



## Charles Brown Downey

August 25, 1931 - October 9, 2023

Charles Brown "Brownie" Downey, 92 , of West Point, VA, passed away Monday, October 9th, 2023. He was the son of Frank Martin Downey and May Ella Brown Downey, and the husband of Frances Ann Parnell-Downey.

Brownie was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and May; his sister, Edith M. Downey; his brother, Frank M. Downey, Jr.; and his first wife, Nell Davis Downey.

Brownie is survived by his wife, Ann; brother, James E. Downey (Thelma); sister-in-law,

Minnie B. Downey; nephews, Frank M. Downey, III and Michael B. Downey; nieces, Rachel D.

Corliss and Rebecca A. Downey. Through his wife, Ann, he is also survived by three stepsons, two stepdaughters-in-law, six step-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Brownie served our country in the United States Navy. He was a proud citizen of the Town of West Point, where he loved serving his community as a friend and plumbing business owner.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, October 14th,

2023, at First Baptist Church of West Point, 414 Fourth Street, West Point, VA 23181.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to First Baptist Church of West Point, where he was an active member.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Point  
414 Main Street  
West Point, VA 23181

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ RT Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey



RT Croswell and Donna Croswell - October 15, 2023 at 06:50 AM

DS

“ Brownie was was a good friend an Will be missed all ways ready to help anyone he always good to me. Donald Shinn

Donald Shinn - October 14, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ Brownie was a wonderful person who will be missed by so many. I am so glad I got to know Brownie and spend time with him. Love you Brownie, rest in peace! Prayers for the family at this sad time.

Susan Thompson - October 14, 2023 at 12:19 PM

DS

Brownie was a great man and was nice to everyone he was a great friend to me. Always willing to help everybody Donald Shinn

Donald Shinn - October 14, 2023 at 12:52 PM



RIP Brownie. Our sincere sympathy to his family. Sammy and Barbara Hodges

Barbara Hodges - October 15, 2023 at 09:08 PM

MB

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Brownie’s passing but he is in a much better place now. He was a true gentleman. Many will miss him. Sending prayers for Ann and the rest of the family.

Muff Barbour - October 13, 2023 at 12:27 PM

SR

I loved both Brownie and Nell dearly. They were a precious couple. I’m so sorry to hear of his passing. I’m sure Nell greeted him with open arms. Enjoy your Homecoming party Brownie and rest in the precious arms of Jesus. 🙏🕊️❤️

Sandy Sheppard Richmond - October 14, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Brownie. Praying for him and his family.



Michael Alexander - October 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JB

“ A TRUE Friend for many years. One of the first people I met when I moved to WP. Dearly Loved this man. A true man of God.

Jerry Blanchard - October 12, 2023 at 08:28 PM

VA

“ We have many fond memories of Brownie. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.

Virginia&Will Addison - October 12, 2023 at 07:39 PM

DN

“ seems almost like yesterday in some ways when thinking about my family and Brownie's family living and loving the life in good Ole West Point ! Brownie was always a target on the soft ball field and whenever you went there it was certain that Brownie was there already waiting for the very first pitch. In the winter months when the cold got too much for our water pipes to stay thawed Brownie was just a phone call away .. he would come with his tool bag and get it running in no time at all ! After Brownie was thrown the curve ball concerning his health issues and without seeing him around as he was usually I was at Spencer's so I rushed over to say hello ..and asked how and what he was up to ... he told me his choice with his health . and then he said that he came up to win the lottery drawing so him Lacy and me wouldn't ever have to worry about being left out in the cold ever again. His heart was always in the right place at the right time .. he cared about others more than himself ! R.I.P. Brownie Downey !

