



## Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown

December 12, 1945 - November 17, 2022

Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown passed away following a long illness on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at St. Simeon's Senior Community in Tulsa where he had resided for five years. Joe was born on December 12, 1945 in Okmulgee, the 6th of 9 children born to Melvin and Margaret (McKernan) Brown. He attended St. Anthony's Grade School in Okmulgee and graduated from Bishop Kelley High School, Tulsa, in 1963. Joe attended and graduated from St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, and following graduation from there he attended St. Louis University, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

After completing college, Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving a year in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged after four years with the rank of Sergeant.

Following his military service, Joe went to work in the shoe store his father had opened in 1939 located at 104 S. Morton in downtown Okmulgee. Brown's Shoes was a successful mainstay in Okmulgee for over 65 years and anyone who needed shoes knew they only needed to go see Joe and he would fix them up. Many high school boys had their first job as a stock boy in the shoe store.

Joe was a longtime member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. He served on the board of First National Bank, was a member of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce and Okmulgee Main Street. He was an avid tennis player for many years and was active in the local Boy Scouts, troop 6.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Margaret Brown, sisters Carolyn Orr, Elizabeth "Betty" Maxwell, Mary Margaret Phillips, brother James "Jerry" Brown, and infant brother Matthew Brown.

He is survived by his loving children, Matthew (Kaci) Brown of Wylie, TX, Kelly (Chris) Lamm, of Okmulgee, and Margaret "Maggie" Brown (Tristan Francis) of Tulsa, four grandsons, Royce, Kyle and Trey Brown of Wylie, TX, Riley Francis of Tulsa, one sister, Janie (Mike) Delaloye of Tulsa, brothers, Bernie (Paula) Brown of Jenks, Michael (Brenda) Brown of Frisco, TX and many nieces, nephews and good friends, especially Mrs. Donna Hill, who worked for Joe for many years and has remained a cherished friend.

Joe will be remembered fondly as a local merchant who loved Okmulgee and always greeted friends and customers with a pat on the back and a warm smile.

The family will receive visitors from 3:00pm-7:00pm at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home, 303 E 7thSt in Okmulgee. A rosary will be recited at 7:00pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 515 S. Morton in Okmulgee, at 10:00am on Tuesday November 22, 2022, with Father Ken Harder presiding.

Burial will follow at Okmulgee Cemetery with military honors.

Pallbearers are Larry Biddle, Brandon Biddle, Mike Taylor, Jeff Brown, Chris Lamm, and Tristan Francis. Honorary Pallbearer is Chipper Baughman.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Folds of Honor or St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

<https://foldsofhonor.org/>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-1677  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
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## Rosary

NOV **21**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Anthony Catholic Church  
515 South Morton Avenue  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - November 21, 2022 at 11:57 AM

DM

“ God bless & peace, ya'll. Great guy & 70s memories. --Bulldog '84 altar boy.



David Miller - July 10, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

DD

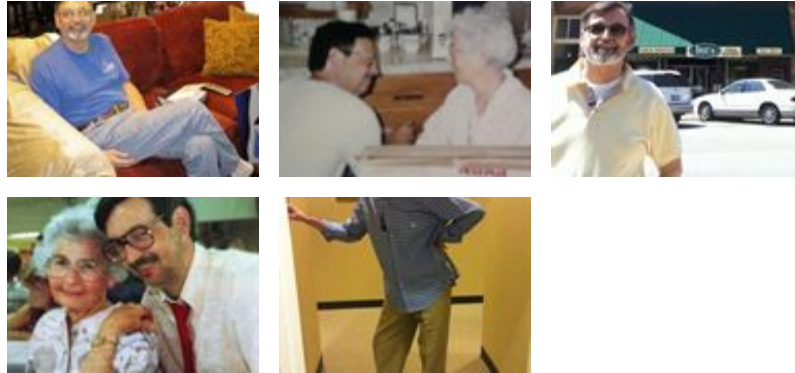
“ Dollene Duff lit a candle in memory of Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown



Dollene Duff - December 01, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ 89 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - November 21, 2022 at 11:38 AM

MF

“ *Prayers and condolences for the family. I remember him well*

**Marilyn Jackson and family** - November 21, 2022 at 03:30 AM

GA

“ *Gail Kelly Allred lit a candle in memory of Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown*



**Gail Kelly Allred** - November 21, 2022 at 01:51 AM

BW

“ *Joe, may you rest in peace 🙏  
The Wood Family*



**Bonita Wood** - November 20, 2022 at 01:35 PM

DL

“ Joe and I worked together for many years at the shoe store with Mimi and Grandpa Brown. We had tons of laughs together as well as a few tears over the years. He was a wonderful friend to me and my children a great uncle. Your friend in Christ, Dietra❤️

Dietra Lewis - November 20, 2022 at 12:29 PM

KA

“ Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown



Kim Angle - November 19, 2022 at 11:43 AM

ML

“ Mark Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Vincent Joseph "Joe" Brown



Mark Ledbetter - November 19, 2022 at 12:51 AM

ML

He was a good man he lived across the road from me when he retired.

Mark Ledbetter - November 19, 2022 at 12:51 AM

JH

Joe was passionate about downtown okmulgee. we were friends for years. had fun at the lake eufaula on my dads houseboat. sad he's gone. he was a good one. Joy Henderson-Brehm

Joy Henderson-Brehm - November 22, 2022 at 10:30 AM

CH

“ Joe Brown, although very young at the time, was my Godfather. He was in my oldest sister, Claire’s class. They were only 13 when I was born but were selected to be my Godparents. I always loved seeing him at St. Anthony’s and at Brown’s Shoe Store. Such a wonderful man.

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**Christine (Stratton) Helling** - November 18, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JM

“ Joe was a friend as far back as I remember. I was at the Brown’s house than my own. His brother Mike was my roommate at St Gregory’s. So sorry for the Brown family.

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**Jim McClendon** - November 18, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BL

“ I have fond memories of Joe whenever he was running Brown’s Shoe Store. He was always so helpful to the girls and me. He was a very good friend. Love and prayers for peace and consolation.

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**Burnell Lay** - November 18, 2022 at 05:40 PM