



R.W. Brown

October 28, 2011

Bluefield, WV- R.W. "Smokey" Brown, 64, of Bluefield, WV, passed away peacefully at his residence on Friday October 28, 2011. He was a graduate of Bluefield High School and Bluefield State College where he was a member of the basketball team. He was also a U.S. Army veteran. He was a former manager with Gay & Taylor Insurance Adjusting Co. Later he diligently built his own successful adjusting and appraising business, Brown & Associates. He was very well respected in the adjusting industry and truly enjoyed working claims, having worked his last one late Thursday evening. He enjoyed spending time with his family, working at his camp, joking with his friends, and the companionship of his loyal canine. He will be missed by many friends and family. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph W. Brown. Smokey is survived by his wife, Karen; two sons, Dr. Rod Brown and wife Cyndi, and Brian Brown and wife Michele; three grandchildren, Lauren, Will, and Caroline, all of Greensboro, NC. He is also survived by his mother, Theda Brown; sisters, Iris Lowman, and Theresa Baria and husband Quent. Also surviving are his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Merle and Rick Harman; special buddy, Parker; and several nieces and nephews. Smokey was raised with Christian values and never forgot to give thanks for his many blessings and to ask for the Lord's guidance in all his decisions. He was generous and was willing to help others. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 4:00 ??" 7:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Danny

Scott officiating. A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. from the mausoleum chapel at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell. Serving as pallbearers will be Dr. Steve Bourne, Mike Spradlin, Joe Simon, Lou Ercoline, Bill Hageman, Mac Hatfield and Tom Grim. Military graveside rites will be rendered by the Mercer County Veteran's Council and the West Virginia Honor Guard. 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. R.W. "Smokey" Brown.

Tribute Wall



“ *R.W. Brown*

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“ *he was a good friend*

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“ *Mrs. Brown and family ----The world is at a loss with the passing of your husband/ father. I was schocked when one of my associates informed me of the passing of Smokey. Smokey and I had a long friendship, and I always found him to be a Christian Gentleman, who took good care of everyone. Smokey was so proud of the boys and the cabin ,and life meant a lot to him. May the Lord Bless and Comfort You, and grant Rest and Peace to Smokey----- Dave Martin CMIC --- on behalf of his friends and acquaintances at Church Mutual.*

Dave Martin _ Church Mutual Insurance Company - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Smokey was very much respected in our Insurance industry. I have been at Church Mutual for over 30 years, and remember when he worked for Gay and Taylor. We followed the man when he started Brown and Associates. He was a professional - but still fair and kind person. He will be greatly missed by our company.*

Tricia Heller, Church Mutual Insurance, Merrill, W - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

V6

“ I am very saddened to hear of the passing of Smokey. I had not seen him in yrs but remember him from high school.I pray that God will give you peace and rest in the coming days, weeks , months and years. John 14: 1-3... Virginia Hoge Williams

Virginia Hoge Williams class of 66 - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JR

“ My Prayers and thoughts are with you. He was such a wonderful person to sooo many people!

Joi Beth Linkous raub - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NG

“ Dear Karen, Rod and Brian - Words cannot adequately express to you my sadness at learning of Smokey's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. It is our loss too. Smokey had such a positive influence in Tom's life and he will be greatly missed. Please know that I am keeping you in my prayers daily that God will give you peace and comfort at this difficult time. Love, Nancy

Nancy Grim - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DC

“ Smokey was a wonderful person who I had the pleasure working with over the years. He will be missed. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Dave Corsini - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JA

“ Iris, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Smokey. My Sympathies are with you and your family. I am sure he will be missed.

Jo Ann Akers-Mabe - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

Jl

“ Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We loved working with Smokey. He was such an amazing guy and we will truly miss hearing from him. Our condolences to you all. We love you Smokey!

Jessica Harless - Farmers & Mechanics Insurance - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SO

“ We were saddened to hear of Smokie's passing. Know that you and your family are in our prayers. God Bless you all.

Shelby & David Olver - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JL

“ Karen, Rod and Brian, I am so sorry to hear about Smokey's passing. When I was growing up, he was always larger-than-life to me. He always had a way of making me laugh with an outrageous story, a joke or even just a smile and a pat on the back. I hadn't seen him for a few years, but I have many fond memories of him. Judith, Ana, David and I will be keeping you in our thoughts.

Josh Lasker - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God be with you.

Sue Spradlin - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

FS

“ WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF SMOKEYS DEATH. I'M SURE THERE IS ANOTHER ANGEL IN HEAVEN.MY PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY .FREDA STEVENSON BRISTOL TN.

