



Pearl I. Brown

July 10, 1912 - January 4, 2019

Pearl I. Brown, age 106 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Friday evening, January 4, 2019, at 11:30 PM at Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna.

Pearl was born July 10, 1912 near Tunnel Hill. She was the third of seven children born to Allen S. and Sarah A. (Newby) Vinson.

In 1931, Pearl was united in marriage to William "Bill" Preston Brown at Tunnel Hill. He preceded her in death on January 15, 1993. Together, Bill and Pearl enjoyed over 62 years of marriage.

Pearl is survived by: a brother – James Allen Vinson of Georgetown, Texas; a daughter-in-law – Lora Brown of Vienna; 2 step grandchildren – Rick Staton and Ann Staton Goins; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends and neighbors.

In addition to her parents and husband, Pearl was preceded in death by her son – Bennie R. Brown in 1997; a grandson – Miles Preston Brown; 4 sisters – Blanche Harris, Mary Vinson, Ruby Mae Rainbolt and Erma June Vinson; and a brother – Frank Vinson.

Pearl was a graduate of Tunnel Hill Grade School and attended Vienna High

School.

Pearl was a farmer at heart. Three years after Pearl and Bill were married, they purchased a 175 acre farm. To help meet expenses, Pearl picked and sold wild blackberries and took on other odd jobs to help out until the debt was paid off in only one and a half years. During the 1940's, the family owned and operated Farmer's Café in Vienna on two different occasions. Pearl recalled that they sold hamburgers for fifteen cents each. For thirteen years, Pearl worked for Glen Taylor at the Vienna Hatchery where she "dressed chickens and a little bit of everything else" she later recalled. Pearl also served as the activities director at the Hillview Health Care Center for a time.

Pearl reminisced that they received electricity in their home in 1952. In 1953, the family purchased an RCA television for their enjoyment as well as the enjoyment of friends and neighbors. The original TV antenna which was mounted on the family farm home in 1953 is still in place to this day.

Pearl was baptized at the Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church. In later years, she worshiped at the Mount Olive Community Church, the Tunnel Hill Pentecostal Church, which Pearl fondly remembered was referred to as the "Little Red Church" and also at the Cedar Grove church near Buncombe.

A funeral service honoring the life of Pearl Brown will be conducted Tuesday morning, January 8, 2019, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Pete Vinson, one of Pearl's nephews, will conduct the service.

Burial will be in the Graves Cemetery north of Vienna.

Visitation will be conducted Monday evening, January 7, 2019, from 5 PM to 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Graves Cemetery, c/o Ethel Odum, 5325 Dutchman Lake Road, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972.

Cemetery Details

Graves Cemetery

Dutchman Lake Road
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pearl I. Brown*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *we will miss Pearl very sweet Lady May the Lord be with her family our Sympathy to them Love and prayers Michelle and Phil Robert's and Pat Lingle and Elsie Anderson*

Michelle Robert's - January 18, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Pearl and Bill Brown were our nearest neighbor when we lived in Illinois. Benny Ray was always at our house playing with my four brothers. He was like the 5th boy in our family. Pearl was a very dear friend to my parents and loved by all of us kids. She was honest, wise and always told like it was. She will be missed. My condolences, Marjorie*

Marjorie Cullen - January 09, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *When Woody passed 5 years ago, Pearl worried who she was going to get to fix her mower. She was 101. Not long after, not sure how long, Wayne started mowing for her. She was amazing & so fun to be around. Everyone loved her.*



Sondra Goins - January 07, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ *Fly high, Pearl.*

<https://vimeo.com/93225226>

Tyler Sullivan - January 07, 2019 at 06:32 PM

DW

“ *Great memories on Dutchman Lake Road and Brown Road. I will always remember Bill and Pearl. Great neighbors and friends.*

Don Wetherell

Don Wetherell - January 07, 2019 at 05:09 PM

DA

“ *I believe Pearl's long life can partly be attributed to the fact that she NEVER complained. I will miss talking with her.*



