



## Claude Brawner,

April 29, 1927 - May 25, 2013

Mr. Claude Edgar Brawner, Jr., 86, of Wynne, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2013 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Edgar Brawner, Sr. and Ada Elizabeth McElroy Brawner; brother, Amos Brawner, Sr.; and sister, Mary Brawner Wallin.

Claude was born in Rolfe Community near Wynne on April 29, 1927. He attended the Rolfe school growing up but later attended Wynne High School, from which he graduated in 1945. He attended college at Northeast Louisiana State University, now University of Louisiana at Monroe. He also attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. He played football at Wynne High School. He became a starting guard at Louisiana State University during the 1950 season, played on the All-Army team in 1952, and was named Most Valuable Player on the Stuttgart, Germany Team in 1952. His accomplishments earned him an induction as the 13th player into the Sports hall of Fame at Northeast Louisiana University for football in 1997. He was inducted into the U. S. Armed Forces in 1950 during the Korean War. Claude was a rice and soybean farmer in western Cross County and owned and operated a cattle farm near Vanndale. He was elected to 11 terms to the office of Circuit Clerk of Cross County, beginning in January of 1965. Claude was a member of the Wynne First United Methodist Church. He served in various capacities over the years, including administrative board member, youth leader, local and district lay leader, and Sunday school teacher. He loved his

family and was known for his larger than life personality. He was known as one who loves God and his fellow man.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Helen Brawner of Wynne; son, Claude E. Brawner, III of Wynne; daughters, Sharon Brawner Tucker of Wynne; brothers, Harrell and Rex Brawner of Wynne, sister, Onalee Brawner of Wynne; grandchildren, Lauren Wood Brawner Dodson and husband Bryce Alan; C. E. Brawner IV; Corrie Elizabeth Tucker; Timothy Gement Tucker, Jr. and great grandson, Macoy Alan Dodson.

Services were Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 2 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Wynne with burial in Crosslawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“*Mrs. Sharon Tucker, we are Trevor Immels family. We did not know your dad but, we know the pain it brings to a heart and spirit, when you lose a parent or someone really close to you. We are sorry for your loss and pray God brings you and your family comfort and peace, and heals your hurting heart as quickly as possible. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**The Immel Family** - July 02, 2013 at 11:42 PM

WS

“*My condolences on your loss.*

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**William Sting** - June 22, 2013 at 10:41 PM

JW

“*I just saw this about Mr Claude. I am Elmer Hall's daughter from Colt. I know my parents thought so much of him, and I did to as I was growing up. He was a fine man---all the Brawner's were, and are!!! I lost my Dad last July 4th. 9 months later I lost my Mom Doris so I don't think things will ever be the same here. Hugs to all the family. He will be missed by many!*

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**Janell Hall Williams** - May 31, 2013 at 06:36 PM

MH

“*I sure do hate to hear of Claude Edgar passing. He sure did love his family and loved the Lord... So sorry didn't know until after services but all of you are in our thoughts and prayers bc we love you all--!! The last time I saw him was at the eye Dr (Childers) and all he would say is he had to get back home to "his honey".... love you all so much!! Mike and Sandra Hall*

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**Mike and Sandra Hall** - May 31, 2013 at 10:10 AM

RL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man!

Renee Huffstuttler Littrell - May 30, 2013 at 02:57 PM

MH

“ Little Claude and Jeanine, Helen,  
So sorry to hear of Claude's passing. I worked with him for 13 years at the Courthouse and enjoyed him so much. I remember us giving him a 50th. birthday party and we put flowers in a pair of his old cowboy boots. He got a kick out of that. Please know you are all in my prayers. Marilyn

Marilyn Murphy Hughes - May 28, 2013 at 08:57 PM

RH

“ i have known mr brawner since i was a kid he was always so nice to people sorry to hear he passed away

R D Head - May 28, 2013 at 02:24 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Claude. I guess the last time I saw him was a few years ago when my daughter was little, he spoke to her and blessed her with a monetary gift. I thought that was very sweet of Mr. Brawner. I remember him from the horse shows and I always liked him. Love & hugs....God bless you all.

Marion Ellis Busby - May 28, 2013 at 02:19 PM

SS

“ I loved Claude. He was always a source of strength to others, amazingly willing to reach out to people and make a difference. Claude did exactly that, his motivation “service to humanity was service to God.”

He loved and cherished his family. I remember one Christmas morning early he stopped by to share in blessings and spoke so fondly of how his children were currently pronouncing their words. So precious. I pray that God’s choicest blessings will be bestowed on this wonderful family. May God grant you the peace and strength to carry on in faith.

Susan Clark Brawner Smith

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**Susan Clark Brawner Smith** - May 28, 2013 at 01:23 PM

RC

“ Ms. Helen, Sharon, Ed, and all of the family: Frank and I are so sorry to read this morning of the passing of Mr. Claude. He was such a great man! I have so many fond memories of him over the years. I have always remembered the many kindnesses he (and you all) showed to our little family when we were growing up, and then to Mom in her later years. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you!

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**Rosalynn Riding Chandler** - May 28, 2013 at 12:24 PM

DB

“ Helen, Sharon and Claude, I know your hearts are aching and I am so sorry. God has his plans and one day we will all be reunited with Claude and our other special ones. Wish I could be there to celebrate his life with you all. Love to all. Diann and Jim Brumback

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**Diann Richardson Brumback** - May 28, 2013 at 12:11 PM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss - he was a wonderful man. When the kids were little - they always looked for "the man with the candy" before service. That is one of their favorite memories - and to this day, butterscotch is Kristin's favorite candy.

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**The David Jackson family** - May 28, 2013 at 11:51 AM

NJ

“ Claude Brawner,

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**Nancy Tarbutton James** - May 28, 2013 at 09:12 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Claude's passing. Such a true friend and good man. He will ne missed.

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**Ronnie and Shannon Haynes** - May 28, 2013 at 12:09 AM

RW

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Mr. Claude was one of a kind and a great neighbor, We will miss him lot's. remember we are right across the street if you need anything. And Mr. Claude we will keep an eye on Mrs. Helen for you.

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**Randy & Viola Williams** - May 27, 2013 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ So Sorry to read of your loss.REBA

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**Don & Donna McFadden** - May 27, 2013 at 07:16 PM

VS

“ I was sadden to read of Claude's death. I came to know him first while in high school. We played against each other: Forrest City v. Wynne. Over the years I visited with him once in a while at the coffee shop. He was a great person and I have great respect for him. My prayers are with you.

Vance Sales - May 27, 2013 at 05:03 PM

DJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Claude. He was such a sweet person to me and words can't express the wonderful childhood memories of his love and kindness for Laney. Praying for you all. Deah and Laney

Deah Jarrett - May 27, 2013 at 02:55 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers.

Donna Snyder - May 27, 2013 at 12:13 PM

BD

“ Jo and I are saddened by the passing of Claude. He was always a special friend to us and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Buddy Diebold

Buddy and Jo Diebold - May 26, 2013 at 09:32 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Claude. I will always have fond memories of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Burnette McCullough - May 26, 2013 at 04:16 PM

CB

“ *Helen, Sharon, and Lil Ed, I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Carmen Burnette** - May 26, 2013 at 04:13 PM

CM

“ *Our condolences.*

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**clea and June Martin** - May 26, 2013 at 12:19 PM