



# Cecil Brown

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**C**ecil Ewell Brown age 89 of Springdale died Wednesday, February 18, 2004 in Springdale. He was born January 24, 1915 in Hillsboro, Texas the son of Ewell J. and Pauline Ansley Brown. He was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and attended Hillsboro Junior College. He owned and operated the Otasco store in Springdale for 47 years and Jumbo Motor in Springdale for 20 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Springdale for 62 years, chairman of the Ozarks Administration Board, Rotary Club, Rodeo of the Ozarks board, president of the Chamber of Commerce and received outstanding citizen award in 1972. He was on the Springdale planning commission for 15 years and was Grand Marshall for the Rodeo of the Ozarks parade in 2002. He was active in all the activities for the city of Springdale.

Two brothers Quentin and Herman Brown preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Marcelyn Lavender Brown whom he married September 16, 1938 in Boyce, Texas, his children Lyndall Brown, Brenda Brown Baker, and Ronnie Baker all of Springdale, 4 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Private burial will be in Bluff Cemetery and a 1:00 PM memorial services will be held at the First Methodist Church of Springdale, Arkansas with Rev. Judy Van Hoose officiating.

The family request memorials be made to the First Methodist Church, 206 West Johnson Ave., Springdale, Arkansas 72764.

To sign the online guest book, please visit [www.nelsonberna.com](http://www.nelsonberna.com)

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home & Crematory of Fayetteville.



## Obituary

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Visitation Date Time There will be no visitation N/A Visitation Location No Visitation Service  
Date Time February 20, 2004 1:00 PM Service Location First United Methodist of Springdale,  
206 West Johnson Ave, Springdale, Arkansas 72764



BF

**Barbara Gibbs Ostmann (Almost Family )** posted:

Dear Marcelyn, Brenda and Lyndall, I don't know what to say. I just read my sister Kay Rebstock's tribute, and she pretty well said it all. The Brown family and the Gibbs family were one. We grew up together, even sharing a house for some time. I always knew that if anything happened to Mom and Dad, that Cecil and Marcelyn would take care of us kids; and vice versa. How safe and stable for a child to know that kind of love and security. Even as an adult, I've been blessed by the love and support from the Brown family. I always marveled at the life-long friendship that our parents had/have. It is really something when people can say they've been friends through thick and thin for more than 60 years. Mom and Dad were/are blessed to have been best friends with Marcelyn and Cecil. And we kids, Kay, Susie and myself, have also been blessed. One of my earliest jobs was working at OTASCO after school and on Saturday, and later during every break from college. I well remember many Christmas Eves when, although closing time was long past, we were still at the store, waiting for people to come pick up bicycles and toys from layaway, so that Christmas morning would be happy for their children. Service was the keyword for Cecil and OTASCO -- something today's shoppers can barely imagine. Marcelyn and Cecil loaned me the money to buy my first set of contact lenses and let me pay them back a little bit a week out of my paycheck. When I graduated from high school, Marcelyn and Cecil took me to Tulsa and treated me to a special shopping trip at a major department store there. Marcelyn and Cecil, and Brenda and Lyndall, have always been a part of my life, and always will be -- whether on earth or in heaven. And I'm sure Daddy and Cecil are in heaven now, catching up on old times. Brenda is a sister to me as surely as Susie and Kay are, and Marcelyn is my "second mom." I love you all and keep you in my prayers. May Cecil rest in peace. And may God grant peace to Marcelyn, Brenda and Lyndall at this sad time.

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BD

**Brenda Brown (Daughter)** posted:

As I sit here in my living room with tears I know I must say good-bye. Dad you are the greatest you love me and gave me everything a daughter could ever want. I only wish I told you more often how much you are loved. I see things all over my house that says you where here. The shelves in the garage, the drainage ditch the door to my living room. My husband would always say why did you call your Dad. It was because he could fix anything. Thanks for being the greatest dad in the world I will see you soon as a whole person . With all my love Brenda r being the greatest Dad in the world.

