



## Joseph Brown, Jr.

April 8, 1937 - January 5, 2021

Joseph Brown Jr. affectionately known as "Joe" was born on April 7, 1937 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to the late Joseph Brown Sr. and Alberta Smith Brown. Joseph attended Watkins Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. It is there where he accepted Christ at a young age. He was educated by Chambers and The Mound Bayou School System

Joe migrated to Chicago, Illinois. He then moved to Aurora, Illinois where he met the love of his life, Shirley Williams. Joe married Shirley Williams on March 3, 1962 and was blessed with two (2) children, Sherry White and Craig White. Their union was blessed with Roberta Smith, Randy Brown (Cherie Brown), Julia Brown, Julianna Brown and Joann Brown.

Joe was a "Gentle Giant" that loved people, especially his family. Joe had a fondness for cars and car racing. He won several trophies. He was known for his engaging stories and sense of humor. Prior to his passing, he was a devoted member of Gayles Memorial Baptist Church in Aurora, Illinois. He was loved dearly by his church family.

Joe departed this life on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Joe was loved by many and will be truly missed. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Brown Sr. and mother, Alberta Brown; wife Shirley Brown; daughter, Sherry White, three siblings, Willie Mae Brown, Cornelius Brown and Paulina Gordon. He leaves cherish memories to his six children, Craig White, Roberta Smith, Randy Brown (Cherie Brown), Julia Brown, Julianna Brown, and Joann Brown; two sisters Mildred Jones (Purlie), and Josie James; five brothers,

Sampson Brown (Betty), Samuel Brown (Rose), Eugene Brown Sr. (Dorothy), Hercle Brown (Linda) and Homer Hunt; Cornelius, Tiffany, Harvey, Aadya, and Zariah and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

The race is not given to the swift nor to the strong..... Ecclesiastes 9:11b  
(read Ecc 9:11-12)

Private funeral services are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. For further information please call 630-631-5500 or visit [daleidenmortuary.com](http://daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Joseph's family/

# Tribute Wall



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“ *the 'gentle giant' with his wife & RED Light Bandit. I was awe struck when I saw his car. His cousin Bobby G. sr. took me to his house to meet him & get this photo . He had the winningess chevy at the Oswego drag strip. Will miss U Big guy!*

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“ *Joes Red Light Bandit!!*

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“ *Joe Brown, a gentle giant with a big heart. We will miss you.*

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“ *I met Joe through my husband. Racing at the Oswego Drag Strip. You didn't need to know Joe, but you would know his car. RIP JOE RIP*

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“ Joe will be missed dearly and loved by everyone heaven has truly gotten a angel by receiving him. I will never forget how he used to go visit my father every Sunday even when his own family couldn't come he didn't miss was there all the time for over 5 years. He always came to show his respect's at everyone's funeral and had a story to tell. I'll always remember you uncle and love you more.  
Donna Bond

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“ Uncle Joe, I will truly miss your talks your advice you gave me. I thank God for all the years I was in your life. My uncle Joe had a spirit that everyone loved to be around. I know you was there for me and everyone else that came into your life. My uncle Joe was a loving Father, Grandfather, Brother, and Uncle to have in our lives. I will always keep you in my heart ❤️. I love you ❤️ but God loved you more. Rest in Heaven Uncle Joe 🙏🙏 Love Patricia (niece)



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“ Grandpa, I've never seen this coming because you were always in good spirit and full of fun and laughter. This  my heart to see you go but God has the last words Because he is in control of our lifes. I love you and I always will cherish and remember all the fun times together with you. It breaks my heart to see you go. If I could I would walk up to heaven and bring you home I would. I Love you grandpa Joe. I will always have fond memories of you working on (The Red Light Bandit) in the garage, as well as client cars waiting for you to work on. The highlight of your career was being a top master mechanic. I am so honored to have called you my grandfather, My second father. But I will never forget the memories that we had and shared together. I can still hear grandma saying Joe what took you so long. I can still hear your voice clear and loud. Your laughter and smiles brings joy to everyone you were around. So Rest In Heaven unill we meet again. Love Dondr'e Brown. (Grandson).



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“ Hello God,I called tonight to talk a little while I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial You see I can't quite make it through the a day just on my own I need love to guide me,so I'll never feel alone I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound come and fill there with confidence for whatever fate their bounce give me faith ,dear God to face each hour throughout the day and not to worry over things I can't change in any way ,I thank you God for being home and listening to my call for giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall your number ,God is the only one that answers every time I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a dime So thank youGod for listening to my troubles and my sorrow,Good night I Love you too and I'll call again tomorrow take good care of my ( Dad )



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“ Joseph Brown, Jr.

