



## Mr. Frank W. Brown

June 11, 1910 - July 30, 2010

Frank W. Brown, 100, formerly of Asheville died Friday, July 30, 2010 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Born in Perkins, Oklahoma he was son of the late George Emmett and Gertrude Anderson Brown. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Clarice Vernelle Brown and his sisters, Margaret Klobus, Edna Caulk and Lois Allen.

Mr. Brown's family relocated to Hot Springs, North Carolina when he was just an infant and grew up there before moving to Michigan as a young man. It was there he met his wife, Vernelle, who was originally from Asheville. They were married in 1935 and spent 55 years in Taylor, Michigan. He was a Mason, welder and a member of the Pipefitters Union Local 636 in Detroit. As a lifelong Democrat, Frank served in various elected positions, including a Delegate and Trustee. He loved gardening, reading, and bible study.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown retired to Asheville, North Carolina and resided until her death in 2005. Mr. Brown had moved to Atlanta to be near his daughters. He celebrated his 100th birthday on June 11, 2010 with celebrations including family and many friends from Michigan and North Carolina. Mr. Brown lived and long and full life. He was adored by children and animals and cherished by family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his daughters, Gail Brown of Atlanta, Judy B. Custer of

Dearborn, MI and Shelley Brown of Atlanta; a half-sister, Loreen Giles of Greenwood, SC, four grandchildren, Julie Abramas, Elizabeth Ballor, Amy Potocki and Sally Bond and six great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 PM, Monday, August 2, 2010 at Freedom Baptist Church, Rice Road, Asheville with the Rev. Everette C. Haney Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday, August 1, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue.

Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
info@morrisfamilycare.com  
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

## Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Freedom Baptist Church  
415 Rice Road  
Asheville, NC 28806

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Frank W. Brown*

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“ *Uncle Frank was a dear, darling man. I loved it when he took my face in his hands and told me I looked just like my mother, his half-sister Phyllis. He told me of playing around Spring Creek with her and the fun they had. He always spoke fondly of loving the old home place in Hot Springs and wished he had a piece of it. He did in his heart. He told me of meeting Vernell at the Brown Derby in Michigan and how amazing it was that she was there, but was originally from Asheville. I loved how he recounted tales of family life and how interested he was in everyone's family. I loved how he loved life and the passion he felt for it, even down to tomatoes and cards and baseball. I loved how clear his mind was and the memories he shared with me of conversations we previously had. He will be missed on this plane, but thankfully, we all know that he is whole physically and spiritually now. Still know, you are loved.*

*Elaine D. Lee*

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“ When i was very young some of my earliest memories where of frank working in his garden.As i think back now it was very rare that you did not find Mr. Brown working. He always called me son , he would say son work hard it will make a man out of you.I guess he was right ,and now as a man i wish i could be half a man as frank was.If you could some a person up in a few words ,Frank would be compassion , love , sincere,maybe the best word would be gentle.As a little fellow Mr Brown seemed to be a giant as i would stare up at him ,He was a gentle giant.And in many ways from the way he raised his children to loving His wife til the day she passed , to being a pillar in the community as well as being a part of his church I still look up to Him.I do not mourn His passing when i stop to realize that he stands with Jesus and looks into his beloved Vernell eyes once more .Frank i believe you are looking down on us and i would like to thank you for being a great example of a good man .

sincerely,  
Scott Capps

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