

William Maurice Brown July 21, 1923 - September 17, 2016

William Maurice Brown, 93 of Martinsville, VA passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2016. He was born on July 21, 1923 in Odenton, Maryland to the late Jesse William Brown and Sarah Adelta Phelps. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Sara Brown; and sister, Hilda Brown Kelly.

Mr. Brown was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Danville, VA for 43 years where he served as a deacon and elder and was a current member of First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, VA for the last 22 years. Mr. Brown served in the United States Army during WWII. He was given a scholarship by the Dodger organization to Seton Hall College in Orange, NJ but the war intervened. After the war he played professional baseball in the minor leagues, ending his career in Charleston, SC in 1952. He was employed by the Belk-Leggett Co. for 37 years. He enjoyed playing golf and tennis with his children and friends. He was known at King's Grant for his enthusiasm on the water volleyball team, and played until March of this year at age 92.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nancy Mabes Brown; sons, Robert Brown and wife Ria and Jay Brown and wife Diane; granddaughter Rebecca; and grandsons, Jason and Ryan.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at King's Grant Victory Chapel with Paul Johnson and Rev. Mark Hinchcliff officiating.

Norris Funeral Services Inc. and Crematory Martinsville, VA is serving the Brown family.

Online condolences may be made at www.norrisfuneral.com.

Events



1 Oct King's Grant Victory Chapel 350 Kings Way Rd., Collinsville, VA 24078

Tribute Wall



Pat Newman

Back in the 1960s, I spent many wonderful hours in Mr. Brown's company at his home while playing with Robert. If my memory serves me, we all enjoyed watching Johnny Unitas and the Baltimore Colts on Sunday afternoons. He was always warm and caring to me when I visited his home. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Brown, Robert, Jay, and the rest of his family. Pat Newman