

James Louis (Jimmy) Brown

With a heart as grand as the legacy he leaves behind, James Louis Brown, affectionately known as Jimmy to his friends and family, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2024, in Austin, Texas. Born on May 18, 1936, in Long Beach, California, Jimmy's journey through life was marked by his unwavering courage, his selfless nature, and his remarkable handiness that could bring the most intricate of blueprints to life.

Jimmy's rich tapestry of life was woven with love and dedication, as he stood as a pillar of strength for his family. His first wife, Grace Spence, was by his side for 41 beautiful years until her passing. He found love again with Barbara Jennings McCalmont, sharing 16 wonderful years until her passing as well. Jimmy was a cherished son to his late parents, Walter Louis Brown and Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Morgan. The bond he shared with his daughters was nothing short of extraordinary; while his daughter Cindy Shields preceded him in death, his love for her remained eternal. His surviving daughter Leslie Neitzke, her husband Rich, and their son Christopher Woodworth, along with his daughter Jamie Brown, are testaments to the love and wisdom he imparted.

Jimmy's life was further enriched by his bonus children, Ron Jennings and Tom O'Brien, Randy and Jill Jennings, Rene and Marty Romell, and Darryl and Michelle McCalmont. His ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren will carry forward his legacy of kindness and fortitude, each reflecting a facet of his enduring spirit.

For 36 years, Jimmy served the Austin Police Department with honor and distinction. His commitment to protecting and serving the community was not just a job but a calling he fulfilled with every ounce of his being. His colleagues knew him as a man of integrity, a mentor who led by example, and a friend who could always be counted on.

Beyond his professional life, Jimmy was a proud Master Mason and member of Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220 AF & AM. His dedication to the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth was evident in all his actions. He also brought his competitive spirit and camaraderie to the local bowling leagues, where he enjoyed many strikes, spares, and the occasional gutter ball, always with a smile on his face.

As the sun sets on Jimmy's life here on earth, his story does not end. It continues in the hearts he touched, the lives he changed, and the community he so loved. He was a beacon of hope, a source of

strength, and a true friend to all. Jimmy's life was a journey of joy, laughter, and boundless love, and though he may have left this world, his light will forever shine in the memories we hold dear.

James Louis Brown's life will be celebrated in accordance with his wishes, surrounded by those who loved him most. As we bid him farewell, we take solace in the knowledge that his was a life well-lived, full of purpose and brimming with love. Rest in peace, dear Jimmy, until we meet again.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Harrell Funeral Home of Austin.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Harrell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Live Oak Cemetery in Manchaca, Texas.