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**Dennis Norman** - October 12, 2023 at 09:08 AM

JG

“ Brownie was such a kind and helpful man. I know all of his friends and family are going to greatly miss him. It was a pleasure to have known you!  
Charlie & Joanie Gordon



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**Joanie & Charlie Gordon** - October 11, 2023 at 05:34 PM

TG

“ Brownie was a kind man who will be missed in our neighborhood. He was always smiling and i am praying for all of his friends and family during this sad time. Tina Gulley



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**Tina Gulley** - October 11, 2023 at 03:28 PM

VB

“ We are so sorry to learn of Brownie’s passing. We always enjoyed seeing him in town and at the Lunch Bunch gatherings. He was always so caring and asked about all our family members. Vic first remembers Brownie as someone his older brother, Sonny, looked up to and admired greatly. Next, he remembers him as an outstanding football player for WPHS and later as a great pitcher with a very special windup in the West Point softball league. We will greatly miss him.

*Vic and Sharon Britton*

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**Vic and Sharon Britton** - October 11, 2023 at 12:08 PM

WG

“ Brownie was nice guy we go back many years as his family was close with my family I know he will be missed. Billy & Grace Wills

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**WILLS Grace** - October 11, 2023 at 11:15 AM

GS

“ Brownie was an amazing person, a truly good hearted person. He will be missed. We love you, Brownie. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Glenn and Kay Shaw*

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**Glenn Kay Shaw** - October 11, 2023 at 11:01 AM

MH

“ Margaret Horsley lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey



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**Margaret Horsley** - October 11, 2023 at 09:55 AM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



john and vickie roane - October 11, 2023 at 09:10 AM

JA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, sending hugs and prayers during this difficult time.*  
*Dan, Sheila & Joey Adams*

Joey Adams - October 11, 2023 at 05:28 AM

BB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey.*



Brian Boswell - October 11, 2023 at 04:46 AM

FS

“ *FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



FAITH SILVA - October 10, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JD

“ *Brownie was an outstanding person and I considered him a friend. He always took time to talk and genuinely cared how you were doing. May GOD comfort and bless his family. Sincerely, Lee and John Davis*

John Davis - October 10, 2023 at 09:04 PM

GH

“ *We were so sad to hear of Brownie's passing. He was a very sweet man and just so kind to everyone. He always made you feel special. He is someone we will never forget!!! Our condolences to his wife and family. We love you Brownie!*  
*Gary, Valerie and Josh Hall*

Gary Hall - October 10, 2023 at 09:01 PM

GH

“ *Gary Hall lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



Gary Hall - October 10, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



Margaret Ogg - October 10, 2023 at 08:10 PM

BE

“ *Such a fine man,always had a smile and kind words. Our deepest sympathy and God Bless.*  
*Beverly & Jim Ross*



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**Beverly&Jim** - October 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM

AH

“ *Angie Hamrick lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**Angie Hamrick** - October 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM

MR

“ *Mike Redford lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**mike Redford** - October 10, 2023 at 07:42 PM

EB

“ *Evans Brizendine lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**Evans Brizendine** - October 10, 2023 at 06:01 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**Brenda Anerton** - October 10, 2023 at 05:42 PM

PN

“ *Peggy Naggy lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**Peggy Naggy** - October 10, 2023 at 05:24 PM

MF

“ *Mike Fazio lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**Mike fazio** - October 10, 2023 at 03:42 PM

AW

“ *Abbi and Guy Williams*



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**Abbi Williams** - October 10, 2023 at 03:41 PM

NB

“ *Nancy H. Bland lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



Nancy H. Bland - October 10, 2023 at 03:37 PM

AW

“ *Avril And Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



Avril and Gerald Williams - October 10, 2023 at 02:44 PM

GC

“ *I am sorry to hear of Brownie's passing.  
He was always such a kind and polite gentleman.  
He will definitely be missed.  
With heartfelt sympathy  
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



Gloria Couch - October 10, 2023 at 12:02 PM

HW

“ *Henry Ward lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



Henry Ward - October 10, 2023 at 10:35 AM

DP

“ *David And Linda Paul. lit a candle in memory of Charles Brown Downey*



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**David and Linda Paul.** - October 10, 2023 at 10:15 AM

DP

*One the best fast ball softball pitchers I ever saw. Worked with me on a many a job and was an standing plumber. The neatest plumber picked up everything. Brownie was my friend and I will miss him greatly. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**David and Linda Paul.** - October 10, 2023 at 10:21 AM