



## Harry Davis "Dave" Brown

April 15, 1925 - June 4, 2016

Harry Davis "Dave" Brown passed away on June 4, 2016 after a short illness. Mr. Brown was born in Memphis, TN on April 15, 1925. He is preceded in death by his parents, Nelis Davis Brown and Willie Frances Buckley Brown. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of 63 years, Avis Ann Allen Brown. He is also survived by his daughters, Frances Brown Fortner (Don) and Rebecca "Becky" Brown Craft (Buddy). He leaves behind 5 grandchildren, Jennifer Fortner, Leigh Ann Fortner Steele (Frank), Anna Fortner, Jacob Craft (Kelcie) and Rachel Craft, and a step-grandson, Nathan Craft (Britney). He also leaves behind 3 great-grandchildren, Noelle Steele, Anderson Steele and Whitten Steele, as well as 2 step-great-grandchildren, Brianna Craft and Nolin Craft. He was a graduate of Whitehaven High School. After high school graduation he entered the U.S. Army and served in WW2. Upon discharge he was a long time member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served for many years as the director of the Drum and Bugle Corps for American Legion Post #1.

Mr. Brown had a long career in the transportation industry in sales. He retired from Humboldt Express as the city sales manager. In addition, for years he was a bi-vocational music minister. He served as the music director at LaBelle Place Baptist Church for almost two decades, then later at Trinity Baptist Church of Southaven.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm followed by the funeral service at 3:00pm, all at LaBelle Haven Baptist

Church, 4800 Hwy 305 N., Olive Branch, MS. Burial will follow on Monday, 6/13/16 at West TN Veterans Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Forever Young Senior Veterans, an organization that honors WWII veterans, at PO Box 1381, Collierville, TN 38027, or to the LaBelle Haven Baptist Church Building Fund at 4800 Hwy 305 N., Olive Branch, MS 38654

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd  
Memphis, TN 38125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

LaBelle Haven Baptist Church  
4800 MS-305  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
<http://labellehaven.org/home>

## Service

JUN 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Harry Davis "Dave" Brown



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - June 10, 2016 at 12:34 PM



*OH...bring out the tear tissues...*

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**Donna Downing-Fox** - June 14, 2016 at 01:21 PM



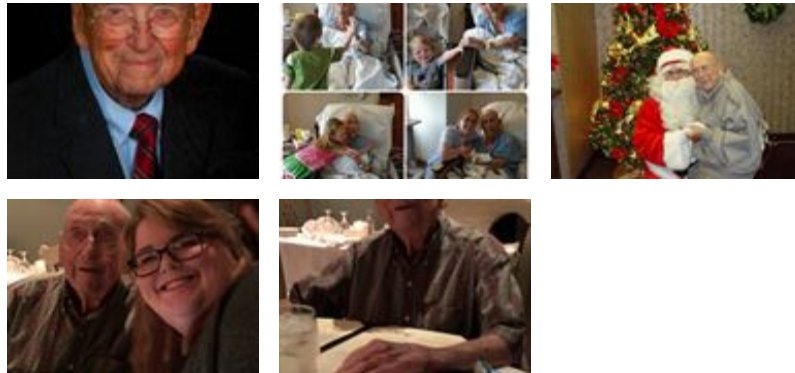
“ So many memories. I remember when we all went to Myrtle Beach. Someone (Becky) and I were smoking a cigarette in the adjoining room, stupidly thinking we would not be detected. When we drove by the next day, that part of the motel had burned down. Dave always claimed it was because of us two girls. He never said anything, that I remember, to us about the situation. Loved Davis Brown!!!:)

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**Donna Downing-Fox** - June 11, 2016 at 04:05 AM



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Coleman Funeral Home - June 10, 2016 at 12:06 PM

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*I loved looking at these wonderful pictures of your Daddy! What fun and beautiful moments and memories you all share. Love & Prayers, Frank & Paula Hammond*

Paula Hammond - June 10, 2016 at 12:39 PM

JF

“ Mrs. Avis,  
*I know your heart is aching and I have been praying for you and your family daily. I will so miss getting to walk up to Brother Dave and telling him to put a kiss on my cheek to last all week. He was such a loving and kind person and has touched so many hearts and lives, one being mine. Our church will miss him so much. I also remember telling him when I would was helping him at church, that when we get where we are going we are going to dance. Well guess what, he is getting to dance, sing, and beat those bongos in Heaven with our Savior now. Mrs Avis, you and Brother Dave have been such great examples of showing our church God's love and faith. I love you both very much,*  
*Judy Fraser*

Judy Fraser - June 08, 2016 at 08:55 AM

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*I didn't know him as well as others but I know he has left such a legacy in his daughters and grandchildren. Beautiful video tribute. Love you Avis, Becky, & Frances and will be praying for you.*

*Diane Neal*

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**Diane Neal** - June 12, 2016 at 08:08 AM