FREDA WALKER STEVENSON - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

OW

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF SMOKEY BROWN. WE ATTENDED CHURCH TOGATHER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

ORRIN WALKER - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KI

“ Karen, Rod, Brian, Smokey was my mentor and gave me the oppertunity to enter the adjusting field. That was twenty years ago. He was also my friend as we kept in touch over the years. When I needed advive on issues, it was Smokey I called. I will truely miss him. My prays and thoughts are with you and yours. Kelly I. Buskell III and family

Kelly I. Buskell III - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CA

“ Smokey will be greatly missed by me and my family. Words cannot express what a pleasure it was to know Smokey and to work with him. My family and I offer our condolences to his entire family.

Chris Anderson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

YD

“ I am very sorry for your loss! I realize this is a difficult time. May it comfort you that we have you and the family in our thoughts and prayers! Smokey was always very nice to us and he will be missed!

Yvette Diamondidis - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies, Jay and Michelle

Jay and Michelle Shott - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MM

“ Want to express my condolences to Smokey's family. Worked with him for 25 years. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark Mutter - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

HG

“ Love and Prayers to Karen, Rod, Brian and Family in memory of a Very Good Man. See you on Cove Creek

henry glenn - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EO

“ Dear Karen, So sorry to hear about Smokey's death. You are in our prayers and thoughts. I did not find this out until Ted called late, so I will give you a call in a few days after things settle down a little bit. With Prayer, Tom and Edna O'Brien

Edna O'Brien - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BM

“ I had the honor of attending Bluefield High with Smokey. He was and still is one of the good people. Karen, my heart goes out to you and your family. We are all better people for having known Smokey. May God be with you.

Bill Moore - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ To the Brown family: It was with shock and great sorrow when I learned of Smokey's death. I worked for Smokey when he managed the Gay and Taylor office in Bluefield.. He was a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you face the difficult days ahead. I truly am saddened. Carolyn Stewart

Carolyn Stewart - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

FF

“ So sorry to hear about Smokey. Our prayers are with the family. May God send strength to all of you to help you through this difficult time of loss.

Fred Pennington and Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DS

“ My dear friends Rod and Cyndi: Rod, my heart is heavy with the passing of your father. As men of faith we know he is with our Lord. I know your grief and wish I could be with you at this time. Ricky and Kathleen Sides

Dr. Ricky R. Sides - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DH

“ To the Brown Family, (Especially Theresa and Karen): Karen, I am so sorry to hear this news. Theresa, I am heartbroken for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God be with you~~~~~

Debbie "ANN" Heil - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ Karen, Rod and Brian, I am so terribly sorry for your loss. My heart broke when dad called to give me the news Friday night. Smokey had such an infectiious personality, and I know that you have many fond memories to cherish. Please know that you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all!

Lora Neal Covey - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ Mother, Cavell, and I are stunned and saddened to hear of Smokey's sudden passing. We can only imagine your shock and the depth of your sadness but know with confidence that God will relieve your grief with His peace and comfort. Mother is not able to make trips anymore but please know that our thoughts and prayers include all of you both today and in the days to come.

Becky Dellinger Hancock - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ We are deeply saddened of the loss of Smokey. He was a great landlord, boss and friend to me. We will miss you Smokey. Thanks for everything that you did. My prayers are with the family and will someday see you in Heaven. Bob and Jeanne Simmons

Jeanne Ball Simmons - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ Karen, Rod, and Brian I am very sorry to hear about this sudden loss for you all. I always was very fond of Smokey as he could always make anyone smile. I know you all appreciate the time you did have with him. He had a good life I just wish it would have been longer. I'll send postive thoughts your way..

Jay Caywood - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LN

“ Praying for your family during this sad time.

Leslie Nichols - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ We were greatly shocked and saddened to hear of Smokey's passing. He will be greatly missed. He was a good man and one of Bluefield's "true gentlemen" of our generation. May God hold and keep him.

Joe & Debbie Burner - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TC

“ Karen, You and your family are in my thoughts and in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. - Tim

Tim Cameresi - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LL

“ Sincere condolences on "Smokeys" passing, we never met him but our son David had much admiration for him.

Lawrence & Judith Lorzak - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NR

“ Karen Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. Smokey was such a special person. My prayers are with your family. Nancy

Nancy Scott Roten - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NM

“ Karen and sons-I am so very sorry for your loss. Smokey was a wonderful neighbor and he will be sorely missed. Please remember, I'm just next door if you ever need anything.

Nancy May - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TG

“ Karen, Rod, Brian and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Smokey was such an important presence in Tom's life and Madison loved him like her own grandfather. He will be missed immensely! We love you all and lift you up to God for comfort and healing.

Tom, Brandi & Madison Grim - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DW

“ So very sorry to learn of this. He will be sorely missed. He was a fine and honorable man.

David White - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ I am so heart broken but know that God will give us all strength through these difficult times. My thoughts and prayers are with all the friends and family of Smokey. I love you all. Allen Fender

Allen Fender - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM