

Billy Earl Brown grew up in Fort Worth, Texas (Cowtown USA), and is the son of CT and Mattie Moten Brown. The Brown family owned a small corner store in downtown Ft. Worth near the historical United Methodist AME Church they were members of. Later, they moved to the Lake Como, Ridgelea area. Bill graduated from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where he received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He also met his beautiful wife, JoAnn, from Galveston, TX, there on campus. Bill was an athletic scholarship recipient and played football and ran track for the Wiley Wildcats, and enjoyed singing in the collegiate choir. And, of course, Ms. JoAnn was a cheerleader! They both were quite active and involved in many campus activities and organizations. Bill and JoAnn are surrounded by many supportive family and long time friends both near and far.

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They have one daughter, Dawn, son-in-law Michael and two grandchildren, Christian & Joi. Bill had a very full career with many adventures and enjoyable travels abroad. He was first drafted by the Dallas Cowboys football team right out of college, and played for them for three years. Afterwards, he entered the Air Force and played football at the Lackland Base in San Antonio. In his vast occupation, Bill was employed by the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller; had leadership positions at The National Labor Relations Board, and Texas Instruments, TI, where he retired as a Human Resource Director after 30 years, and was a key manager for their Diversity Initiative Program. While he was working full time, Bill also enjoyed being a Southwest Conference Football Official, and participating in some of the Texas Bowl games. This allowed him to still enjoy the sport, but in a unique and competitive roll! Bill was also involved in many community, fraternal and service organizations as a volunteer and leader in the Dallas/ FT. Worth area. This included the Big Brothers Organization, Dallas Independent School District as a Substitute Teacher, and a Business professional where he taught a course at Texas A&M University, Bryan/College Station Campus. He was also a proud CHOICES Education Group (non-profit organization) Instructor and Mentor. After relocating to the Houston area, Bill became a KATY ISD Junior & High School Substitute Teacher and even received the Katy ISD KEYS Mentor of the Year award in 2015! One of his favorite classes to sub for was Music! Bill was a dedicated Choir member at both Hamilton Park Methodist Church in Dallas and Second Baptist Church West Campus in Katy. Bill and JoAnn have treasured memories of their travel and cruises to the Caribbean & Pacific Islands, Spain, Alaska, France and South Africa... Bill enjoys listening to music, singing, and visiting with family and friends.





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#### June Blossoms

June's birth month flowers are among the most fragrant of all: the rose and the honeysuckle. Symbolically, they both have many meanings. A deep pink rose is a traditional sign of gratitude, a white rose signifies innocence and new beginnings, and a red rose means "I love you." Honeysuckle is also a symbol of love, as well as happiness and appreciation.

## Here's to Dads

Father's Day on Sunday, June 16, honors dads, granddads and father figures everywhere.

### Hello, Sunshine!

Bring on the sun and fun! Summer officially begins on June 20.

# Thank You for Caring

June is Dementia Care Professionals Month.

"When the sun is shining I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no trouble too difficult."

—Wilma Rudolph





"Fiesta mode activated!"



"Growing a stronger community, one tree at a time."



#### Resident Birthdays

06/15 Raymond Murray 06/25 Kathleen Tucker

## Welcome, New Residents

Jeanette Preuss Lillie Meischen James Clarke Robert Sigmond Victoria Flores

## Veteran of the Month



Louis Primm
92 Years Old
Navy Veteran
Served 5 Years
Stationed in Quonset Point
Rhode Island





