



Ernest Brownlee

August 16, 1933 - August 6, 2019

Ernest Deverne Brownlee, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in Coliseum Hospital in Macon.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dianne Gibson Brownlee and his parents Carlton and Thelma Hilton Brownlee.

He is survived by his daughter Alyson Brownlee, his brother Michael Carlton Brownlee, two nieces Kelly Brownlee Kirkland and JJ Brownlee Hill, two nephews Bill Deland and Jeff Tipton, and several cousins.

He was born on August 16, 1933 in Tifton, GA. He learned to fly in 1949 (prior to turning 16). He graduated High School in 1953. He was in the Navy 1953-1957 during the Korean conflict in the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Blimp Squadron in Brunswick, GA for 2 years and then on the USS Jupiter in Japan for 2 years. He met Dianne in 1955 while he was in the Navy. After the Navy, he attended college at Norman Park 1957-1958 and he attended college at Southern Tech 1958-1959, He started working as a Civil Servant at the Warner Robins AFB (WRAFB) in 1959. He married the love of his life, Dianne, on New Year's Eve 1959 and daughter Alyson was born in 1960. He and Dianne retired together in 1988, living at Lake Sinclair in GA and in New Orleans, LA.

He had a love for flying airplanes, operating Amateur radios, shooting guns, fishing, traveling, water sports and rooting for his beloved sports teams.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday August 10 at 2:00 pm at the Lake Country Baptist Church in Eatonton, GA. Friends and family are invited to reminisce, grieve and support each other.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Services

AUG 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lake Country Baptist Church
1259 Crooked Creek Rd.
Eatonton, GA 31024

Tribute Wall



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - August 07, 2019 at 03:37 PM

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Loved seeing your pictures. Your mom and dad made a great looking, fun loving couple. Would have loved to see more pics of you Alyson. We are who we are because of all those that have gone before us. God's peace to you. Love. ❤️

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“ *Deverne was a fun person to be around. We have lots of fun memories of both him and Dianne at Lake Sinclair and in New Orleans. They knew how to show you the best of both worlds. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alyson, Mike and Sara, Kelly & JJ and their families. He has some great-nieces and nephews that thought he was mighty special. Keep his legacy going with all the good memories you shared together. May you feel God's love and comfort around you in the days and months ahead. We love you all.*
Jan & Kenny

Jan & Kenny Brownlee - August 07, 2019 at 11:18 AM

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“ I knew Deverne since 1954 thru his Tifton Family--He was like a older brother to me (Mike being my best friends since 1954)-- Deverne's family (initial, immediate and extended) are the very finest of people--Deverne was exceptionally bright and gifted in the field of electronics--It came to him so easy--WRAFB was blessed to have him in their employment--He loved and admired Dianne and Alyson always--They were his "pride and joy"!!--My how he loved to "brag" on them--He was blessed to have had the very best of parents and Mike and Sara, Dianne, Alyson and so many other loving and admiring family members around him for his entire life--He was "one of a kind" who will be greatly missed----May Jesus grant comfort, peace and his Grace to this dear and precious family at this time of loss--Buck Hartley--Tifton Georgia

Buck Hartley - August 07, 2019 at 10:02 AM