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CG

**Clint McClain (Grandson)** posted:

It is tough to say goodbye to a grandfather I loved, but it is great to see how much of a positive effect he has had on others throughout the years. I too have great memories, stories and lessons learned from a great businessman & grandfather. Few days go by that I don't take something from the years we worked together and use it to improve the businesses that I currently manage, or for that matter how I conduct my life. Ideas like - go to an auction when it rains because less people show up and the prices are lower, or don't make anything that is not positive a habit. Simple, straight forward ideas that still make good sense. I will not soon forget the work ethic he instilled, the compassion he showed, the love he had for others or the great times we spent together. We will always love you Daddy-B

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NA

**Nedra Haggard Frain (Family Acquaintance)** posted:

The day I was born Cecil and Marcelyn were there. Due to my imminent arrival, Mom missed the Lazy Daisy Cake that Marcelyn had made for lunch. From that day on, the Brown family have been a part of every important event in my life. Even after I moved to Missouri for college and marriage, it was a given that I would visit with the Brown's every trip to NW Arkansas. Brenda and I were in the same class at SHS and in recent years my sisters, Barb and Susie, Brenda and I have become "sisters of the heart." Cecil became a "second" Dad after my Father died four years ago and with his passing, I feel like I have lost another tie to my childhood. I sure hope that he and Dad are sorting car parts or "talking shop" in heaven. Always ready with a warm comment, a smile and a hug, Cecil made me feel special. I am so glad that I was able to spend last Thanksgiving with my Mom, Marcelyn and Cecil. It was the last time that all were well enough to be together and enjoy a great meal and lifelong friendships. I will miss Cecil and add my prayers that his family-Marcelyn, Lyndall and Brenda-will gain comfort from knowing that he was loved by many and especially by the Gibbs girls.

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JA

**Jack And Virginia Stone (Acquaintance)** posted:

Cecil was one of the first people I met when I went to work for the Chamber. He was one of the ones I turned to when I needed to know something. I shall never forget him. Cecil and Marcelyn will forever be in my memories. Virginia Stone

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EC

**Ed And Cathy Lawson (Friends From Church)** posted:

We extend our sympathy and will remember you and your family in our prayers.

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SW

**Stan Thomas (Friend And Co-Worker)** posted:

I only got acquainted with Cecil late in his life. He was selling shelving to my business, and I recognized the value of his knowledge for merchandising. He was just full of great business ideas! I told him that if he ever wanted a part-time job at Big Brothers Pawn, that we'd make a spot available....but was I ever surprised when he took me up on the offer! Never was I disappointed. Cecil helped me look at things more abstract (creatively), and caused our business to make some changes that were and are financially rewarding to our company. I will miss his wit and wisdom. Our company newsletter often snared a quote from him that helped keep us focused on the jobs at hand. ex.; lead, follow, or get out of the way! it's better to get a fast nickel rather than a slow dime! I feel honored that I was able to get to know Cecil. He was a fine man! Marcelyn, you two were role model couples for true love! Earlene and I will always have a special place for you in our hearts. Stan and Earlene Thomas

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MF

**Max Wright (Friend)** posted:

I remember the day that my Dad, Roy Wright and I went down and bought my first new bicycle from Cecil. He was a big wonderful man with a great big laugh and smile. I went to school with Brenda and Ronnie. He will be remembered for a long time.

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MB

**Mr. And Mrs. Truman Brewer** posted:

There are no words to ease your pain at this time but if caring thoughts can help, ours are with you.

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DC

**David, Vonita, & Shannon Carpenter** posted:

Cecil will certainly be missed. We remember last summer when Cecil and Marcelyn volunteered to help out with our family reunion. What wonderful people to come help us with an event like that! That's just like the Brown's to give of themselves to others. Also, Cecil was such a good friend to our parents/grandparents Teena & Jim Carpenter. We are so very grateful to the Brown's. Your family will remain in our family's prayers.

