



## Harrell E. Brawner

March 19, 1929 - June 4, 2015

Harrell Eldridge Brawner, Sr. passed away peacefully in Wynne, Arkansas, on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife Ouida Brawner; parents, Claude E. Brawner, Sr. and Ada McElroy Brawner; brothers, Amos Brawner, Sr. and Claude Brawner, Jr.; sister, Mary Brawner Wallin; and son, Lawson Brawner.

Harrell was born on March 19, 1929, in the Rolfe community west of Wynne, AR. He was an active youngster and enjoyed school at Rolfe Elementary. After the family moved to Wynne, he worked in the family business, Brawner Livestock Auction Company, while attending school in Wynne. He played all sports at Wynne High School and was quarterback of the Yellowjacket Football team, leading the Yellowjackets to victory in the East AR Championship in 1945.

After attending college, he joined the Army during the Korean Conflict. When his Army tour ended, he returned to Wynne and contracted with Shelter Insurance (formerly M.F.A. Insurance Company) in 1953 and received the company's highest honor in 1973 as their Agent of the Year. He also attended auctioneer school and became a licensed auctioneer.

Harrell married Ouida on December 6, 1953, and they had two sons, Eldridge and Lawson.

In 1976, Harrell purchased Big Valley Trailer Mfg. Company, which manufactured custom horse trailers. His custom-built horse trailers were sold all over the United States.

Harrell bought his first walking horse in 1972 while attending the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. His first horse to win a World Championship was "Delight's Crackerjack" in 1976. In 1995, Harrell had the honor of being inducted into The Celebration Hall of Fame along with his "Delight's Mr. Ebony" winning a World Championship with Eldridge at the whip. Harrell's years of involvement with the Tennessee walking horse industry culminated with his "Cash For Keeps" being crowned as the breed's World Grand Champion in 2000.

Harrell was elected to the Board of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association and won that association's highest honor, the Reese L. Smith, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, in 1998.

Harrell retired from the business world in 2002. He spent his life helping others, both spiritually and financially, and has contributed greatly to the Wynne and Cross County areas. He was named Cross County Citizen of the Year in 1990.

Harrell is survived by one son, Eldridge Brawner; sister, Onalee Brawner and brother, Rex Brawner; grandchildren, Harrell III, Lyle, Beau, Madison, Logan, and Kayln and 8 great grandchildren. Harrell will forever be known for his love of God and for his gracious and giving spirit.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Kernodle Funeral Home, from 11 AM until 1 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service will follow visitation at Crosslawn Cemetery at 1 PM.

Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 800 N. Falls Blvd, Wynne, AR; Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Assoc., 250 N. Ellington Pkwy., Lewisburg, TN 37091; Christian Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 487, Wynne, AR.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Graveside

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Crosslawn Cemetery  
Wynne, AR

# Tribute Wall

HB

“ *he was the best thing in this world, to me. I was his partner and he loved me more than anyone ever has or will. I don't believe my granddaddy is gone. he was so true and we were always together. I need him back. I am so sad that I am here and he is not. I will be hoping he is first thing I see when I die. I sure do love you partner. Harrell eldridge brawner the third.*

harrell brawner#3rd - November 04, 2015 at 02:24 PM

LB

*He was a very good man. My dad (Odis Brawner) and were close.*

Lisa Brawner - December 18, 2020 at 11:57 PM

JB

“ *so sorry for the loss of Mr Brawner, fine man, he was!*

Janet Beck - June 20, 2015 at 12:52 AM

MH

“ *Margaret Hale lit a candle in memory of Harrell E. Brawner*



Margaret Hale - June 08, 2015 at 01:34 PM

BV

“ *Harrell was the epitome of a true Southern Gentleman ~*

barbara meredith van vranken - June 06, 2015 at 12:51 PM

DT

*Mother, Daddy, and I were saddened by the news of the death of Harrell. He and Ouida were some of the oldest friends of the family. Prayers for the entire family.*

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**Diana Thomas** - June 07, 2015 at 07:42 PM

TA

“ *Eldridge and family... I am deeply saddened by the loss of Mr. Brawner. I only met him a couple of times; but, Eldridge always spoke highly of him.*

*May the memories that you shared with Mr. Brawner give you comfort and strength during this time.*

*Hugs to Eldridge...*

*Tony Astin*

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**Tony Astin** - June 06, 2015 at 09:53 AM

DM

“ *My name is Doc McClain. When I was a young man in Wynne in the late 60s I travelled to the Horn Lake Mississippi car auctions with Harold and drove cars from or took cars to the auction for him those are some of my best memories .A good man who will be deeply missed.*

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**Doc McClain** - June 06, 2015 at 08:23 AM

RS

“ *So sorry for your lose, keeping your family in my prayers.*

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**Roe Stevens** - June 06, 2015 at 07:01 AM

AC

“ Even though I didn't know Mr Brawner's that that long, the time I got to talk to him was a memorable one. My condolences to you Eldridge. I will keep you in my prayers.



April Crawford - June 05, 2015 at 06:01 PM

JH

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies. Harrell was a good man and a good friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim Herman - June 05, 2015 at 04:39 PM

SY

“ Harold and sounds blessed me each time I saw them together. Their love of each other, their sons and family AND their living witness of God's love was a true testament. I know they are running and leaping and praising God in Heaven together, holding hands. I pray the family finds peace. Jerry and Sheila Parsley Young

Sheila Parsley Young - June 05, 2015 at 08:42 AM

DB

“ Harrell was my friend. He was always nice to me and my family.

Diann Richardson Brumback - June 05, 2015 at 08:30 AM

MW

“ Mary Ann Whitlock lit a candle in memory of Harrell E. Brawner



Mary Ann Whitlock - June 05, 2015 at 08:15 AM

MW

*I never saw him without a smile on his face and a happy greeting. He will be missed.*

**Mary Ann Whitlock** - June 05, 2015 at 08:17 AM

AC

*Harrell and my husband Frank Crabb were best friends in the early adult years of our lives. They were both the most lovable guys and yet always up to "something". Ouida and I looked forward to their adorable , smiling faces ,yet wondered "what in the world they were up to". They never met a stranger and always ready to lend a helping hand yet ready to come up with a joke or tease. They clearly enjoyed and loved life.  
God Bless.  
Azy Crabb*

**Azy Crabb** - June 05, 2015 at 10:25 AM

MT

*Harrell was my friend in High School. As a newcomer to Wynne the entire Brawner family made me feel welcome. Margo Cody Timmons.*

**Margo Timmons** - June 06, 2015 at 07:25 AM

MH

*“ Harrell Brawner was such a good, honest, hard working Christian man.... I know Ouida was glad to see him when he came through the pearly gates!! Prayers for ALL the family!!*

**Mike and Sandra Hall** - June 05, 2015 at 05:46 AM

LB

*“ It's Harrell Brawner Sr.*

**Lyle Brawner** - June 04, 2015 at 01:58 PM

JP

*I remember those fun days playing for the Yellowjackets in high school. I had the honor of blocking for Harrell in one of his well-known quarterback draw touchdown runs.*

**Jerry Proctor** - June 06, 2015 at 12:02 AM