



J.W. Brents

March 13, 1934 - June 13, 2015

J.W. Brents, of Little Rock, passed on to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at home on June 13, 2015. J.W. was born in Cleveland, Arkansas on March 13, 1934 to Charlie and Gladys Brents. They moved to Morrilton when J.W. was nine years old and resided there. J.W. was a brick mason foreman for W.E. Clark Construction Company for 28 years before becoming Secretary Treasury Business Agent for Union No. 1 for 8 ½ years. During this time, he and general contractor Jack McGothin established The Health and Welfare Fund for the Union Bricklayers and Tilesetters of Local No. 1 of Arkansas. He also established a fund enabling Brickmasons to receive pensions and benefits. He then worked for Bricklayers International Union in Royale, Arkansas as an instructor for bricklayers.

J.W. loved gardening, fishing, and hunting with his children and grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and church friends, all whom he loved dearly.

J.W. is preceded in death by his father and mother, sisters, Mildred and Ruby, brother, Burlen, and great granddaughter, Madelyn Diane.

J.W. is survived by his wife of sixty two years, Cloyce Ogden Brents and four children; Mark and wife Lillian of Little Rock, Pamela Brents Roberts of Little Rock; Jay Alan Brents of Holland, Arkansas, and Jennifer Brents Remow of Sheridan; eight grandchildren, Rachel Brents McBride and husband Carl of Benton, Cloyce Kathleen Brents Brooks and husband Brian of Bryant; Joshua

Williams of Little Rock; Holly Brents of Little Rock, Jason Brents and Matthew Brents of Heber Springs; Leanna Remow Bitzer and husband, Caameron of Sheridan, and Brent Remow of Bryant; twelve great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18 at Harris Chapel with Bro. Bob Minick officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends one hour before the service.

Pallbearers will be Caameron Bitzer, Holly Brents, Jeff Corbitt, Jimmy Craig, Dean Martin, Eric Ogden, and Greg Ogden. Honorary Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jason Brents, Matthew Brents, Brent Remow, and Joshua Williams.

Tribute Wall



“ *J.W. Brents*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I send all my love, prayers and sympathy to you dear people. So sorry for your loss.*

Lana

Lana McCormick - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ *Love all of you, I know it's always hard no matter how much you prepare. This is one of my favorite's hope it bring's just a little peace and comfort. When I come to the end of the road And the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a littlebut not too long And not with your head bowed low.Remember the love that we once shared, Miss mebut let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take And each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart Go to the friends we know And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss MeBut Let me Go!*

Christopher Donahue - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ *You all are in our prayers through this tuff time. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers. The King family*

Justin King - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM

MW

“ *Soar with the angels our friend*

Martha & Don Wstts - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM

BR

“ *j.w. was not only a great boss but a good friend-I will miss him-he was always there for me when we worked together and always took time to make our work better-the world was a better place for him being here.*

bill rawlings - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM

SM

“ *I will never forget JW pulling my teeth when I was a child living across the street. I especially remember the second time, when I walked around for days with a string hanging out of my mouth, that was tied to my tooth. JW promised it would not hurt and it would not bleed. He gave a gentle touch on the string and the tooth fell out, no pain and no blood. He always had a smile and I know he will be missed.*

Sherry Hess Measel - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM

PK

“ Cloyce and family, Ruthe and I were so saddened to hear of J.W.s passing. We have such warm and wonderful memories of him and the family.

My memories go back to when Bricklayers Local #1 was my first real client. When J.W. became the business agent we were in regular contact over many issues facing the union and the labor movement. I learned a great deal about how to relate to people from him. He was exceedingly kind to me and was always patient. When he retired and became a gentleman farmer we made the trip out to collect our produce. I have never forgotten him and you all and I will always think of him fondly and with great thanks for all he did for me. He was so much more than a client. He was a real friend to me.

Phiip Kaplan - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM

LK

“ Pam and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Lila Lee King

Lila Lee King - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM

SB

“ Cloyce: I have been out of town and did not know until I read the Petit Jean Headlight a few minutes ago that JW had passed away. I am truly sorry for your loss. We have all been friends for many years, even though we seldom saw each other. Sorry I was not here to attend his service. Anything I can do, please call or write. Much Sympathy to you and your family - Shirley

Shirley Bean - June 29, 2018 at 07:23 PM