



Carl Edward Brown

May 19, 1933 - January 29, 2026

On May 19, 1933, in Detroit, MI, Carl Edward Brown was born from the union of George and Myrtle (Crumpton) Brown. On January 29, 2026, at 9:10 AM, he transitioned peacefully at the age of 92.

Carl was the youngest of four siblings to Roslie (McMillian), Patricia (Brandom), and James Brown. After graduating from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, MI, he served in the United States Army, where he earned an honorable discharge. Afterwards, he gained employment with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) formerly known as “Michigan Bell”. He started as a lineman and ascended to various management positions before he retired after 35 years.

Carl enjoyed traveling. His travels included destinations, such as the Caribbean Islands, St. John, Barbados, and St. Maarten. He also enjoyed coaching Hockey for many years through the Detroit Police Athletic League (Detroit PAL). In his retirement years, he continued to coach hockey and spent immense time among his family and friends. His love for “tinkering” and helping others led him to establish a small electrical business, where he developed a loyal following of customers and was known for his excellent customer service and quality workmanship. His propensity for handyman work and customer service extended to his work as a Salesman at Home Depot, where he continued to assist others for several years.

Carl was a family man who was extremely proud and enjoyed close relationships with his three adult children, Eric, Christa, and Carl “Chip”, as well as his adoptive daughter, Gaylynn Brown, his daughter-in-law, Sarah, and granddaughter, Charlotte. He enjoyed spending time with his small, loving cadre of friends, sharing life events, at times traveling with, and watching sport events. He was also an avid dog lover and enjoyed walking and caring for his family dogs named Casper, Clyde, Missy and Naughty. In addition, he enjoyed the company of his neighbors and other extended family members. Carl will surely be missed by his loved ones, who will find comfort in fond memories of his fierce devotion and love for them all.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, George and Myrtle (Crumpton) Brown, siblings Roslie (McMillian), Patricia (Brandom), and James Brown. His life will forever be cherished by his children, Eric, Christa, Carl (Sarah), Gaylynn, granddaughter Charlotte, and a host of family, friends, and neighbors.

Carl’s life is a tribute to steadfast, unwavering devotion to family and friends.

The family thanks you for paying your respect to their loved one, Carl E. Brown

Please quietly read his obituary and enjoy fond memories of him.

In lieu of flowers and/or gifts please contribute to the

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Detroit Goodfellows

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Carl was like a 2nd father to me and a grandfather to my children. He was truly a blessing to all who knew him. He had a wall of BHS tapes in the back room, my children loved picking out their favorite movies to take home for the weekend. Oh and Carl had them sign out each movie they took out and sign them back in as well. He was detail oriented when it came to those tapes. I can recall many days spent listening to him speak about his days at the phone company. He also loved telling stories about the many adventures he went on while traveling. Oh and you can best believe that when he said he had your back, you were in good hands. Carl's good heart and kindness of his soul will forever remain a special treasure in my life. His words of wisdom and encouragement have helped to shape me into the person I am today. Carl will forever be missed and loved by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him.

Elizabeth Holifield - May 27 at 06:08 AM