

## Obituary

Willie Brown, Jr. was born January 7, 1948 to the late Willie Brown, Sr. and Naomi Spann Brown in Camden, South Carolina. He grew up and was educated in Camden, but as a young man, he quickly traded in rural farm work for the fast-paced construction trade. His vast career in construction spanned from the Southeast to the Midwest of the United States for over 47 years. Willie lived for his profession and gained knowledge as he steadily advanced with companies such as Ballenger, Guy James, Nelson, and C. Watts. For the last 14 years until the time of his death, Willie enjoyed employment with TTK Construction Company in Edmond, Oklahoma as a Project Superintendent.

Willie was a master communicator which undoubtedly served him well in both his professional and personal life. He loved to listen and offer his tidbits of worldly knowledge to family and friends with his "strong" voice and keen sense of humor as only he could. Willie lived life to the fullest and took great pride in being a loving husband, proud father, and devoted grandfather.

Willie departed this life on Friday, December 27, 2013 at Integris Baptist Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Johnny Brown and Steve Ellis; four sisters: Dottie Mosley, Amelia Brown, Lula "Teat" Brown, and Cora Brown; and one son, John Boyd.

Although all our hearts are heavy, his memory will remain with his devoted wife, Rubye K. Brown of the home; Mabel Goudeau of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who adopted Willie as her son many years ago; children: Willie Brown, III (Erin), Chelsie Brown, and Ingrid Carter, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Cheryl Barrett (Todd) of Lawrenceville, Georgia; and C. Cyntrone Rhodes of Covington, Georgia; grandchildren: Mauricio Coleman and Willie "Camden" Brown, IV, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sisters: Nora Burns of Camden, South Carolina; Thelma Hope (Jasper) of Columbia, South Carolina; and Ruth Brown of Pelham, New York; brothers: Jimmy Brown (Shirley) of Dallas, Georgia; Clarence Brown (Deborah) of Yonkers, New York; and Eugene Brown (Owana) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sisters-in-law: Margie "Andre" Fletcher (Vincent) and Ruth E. Carter, both of Cassatt, South Carolina; brothers-in-law: Alphonso Carter of Cassatt, South Carolina; and Lorenzo Carter (Deborah) of East Orange, New Jersey; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.