



Terry 'Dwight' Brown

November 10, 1952 - January 4, 2013

Terry 'Dwight' Brown, 60, of Huntsville, AL, passed away at Huntsville Hospital on January 4, 2013, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Mr. Brown received a Bachelor's Degree at Athens State University and attended Alabama A & M University, where he received his Master's Degree in Elementary Education. He taught in the Madison County School System for 23 years, the majority of those years at Madison Cross Roads Elementary School, where he was dedicated to teaching and had a positive impact on students' lives. He retired from teaching in 2005. He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Madison, AL. He was an avid hunter and dog trainer. He was preceded in death by his father, William McCoy Brown and his mother, Imogene Taft. Dwight was devoted to his wife, children, and family. He is survived by his wife: Mary Brown; children: Amber and Jeffery; step-father: Ray Taft of Ardmore, TN; brother: Derrell Brown and wife Eva; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Sunday, January 6, 2013, from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, AL. A celebration of his life will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 2:00 P.M. at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home with Father Steve Gruman and Rev. William Suddarth officiating. Burial will follow at Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. Pallbearers will be Ethan Brown, Russell Denman, Allen Tinnon, Scotty Brown, Clay Combs, and Erik Uribe. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 786 Hughes Road, Madison,

AL 35758.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary, Amber & Jeffery-*

We were very saddened to hear about Dwight's passing. It doesn't seem that long ago that we would be conversing in our back yards or exchanging greetings at the county ballpark. Dwight was a very nice man and we feel blessed to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Your neighbors,
Tom & Katie Hagale*

Tom & Katie Hagale - January 08, 2013 at 06:23 PM

CE

“ *Mary and kids....I'm so sorry to hear about Dwight's passing. I was driving past Madison Cross Roads school and saw the sign out front. Dwight was a very sweet man that I got to know a little bit last year through home therapy. He was definitely a fighter. It's hard to know why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing that you all were a special part of a well-lived life. God Bless*

Cheryl Eder - January 07, 2013 at 02:03 PM

PM

“ *I wanted to say that Dwight had an impact on my daughter when she was in his class. She had begun to not like school, but through his teaching she began to love school again. He was a great teacher and friend to many. May God bless his family.*

Paula McDaniel - January 06, 2013 at 10:02 PM

JC

“ Dwight fought a long hard battle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jack and Ann Chaney - January 06, 2013 at 12:20 PM

LB

“ I went to Blanch High School with Dwright and I will miss him. Dwright was a good man. The world is the lessor without him.

Lester Brown - January 06, 2013 at 12:10 PM

JF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I loved Mrs. Imogene, Ray, Derrell and Dwight, My prayers for God to give you courage, faith, peace. Earths' los is surely Heavens' gain. God Bless you.

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To my dearest family, > some things I'd like to say. > But first of all, > to let you know, > that I arrived okay. > > I'm writing this from the Bridge. > Here I dwell with God above. > Here there's no more tears of sadness. > Here is just eternal love. > > Please do not be unhappy > just because I'm out of sight. > Remember that I am with you > every morning, noon and night. > > That day I had to leave you > when my life on earth was through, > God picked me up and hugged me > and He said, "I welcome you. > > It's good to have you back again, > you were missed while you were gone. > As for your dearest family, > They'll be here later on." > > God gave me a list of things, > that he wished for me to do. > And foremost on the list, > was to watch and care for you. > > And when you lie in bed at night > the day's chores put to flight, > God and I are closest to you... > in the middle of the night. > > When you think of my life on earth, > and all those loving years, > because you are only human, > they are bound to bring you tears. > > But do not be afraid to cry > it does relieve the pain. > Remember there would be no flowers, > unless there was some rain. > > I wish that I could tell you > all that God has planned. > If I were to tell you, > you wouldn't understand. > > But one thing is for certain, > though my life on earth is o'er. > I'm closer to you now, > than I ever was before. > > There are rocky roads ahead of you > and many hills to climb; > But together we can do it > by taking one day at a time. > > It was always my philosophy > and I'd like it for you too; > That as you give unto the world, > the world will give to you. > > If you can help somebody > who's in sorrow and pain; > Then you can say to God at night... > "My day was not in vain." > > And now I am contented... > that my life was worthwhile. > Knowing as I passed along > I made somebody smile. > > God says: "If you meet somebody > who is sad and feeling low; > Just lend a hand to pick him up, > as on your way you go. > >

*When you're walking down the street > with me on your mind; > I'm walking in your footsteps > only half a step behind." > > "And when it's time for you to go... > from that body to be free. > Remember you're not going... > you're coming here to me."*

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**Janice Tomerlin- Finley** - January 05, 2013 at 09:40 PM

JF

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for awhile, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said "This is eternity, And all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things, You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart. Earths' loss is Heavens' gain. May God be with you.

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Janice Tomelrin- Finley - January 05, 2013 at 09:35 PM

TY

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Brown family. I am saddened by the news as he will truly be missed. I will never forget his direct influence that he had upon my life with his encouraging teaching style. He was an awesome teacher. May he rest in God's eternal peace and may God comfort the family during this time.*

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**Ty** - January 05, 2013 at 08:28 PM

PS

“ *My heart hurts with the passing of such a dear friend. He fought a great battle. My prayers are with Mary, Amber and Jeffery.*

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**Pam Sirten** - January 05, 2013 at 02:42 PM