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“ I met Joe when I was a child in 3rd grade after becoming best friends with his daughter Joanna. Growing up, I spent lots of time at Joe and Shirley's home, they were like second parents to me. One thing Joe and Shirley loved doing was go dancing every Friday night. Many Fridays I would see them get dressed up to go dancing and they would be so happy. Now they are dancing in heaven together. To Joanna, Juliana, Julia, Birdie, Randy, and Craig, I am so sorry for your loss and I pray for you all. Barb Evans

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“ Everything I learned about cars was due to Joe. As a young man he would take me and friends to the dragstrip to see him race and we became his fans and young pit stop to help out. Rest in Peace Big Man rgr

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“ My most heartfelt sympathies for your loss and condolences to my cousins, The Brown Family, Joe shine the light to all of us kids growing up around his talent of racing, from mastering shadetree mechanic to being the boss of drag racing on the East side of Aurora. He showed his best as a father to his family, a teacher to relatives and good faith to friends. You will be missed Mr. Joe Brown, but your legend will continue on. God speed and R.I.P.

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“ Joe and Shirley were 2nd parents to me growing up next door on College ave . They protected and fought for me just like I was their own child. Joe was an amazing man and I know he and my dad shared many secrets 😊. Whenever I'm in Aurora cooking fried fish, shrimp and gumbo Mom always made sure I fixed food for Joe! I love you guys so much and my heart is breaking because I want so desperately to be there. You guys always stood by the Jackson's. Love forever. Brenda Jackson.

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“ Our deepest condolences to Your family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️ James And Tracy Lewis.

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“ We grew up together in rural Mound Bayou, Mississippi where he was best known then as Junior. He was one of my most revered playmates. When not otherwise engaged in hard work, Junior would go to cotton fields looking for yellow "meat" watermelons that he dearly loved-most especially the heart. RIP Junior for you kept the faith and ran a good race.

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“ My deepest condolence for the lost of your father Mr. Brown, like always called him, may he rest in Peace. He was not only a neighbor of more than 30 yrs, but a friend. I will always cherish his conversations and concern for me. He always would stop wherever he was doing in his garage to ask how we were doing. I admired that of him and his big smile. I will keep him close to my heart , may his memories give you all strength in this difficult times. Alma Ramirez

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“ Joe Brown was the Best at race car fixing and he show me how to Master it at 5 years old now I'm half of Joe and Me but stronger with both inside of me. We share a lot of memories from cars to sports. He will never leave my mind. I'm programmed on how he master mechanics. Thank you Joe for all those years. Now me and my brother Randy has Joe knowledge inside of us. Rest in piece and I won't waste your skills set you put in me. From Son2 Father . Rule the Road Joe. CW Second Best

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“ Sorry to hear about Joe. He would come down to the welding shop and we'd talk about cars. He was a good man. He'll be missed.

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“ We lost a good man. He will be missed. Bub Thurlby

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“ Sad to hear about Joe. I became friends with Joe and Shirley when they would come to the Best Western lounge to listen ( and Joe would sing with) the duo "2 for a Show" which I was part of. He was a great dancer also. He was the friendliest person you would ever meet. Shirley too.I am proud to say that I knew Joe. Rest in the arms of Jesus.Mike and Barbara Thornton 🙏

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“ You will be missed. Especially at Byron drag way. You also helped everybody at the track. You were a fun guy. Andi flaim

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“ So sorry for the loss of your dad, on behalf of all of the Schindlbeck family. We will always be grateful for the kindness of the big man who lived in our grandparent's old home on the corner of Root Street, to our dad, George and mother Herta. God bless all of you and may Joe Rest In Peace in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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“ *Such a great man, always had us smiling, even though we never spent alot of time with him, the times we did were wonderful. RIP (Uncle Joe)* ❤️❤️❤️



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“ *Here's is to the best Father , Grandfather, great Grandfather the world has known. You gave us the blueprint to be a real man.. I've always admired you and so glad I've gotten the chance to tell you that time and time again. We had a bond that was like a father and son and for you being my grandfather and stepped up and took care of me like your own. You gave me an Amazing Life. And I Thank you for that.. so glad you got a chance to help me raise my own kids Aady and Zariah. And you've been a walking angel to this planet . Cant wait to her your voice again and that laugh. Love you Joe*



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“ *First of all...I thank God for giving you (83) BEAUTIFUL years of your life with us all. And so many good times and laughter memories. I ❤️ you and miss you so very much.i couldn't ask for a better dad then you. I could look all over the world three times and still couldn't find a better dad than you..God has gain angel when he call you home. I miss you Joe but (Shirley) our mom is waiting for you in the sky.even though you left some unfinished tasks behind we (the Brown's )will carry it on. I love you and always will love you. I will carry your spirit in my ❤️ forever and ever it will remain with me..and never will forget. I remember way back in the days like yesterday when you and mom took us to Oswego dragstrip with the little red wagon. I love you daddy Joe.. forever in my ❤️ until we meet again love you more. 🙏🥹❤️.. Love Julia Brown ...*



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MA

“ *To my father-in-law (Joe-Daddy) Brown, Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Family, I am going to miss you, your smile, your laugh, our conversations. You are a honorable gentle giant, you will always be by my side as your legacy lives through you son Randy, this is not goodbye but until we see each other again, rest easy daddy I Love You .*



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“ *Dad, I will love you forever, you will always be by my side guiding me, I got this, and I will make you proud until we meet again rest easy with mom.*

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“ *Joseph Brown, Jr.*” brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget him! RIH....We love you! Thinking of you all....sending prayers.

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