Dee Dee Adams - January 07, 2019 at 12:25 PM

CD

“ *Carol Damron lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown*



Carol Damron - January 07, 2019 at 10:35 AM

AT

“ Amber Tapley lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown



Amber Tapley - January 07, 2019 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Pearl I. Brown



John Slack - January 07, 2019 at 08:34 AM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Pearl I. Brown

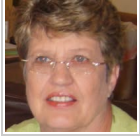


Jane Ross Wright - January 06, 2019 at 09:45 PM

JW

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Jane Ross Wright - January 06, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown*



Elaine Rotan - January 06, 2019 at 01:38 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Jean Smoot lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown*



Peggy Jean Smoot - January 06, 2019 at 12:02 PM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown*



Mike and Teresa Richerson - January 06, 2019 at 10:39 AM

CB

“ There are so very many memories that so many can recall with Pearl. One of my earliest memories was going to their house and listening to my parents and her and Bill talking about the farm work they had done, what still needed to be accomplished, etc. Bennie was the first person I knew that owned the game of Monopoly. We would go play Monopoly in what was called the "big bedroom" while the adults talked in the living room or at the kitchen table. You could be assured that during the visit Pearl would make popcorn and bring to us as Benny and I challenged each other at Monopoly. She was what I considered as a child, with my opinion of her never waivering, to be a simple, hard-working, beautiful inside and outward, high spirited, fun loving, God loving, and all-in-all people loving person. She will be missed by so many but leaves behind so many wonderful memories for so many people. She always displayed a happy, care-free attitude; but now I know she is rejoicing in an even higher sense of happiness with her husband, son, and grandson. May her life shine on in all the lives she touched on Earth as I am sure she shines in heaven now with her family. b I love and remember you always.



Charlene & Larry Baity - January 06, 2019 at 09:48 AM

CT

“ Such a sweet lady...gonna miss her...



Carla Taplwy - January 06, 2019 at 07:34 AM

DJ

“ Donna Breeden Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown



Donna Breeden Jeffords - January 06, 2019 at 01:21 AM

DJ

Pearl was alone of a kind. She never met a stranger. She lived down the road from my parents. Wayne and Letha Breeden.

Donna Breeden Jeffords - January 06, 2019 at 01:24 AM

MH

“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown



Mary Lou Hynes - January 06, 2019 at 01:07 AM

RO

“ So sorry for your loss, Pastor Pete. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family..

Regina Osman - January 06, 2019 at 12:22 AM

BR

“ Pete Vinson, I am so sorry for your loss.



Bobby Rentfro - January 06, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ My husband and I have fond memories of Pearl while he hauled water to her home. Her mind was so sharp. She shared stories of my relatives whom she'd known. Pearl told how she'd climbed onto the roof, the ladder fell, so she shimmied down the trellis alongside the house. She always made sure Bob didn't make any mistakes while unloading the water for her. She had to be the most independent senior citizen I've ever know. Rest in peace, Pearl!
Debbie & Bobby Horn

Debra Horn - January 05, 2019 at 09:50 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Pearl
I. Brown



Karen Brumley - January 05, 2019 at 09:36 PM

KB

Pearl and my mom were first cousins. Quite the sweetheart.

Karen Brumley - January 05, 2019 at 09:37 PM

WB

“ I did pears hair many times she was such a joy to talk too she had a warm personality and such a lovely sweet face she will be missed



Wm&Nancy Belford - January 05, 2019 at 08:45 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown



James and Diane Rainbolt - January 05, 2019 at 08:42 PM

TA

“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown



Teresa Anderson - January 05, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Pearl I. Brown



Jeannie McCall - January 05, 2019 at 08:05 PM

DK

“ Pearl is my great aunt. I am her sisters (Ruby) granddaughter. I loved visiting her on the farm. She was a great lady and an inspiration to all family members. It is awesome that you are now heaven with all your loved ones

Dawn King

dawn king - January 05, 2019 at 07:05 PM

RW

“ Pearl was a neighbor of mine for 50 years. She inspired me to keep “Plugging Along”. I will miss her greatly!

Robin Wetherell - January 05, 2019 at 06:40 PM