



Gerald Wayne Brown

March 13, 1939 - April 7, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Gerald Wayne Brown, 82, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at his home in Lafayette Springs. A visitation will be held Friday, April 9, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bellevue Baptist Church (Highway 6 Thaxton, MS 38871). A service will immediately follow at 1:00 p.m. also at Bellevue Baptist Church. Bro. David Ard will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald was born to the late J. D. and Rachel Brown. He attended Itawamba Junior College and later went on to work for Georgia Pacific as a Shipping Supervisor for over 20 years. Gerald was married to Betty Ruth Brown for 61 years, and they were members of Bellevue Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon. He and Mrs. Betty thoroughly enjoyed working with the youth, often hosting youth retreats.

Mr. Gerald was a very godly man who always put God first and then his family. He didn't just talk the talk but he walked the walk. With his strong faith in God came his great love for his family. He held a fierce love for them and especially his grandchildren. His life revolved around them, often consuming it. He enjoyed riding the four wheeler with his grandchildren, often making loops on loops with them. About a year ago, Mr. Gerald broke his leg, but that

didn't stop him from riding the four wheeler. He proceeded to get in a small trailer that was then pulled behind it. Mr. Gerald enjoyed life to the fullest.

Not only did he love his grandchildren but his love for Mrs. Betty was unconditional. Being married 61 years, they spent many precious and memorable times together. They loved to travel out west, often making one trip a year.

Mr. Gerald was a very selfless, independent man who would help anyone but he didn't like asking for help. In the last couple of years with his battles with cancer and his broken leg, often people would bring food over and offer their help. Being the selfless man he was, he would always refuse it but often accepting it later.

Mr. Gerald was known as "Mr. Fix-It" around his family and neighborhood, especially when it came to cars. He loved working with his hands, fixing anything. He also spent many days hunting and piddling. He was also a very patriotic person who loved his country.

Mr. Gerald is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Ruth Brown; his daughter, Sandra (Larry) Smith, Thaxton, MS; his grandchildren, Jeremy Smith, Josh Smith, and Beka Smith; his great-grandchildren, Emry Smith, Ella Ruth Smith, and Henley Grace Smith; his sister, Kara (Donald) White, of Thaxton, MS; and his brother, Dexter (Barbara) Brown, of Oxford, MS.

Mr. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, John D. and Rachel Brown.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://bit.ly/31XLCPh>).

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralh

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Cemetery Details

Lafayette Springs Cemetery

CR 284
Thaxton, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bellevue Baptist Church
Highway 6 West
Thaxton, MS 38871

Funeral Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 9.

Lafayette Springs Cemetery
CR 284
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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Wayne Brown



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“ Gerald was one of the greatest Christians I've ever known. I affectionately called him "Country". Time doesn't allow me to share all the laughs and good times we had together. There was no doubt that he was the Patriarch of his family and his community. Jena and I love his entire family. I'm looking forward to seeing him in Heaven.

Ronnie Mayes - April 08, 2021 at 10:09 PM

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“ Gerald was truly a Godly man who was such a Christian example. He served our church so well until his health failed and even then we knew he and Betty were holding us up in prayer. What a legacy he leaves. We love all of you from the bottom of our hearts.
Donna and David Patton

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“ *Frank And Karen Tuttle lit a candle in memory of Gerald Wayne Brown*



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