



Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr.

November 22, 1934 - May 17, 2020

Erwin Cecil "E.C." Browning, Jr. died Sunday May 17, 2020 in Westwood Nursing Home. He was born November 22, 1934 in Meadowview, VA and was a son of Erwin C. Browning Sr. and Juanita Duncan Browning. E.C. was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of First United Methodist Church, Bluefield, VA. E.C. loved guns and enjoyed his membership at Triangle Sportsman Club for many years and was NRA Firearms Instructor, and was also a Boy Scout leader for 22 years. E,C, was a retired Security officer from First Century Bank. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 1 brother. Those left to share his memories are his wife of 64years Beverly Underwood Browning. Daughter; Ginger Howard of Milton, WV, Sons; Scott Browning and wife Pamela of Bluefield, WV and Steve Browning and wife Brenda of Bluefield, WV. 8 grandchildren; Jill Warren (Mike), Ethan Howard, Chase Browning(Haley), Heath Browning(Madison), Whitney Browning, Hunter Browning(Bethany) Kelsi Browning, Alex Browning, 5 Great Grandchildren; Reece, River, Owen, Cooper, Bradley.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the health care workers at Westwood Nursing Home, and to Amedysis Hospice for the wonderful care given to E.C.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 1:00 at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Lindamood officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12 until 1PM. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where the sons and grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family suggest in lieu of flowers, if desired memorial donation be made to First United Methodist Church, 200 S. College Ave. Bluefield, VA 24605, or Alzheimer's Association, 1601 2nd Ave. Charleston, WV 25387

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com. Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. E. C. Browning.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 1:00 AM (PT)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Visitation

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Mr. Browning was my scoutmaster for several years. I have so many fond memories of going camping with Scott, Steve, and the other members of Troop 14. I can vividly remember many of our scouting trips, meetings, and just plain good fun. Mr. Browning also taught me how to handle firearms safely. I still utilize the many wonderful life lessons he taught me over forty years later.*

Blair Armbrister - June 16, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Ginger and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Please know that you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.
Love, The Hinchers*

Elaine Hinchler - May 25, 2020 at 08:57 PM

TM

“ Gary and I extend our love and sympathy to Beverly, Scott, Steve, Ginger, and all of Brownie's loving family. He was a great man and great friend. We have so many happy memories of Brownie. He was the first friend Gary made when he started in banking and we both came to love him and Beverly like family. We are blessed that our children went to high school with and are friends with their grandchildren Hunter, Alex, and Kelsi and his newest "granddaughter," Bethany. All such fine young adults that we also love and admire. Brownie was one of the best. God bless his soul.

Tina Mills

Tina Mills - May 20, 2020 at 10:21 AM

FW

“ From the Workman"s purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr..



From the Workman"s - May 19, 2020 at 05:24 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. Many fond memories. My prayers are with the family.

From the Workman's

Butch Workman - May 19, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr..*



May 19, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Dear Browning Family,*

I was saddened to hear of E.C.'s passing. He was a memorable part of my life. "Swimmers take your marks, get set," and then the sound of that famous starter pistol will forever be a part of my Blue Dolphin memories. They were such good times for which I am thankful. Hold onto those memories, and so many more. Memories and lots of prayer will see you through this difficult time now, and in days to come. Keeping you in thought and prayer.

Susan (Franklin) Smith - May 19, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr..*



May 19, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family. So sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man and now walks with his Lord and Savior.*
Doris Blevins

Doris Blevins - May 19, 2020 at 12:35 PM

CE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of the Brownings from the Bruckners.

Chris Elswick - May 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Erwin C. Browning, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Erwin C. Browning, Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - May 19, 2020 at 08:41 AM

MW

“ *Beverly and Family,*

Our condolences on EC's passing. You both were good Union St neighbors. You have been missed in the years since you relocated.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mark Webb and Dorothy Peterson

Mark Thomas Webb - May 19, 2020 at 08:29 AM

JH

“ *Love and prayers to the family. We have many memories at Westwood.*

Thinking of you.

Jackie Hawkins

Jackie Hawkins - May 18, 2020 at 11:14 PM

BR

“ *Pat and I both worked with Brownie at First Century and considered him a dear friend. I was fortunate to work with Brownie for probably 30 of my 40 years at the Bank and took one of his firearms classes as well as a swimming class. He was always a gentleman, always entertaining to talk with and we have many fond memories. So very sorry for your great loss. Barbara & Pat Ray*

Barbara & Patrick Ray - May 18, 2020 at 08:58 PM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the family. Love you all
Khristy Shelley



Khristy Shelley - May 18, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JY

“ Sending love & prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

Jim & Valerie Young - May 18, 2020 at 08:16 PM

Joe
Turner

“ Joe Turner lit a candle in memory of Erwin C.
"E.C." Browning Jr.



Joe Turner - May 18, 2020 at 07:53 PM

Joe
Turner

“ Beverly, Ginger, Scott and Steve I am so sorry to hear of Brownie's passing. I know he is in a better place now. I know what you have been through. My thought and prayers are with all of you all.

Joe Turner - May 18, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MF

“ My love thoughts and prayers to all the family..we love y'all so much. Mike Fore

mike fore - May 18, 2020 at 07:48 PM

TG

“ Beverly, Ginger, Scott and Steve and family, I was so sad to learn about Brownie's passing. He (and Beverly) were the best neighbors anyone could ever hope for. I pray all the wonderful memories you have of Brownie will sustain you through this loss. Our apologies for not being able to be there this week for you but our thoughts and prayers will be. Love and hugs to all of you.

Tom and Karen Gordon - May 18, 2020 at 07:35 PM

LR

“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Cecil's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your families.

Bill Rice, Hope, Dean, Lynda, and Jud

Lynda Rice - May 18, 2020 at 06:40 PM

DB

“ Dorwin And Carolyn Byrd lit a candle in memory of Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr.



Dorwin and Carolyn Byrd - May 18, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Erwin C. "E.C." Browning Jr..



May 18, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DH

“ Beverly, Ginger, Scott and Steve. I was so saddened to here of Brownie's passing. He was a good neighbor and friend. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

David Hodges - May 18, 2020 at 06:10 PM

TA

“ Beverly, Ginger, Steve, Scotty & all of the family, We have always thought so highly of Brownie and hate to hear of his passing but rejoice knowing that he is now free from his disease and is in the presence of The Lord! We love all of you.

Russ & Ann Taylor

Taylor - May 18, 2020 at 05:12 PM

TA

My phone insisted I type Scotty but I meant to type Scott!

Taylor - May 18, 2020 at 05:13 PM

PC

“ Bev, Ginger, Steve, Scott, and families. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Browning will always be remembered for being a wonderful neighbor and friend. So many people looked up to him when he was the captain of the Neighborhood Watch. Praying that God will embrace you in His loving arms and bring you comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.

Paula Carriker - May 18, 2020 at 04:53 PM