



Frank Brown

October 19, 1930 - October 24, 2020

Frank Brown was born on October 19, 1930 in Mississippi. He was the fourth of the five children to the union of Richmond and May Bell Brown. He spent his early years in Mississippi and subsequently moved to Warren, Arkansas. There he received a delayed birth certificate. When Frank was 15 years old he moved to Los Angeles, California where his older brother Willie was living. Frank attended Jefferson High School, home of the Democrats where he started at point guard for the legendary coach Hanson. After high school, he attended East Los Angeles College for one year and then joined the United States Air Force in 1951. He served four years, assigned to an AF basketball team, traveling in Europe. He returned to Los Angeles

where he started working for the City of Los Angeles in the Sanitation Department. In addition, he attended barber school and worked in the family Brown's Barbershop on Manchester in Los Angeles. In 1969, Frank married Gwen Applewhite and moved to Carson with their four boys.

Carson was their home. For a time Frank continued working with his brothers Willie and Louis (Bunny) at Brown's Barbershop on Manchester in Los Angeles. He eventually started barbering at

Doug Out's Barbershop in the City of Carson. In Carson he started coaching baseball and football at Victoria Park and did that for 15 years. These were special years where he was able to mentor, guide,

and direct the youth in the Community of Carson. For over 40 years all those young boys he coached grew up and brought their sons and their son's sons to Frank Brown for a haircut and life coaching.

In 1986, Gwen came up with a great idea to move to San Pedro (Frank was initially opposed). The boys had grown up by this time, had their own places and were starting families of their own. Rod was 21, married soon after and found his own place. San Pedro became home for the grandkids.

In 1987, Frank decided his time with the City of Los Angeles had come to an end. As a result, he and Gwen decided to explore the world. They visited six of the seven continents traveling with Blue World's Festival At Sea all around the Caribbean and Friends of Festival at Sea all around the world.

During these years, Frank enjoyed spending valuable time with his grandchildren. He cherished his time with each one of them. His commitment to family was displayed by him sponsoring his grandchildren to attend all of the Brown family reunions since 1990 (registration, airfaire, and hotel until they were 21).

Frank Brown lived to the ripe old age of 90th where he enjoyed a fruitful and successful life.

He was preceeded in death by his parents and son Lance Chilton Applewhite, his brothers Willie Brown, Nathaniel Brown, and Louis (Bunny) Brown and sister Evelyn Marie Brown Bloodsaw.

He is survived by Lillian Gwendolyn Brown (wife of 51 years) of San Pedro, CA.; three sons: Randy D. Brown (Kotheldra) of Carson, CA., Gregory V. Applewhite (Kamiko) of Signal Hill, CA., and Rodney G. Brown (Kimberly) of Carson, CA.; Six grandchildren – RaVaughn Brown, Marquise Brown, Rhyon Brown, Kendall Brown, Lance Applewhite and Ashley Applewhite. Also mourning are the families of the Brown Gardner Hooper Wells (W&E Brown Collective) and especially Willie B. Green, along with dear and life long friends, mentees, and associates.

A Service will be held at Green Hills Memorial Park on November 13th at 12PM. Family and Friends who wish to view from home, can do so at the following link:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/83622542>

Cemetery

Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 90275

Comments



“ The Brown Family,

Frank was so admired by us. He was all about Family. The way he spoke about his family especially his grandkids. He was so very proud of all of them and every time we spoke, he mentioned each one by name and how they were doing.

Mom has shared many stories of the time Frank and Hott stayed with them when they first arrived in California. Such fond memories of Palm Lane. Frank was so appreciative of mom and dad opening up their small home to them. Mom was very excited about them making the move to be with them.

Also, mom shared stories of them working in the cotton fields where Frank was the water boy who she lovingly referred to as her "Brown Bummer".

Frank will be missed but never forgotten. He has a special place in our hearts forever. We love you all so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

The Green Family

Eric Green - November 13, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ With the utmost respect and admiration, I looked to this man for leadership, guidance and wisdom. He would always give me words and the belief that I could achieve anything I desired. Frank Brown was mentor to a community of young adults and gave advice to all that would listen. He was truly a giver and enjoyed being an inspiration to young minds.

Frank Brown traveled the world, shared his experience and would tell you, how you, could also travel the world if you desire. He truly lived a life worth living!!! My Dad, my mentor and my role model you will be missed, but never forgotten. I love you DAD
RIP

Randy B - October 28, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ This is truly a refreshing tell all about Frank Brown's life. We are so thankful for the opportunity to have met him, and witness how inspirational he was. My daughter talks about their time often and the wisdom he enlightened her with. It is clear that Frank will be missed, but truly a blessing that so many were afforded the opportunity to experience him in all his splendor.

Please know your family here in Texas will be standing by should you need us!

With Love

Carl - November 13, 2020 at 10:47 AM