



Melvin Lamar Browder

April 10, 1937 - December 23, 2024

Mr. Melvin Lamar Browder age 87 of Boaz, Alabama passed away Monday, December 23, 2024 at UAB Hospital-Highlands Campus. Funeral services will be Friday, December 27, 2024 at Etowah Memorial Chapel, 12600 US Hwy 431, Sardis City, Alabama 35956, Bart Kirtland Directing. Visitation will be at 11 o'clock a.m. followed by the service at noon, and burial afterward at Hillcrest Cemetery 211 Taylor Lane, Boaz, Alabama, Brother Wayne White officiating with Deb Southerland as pianist.

Survivors include daughter Faith Harper (husband Ted) of Gardendale, grand daughter Savannah Bonham (husband John) of Hayden, two great grand daughters Harper Jo and Evelyn Faith, and one niece Denise Harris of Sylvania. Step children include sons Keith Hilley, Steve Hilley, Bruce Hilley (wife Dawn), step daughter Mary Ann Randolph, six grand children and seven great grand children.

Melvin was preceded in death by his beloved wife of thirty five years Mary Bruce Browder, step son Gary Hilley, parents Eunice G. and Ruth Lenora Browder, and sister Martha Faye (Gilbert) Keys.

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Melvin graduated Sylvania High School in 1955 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Jacksonville State College in 1960. He also completed Special Studies at

Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. He taught at Redstone, and also Sylvania, Section and Douglas High Schools.

A lover of southern gospel music and self-taught bass player, Melvin sang and played in several groups including The Golden Harvest Quartet, The Singing Commodores, The Delegation, The Fishermen and more. He was also a prolific song writer and recorded more than a dozen albums.

Though Melvin suffered for more than five years from cognitive impairment, his quality of life was greatly enhanced through the efforts of Angela Hammond at A Day Place Gardendale, Alabama, and Allison Serena Administrator and her staff at Legacy Woods, Hayden, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dementia Society of America.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Etowah Memorial Chapel

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Snellgorve Ave.
Boaz, AL 35957

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Etowah Memorial Chapel
12600 US Highway 431
Sardis City, AL 35956
(256) 593-4994

Service

DEC 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvin Lamar Browder.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Lamar Browder.



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