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MP

**Mr. And Mrs. Ronald High (Friends Of My Parents)** posted:

Marcelyn and family:My parents Eugene and Minnie Coffelt were best of friends with you and Cecil and they thought a lot of both you. I am extremely sorry about your loss of Cecil. Please feel free to call me anytime to catch up on things. May peace always be with you and your family.Gloria Gene Coffelt Moore

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LA

**Larry And Lorettea Dunivan (Acquaintance)** posted:

Wanted to say how sorry we are for your loss but we know where he is and we can go to him. Thanks for everything you did for my sister (Lorena Barnett). We are so sorry for your loss.Our Love and Prayers are with you and your family.Larry and Lorettea

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CC

**Carl Combs** posted:

I AM SORRY THAT I AM OUT OF TOWN FOR THE SERVICE. I CONSIDER MR. BROWN A GOOD FRIEND AND ADVISOR. I HAVE GONE TO HIM ON SEVERAL OCASSIONS FOR BUSINESS AND PERSONAL DECISIONS. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. BEST REGARDS CURLY AND CLYDIA COMBS

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BF

**Bill & Betty Walker (Friend)** posted:

MARCELYN, LYNDELL AND BRENDA, WE SHALL SURELY MISS OUR DEAR FRIEND. OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY IN YOUR LOSS.

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AR

**Angela Burke (I Am Cna From Springdale Health An Rehab.)** posted:

Hello! I am so sorry for your lose i was off work when i found out what happen the next day i went back i had the pleasure to take care of cecil for 3 nites in a row i got attached to him. But i know that he is in a better place now and very peaceful with the Lord... May God Bless you and your family

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IN

**Irene Carter (Friend And Neighbor)** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Irene

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HF

**Harlan, Evelyn, And Benita Brown (Friend)** posted:

Cecil was a great person who was dearly loved.

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TF

**Tessa & Norm Davis (Friends)** posted:

You have our deepest sympathy. We both loved and respected Cecil. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these dark days.

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TA

**Tommy Holland (Acquaintance)** posted:

I send sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

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OF

**Oddy & Sandy Straight (Friends)** posted:

Marcelyn, Lyndall, Brenda and family, Please accept our sympathy for each of you in your loss of Cecil. He was a fine man and we always enjoyed his visits to our store. Cecil was an amazing person who continued to work and be active. He gave much to our community over the years and will be sorely missed. Sincerely, Oddy & Sandy Straight

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TP

**Tom & Ann Phillips** posted:

We both have memories of Cecil's kindness. He will always be remembered with fondness. His family will be in our thoughts at this time of sadness.

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BC

**Bill Wolfe (Grateful Customer)** posted:

You never really know when some small things that you do in the course of your life have a profound affect on other peoples lives. I have tried in my business life to treat my clients as I was treated as a young boy growing up by Cecil. The only man I knew that would let a 12 or 13 year old buy his bats, balls, gloves and basketballs on the installment plan of 50 cents or a dollar week. May God rest his soul!!

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MF

**Marilyn And Kaye Simpson (Friends)** posted:

May God give you and your family peace.You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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SF

**Stephanie Barnett Whorton (Friend)** posted:

Cecil was a great man, my mom loved him very much. I can remember a time that my mom was so sick and Cecil brought her some medicine to take..it was peach brandy...when mom went to work the next day Cecil asked her how she was feeling she said "GREAT". She did not know what he had given her because he would not tell her..he knew that she would not take it.My mom thought the world of all of you and she loved all of you...Today I guess Cecil and mom are having a reunion..but it won't be long and we will be able to go met them. Thanks again for everything you have done for our family,Love and Prayers to all of you.LoveThe Lorena Barnett FamilyTim, Stephanie and Tyler Whorton

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DF

**Doug And Linda (Harris) Miller (Family Friends)** posted:

I am very thankful for the years of friendship the Brown family has had with our family. I have great memories of downtown Springdale days and I always loved going to OTASCO where everyone was greeted with a smile from Marcelyn and Cecil. Then I would make my way across the street to Coger Drug for a free Coke and some "spending money" from Uncle Clifford.I know through the years there were many times that Mother leaned heavily on Marcelyn and Cecil and they were always there for us.It was always fun to go to their house where there was lots of love and laughter. Cecil will be missed by so many but what a legacy he left behind for both family and friends.

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GF

**George And Fran Underhill (Friends)** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of sorrow.

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EF

**Emerson And Connie Finn** posted:

Emerson and I are sorry to hear about Cecil. We know he is in better place. let us know if we can help.

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TT

**Tommy/Tommiehensen** posted:

he had such a long and very successful life. cecil was one of the first merchants i can remember moving to springdale in 1963. sorry for your loss

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# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Cecil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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