573) 324-2211  
office@bibbveach.com  
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

## Funeral Service

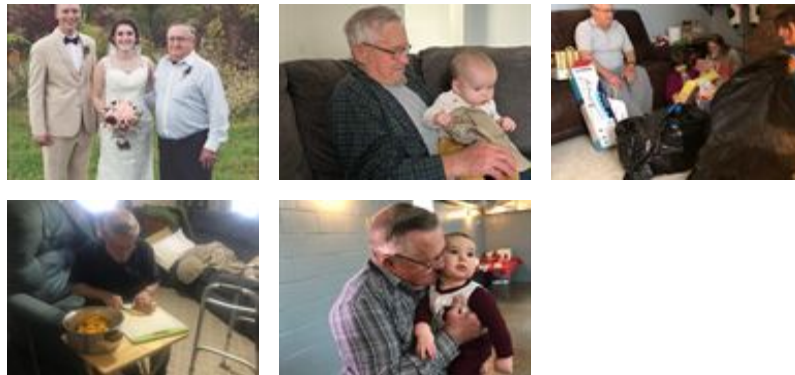
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# Tribute Wall



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - March 14, 2025 at 08:30 PM

NL

“ So sorry for your loss sending prayers to your family Orville and Sue also send condolences



**Nancy logan** - March 14, 2025 at 02:05 PM

GB

“ Gail Branstetter lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown



**Gail Branstetter** - March 14, 2025 at 11:23 AM

GB

*Sending love and prayers to your family.*

**Gail Branstetter** - March 14, 2025 at 11:24 AM

VS

“ Chris and I are so sorry for your loss. We both have some good memories of Ernie. And the Brown family. A caring family.

Vickie & Chris Straube - March 13, 2025 at 08:51 PM

JS

“ I'm 40, and one of my earliest memories is of Papa Ernie (though we weren't related). He was always very kind to me. Loretta was my favorite lunch lady. I was in both his daughters's weddings. The family was a big part ofy childhood.

jay Charles scherder - March 13, 2025 at 04:33 PM

CJ

He loved you boys both so much!

Cheryl Jennings - March 14, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown.



March 13, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown.

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CM

“ *Carla And Mark lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown*



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**Carla and Mark** - March 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*



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**Peggy Perkins** - March 13, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown.*



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March 12, 2025 at 11:27 PM



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March 12, 2025 at 11:27 PM

CH

“ We loved Ernie! He was such a fun guy.  
Charlotte, Cheryl and family you are in our  
thoughts.



Connie and Paul Hopke - March 12, 2025 at 07:20 PM

WA

“ Wayneglaspiefamily lit a candle in memory of  
Ernest "Ernie" Wm. Brown



Wayneglaspiefamily - March 12, 2025 at 06:26 PM

NK

“ Natalie Kahler purchased the "God Has You" 21"  
Sonnet Chime for the family of Ernest "Ernie"  
Wm. Brown.



Natalie Kahler - March 12, 2025 at 12:29 PM

EG

“ Ernie has been a good friend from way back, always willing to help  
any time he was called. He and Howard were buddies too. Prayers  
to the family.

Ernestine Grimmatt - March 12, 2025 at 12:18 PM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family*



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**Deanie Ebers** - March 12, 2025 at 10:04 AM