



## Richard Fickett Brown

February 22, 1926 - February 6, 2018

Richard Fickett Brown, Jr.

Another of the Great Generation has gone to be with the Lord. On February 6, 2018 Mr. Richard Fickett Brown, who would have been 92-years-old on February 22nd, greeted his wife of 63 years, Betty and the many who went before him. He passed into eternity in the home he designed and built in 1970 surrounded and bathed in love from his daughters and the many caregivers. What a blessing it is to know without a doubt he is sitting at the feet of Jesus. Richard served in World War II as an Army corpsman in the Pacific Islands on the troop carrier, U.S.S. Barnstable. This ship was one of the first to enter Japan after the devastation of the atomic bombs that ended the war; he has many pictures of the Japan harbor and other pictures of his time in the military. He had many stories to tell; one of which he was the only soldier to carry a gun when they landed on the beaches after the battles were over; this to protect "his doctor."

After World War II, he came back to Atlanta and began a life as an electrician. It is during this time he met and married our mother. During the time he was building their first home, mother gave birth to their first daughter, Dianne. Thinking it a good way to earn extra money for his family, he joined the Air Force Reserve, only to be called up for active duty in the Korean War. Thankfully, he served his duty on Ramey Air Force Base as an electrician, where his second daughter, Christine, was born.

The family of four moved back to Atlanta. It was after coming home and

getting settled again that he realized his gift from God was to become a developer and contractor. He went on to build home after home in Cascade Heights. In the home he built there, mother had two more daughters. She so wanted to give our father a son, but as daddy said, "I have another piano player".

Richard also was involved in the community in Cascade Heights. He was a member of the Cascade Heights Kiwanis Club, and during the years 1960-1966 served as treasurer.

In the 1970s, he decided it was time to branch out to Coweta County, where he purchased large tracts of land. He went on to design and develop several subdivisions in Sharpsburg, which was quite isolated at that time. He arranged to have gas run from Newnan to the subdivision, which was a real victory, but the water company was not willing to go that far. For this reason, he designed his own private water system with five artesian wells and a private 100,000-gallon storage tank. He loved this system and spent his later years taking care of this and making it the best EPD Mountain District has seen.

Richard loved his Country and his Lord. He served as a deacon and on many other boards, at Cascade Baptist Church for many years. When he moved to Coweta, he did the same at First Baptist. In later years when it became hard to drive, he joined Grace Baptist Church, which was closer to his home. He spent his life providing for his family sacrificially and always jumped in to help those who needed help in any way. He was a true southern gentleman who would give you the shirt off his back.

He is survived by his four daughters; Dianne Templeton (Rick), Christine Toperzer (Martin), Suzanne (Harry), and Sharon. He has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Honorary members of his family were his caretakers; Jasmine, Shakira, Brikel, Shonnie, Chad, and Tonya. We could have not gotten through many difficult situations without them and daddy loved every one of them.

As he requested, a private service was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. He was laid to rest next to our dear mother; together for eternity.

As his girls often said, “Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a daddy, “ and he was our daddy. What a great man, what a great father, what a great father-in-law, what a great granddaddy and great-great granddaddy. He will be so, so missed.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **Forest Lawn Memorial Park**

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ So sorry for the loss of this fine gentleman who was such a lovely friend to all of us.  
I can remember, so often of my mom (passed in 2014 at 91yrs.) saying to me that she thought that man was such a kind soul. He is missed.

*God bless your family.*

*Evelyn*

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**Evelyn** - March 02, 2018 at 08:25 AM

SU

“ 1 file added to the album Richard in his Gator Sept 2017



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**Suzanne** - February 12, 2018 at 06:25 PM

SK

*It was an honor to have my father approve of our work here in Molena.*

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**Suzanne Kozee** - February 12, 2018 at 07:30 PM

RB

“ I first met Richard about 40 years ago when we moved to Shoal Creek Forest. He was one of the hardest working men that I had ever seen. He was building houses, maintaining the water system and had a unique memory and knowledge of the construction and utilities in the neighborhood. I saw and talked with him often since I live next to the water tank access. He always stopped to talk when I was outside in the yard.

We had many interesting conversations especially about his service in the Navy during WWII. Richard was certainly one of the members of “The Greatest Generation”.

One of the stories that I remember Richard told me was how he was selected to be a Navy Corpsman that was called Pharmacist’s Mate during WWII. He said that he was selected because of his previous medical experience. His previous medical experience was that he had worked in a drug store before joining the Navy as a “soda jerk”.

Richard was always helpful to me and the residents of Shoal Creek. I can remember Richard in his eighties with his grandson digging a 6ft ditch in the hot summer sun to connect a new home to the water system. I know the family will miss Richard and I want to express my condolences to the family.

*Robert Birdsong*

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**Robert Birdsong** - February 11, 2018 at 02:31 PM

AK

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Alethea and Kevin** - February 11, 2018 at 12:30 PM

CH

*90th birthday, his whole family celebrated the day. Nothing made him happier to have all four girls home.*

Christine - February 11, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JT

“ I have so many fond memories of Richard; my dearest Granddad. When we lose a loved one on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. As my niece and I rode Richard’s gator around his property after his passing I told her, “He is already watching us Shea. He’s yelling at us to slow down already.” The sun was shining and the birds were happily singing. I thought I would have an empty feeling at Maw-Maw and Richards house that day with them both gone, but I didn’t. I felt safe, loved, and protected by their presence all around me. Thank you for being a wonderful Daddy to my Parents and my Aunts. Thank you for being such a loving supportive grandfather and great grandfather to our children! You are a true role model and inspiration to us all! I’ll say just like you told me Richard on the last day I saw you. “I sure will miss you!”

*Julia Turner*

Julia Turner - February 11, 2018 at 09:17 AM

KT

“ We love you Richard, you were a wonderful grandfather and great grandfather to our precious Emma!!!!Emma will always know how wonderful of a man you were!!!! We will miss you !!!!! Nathan, Katrina and Emma Toperzer

Katrina toperzer - February 10, 2018 at 06:15 PM

SB

“ *Mr. Richard was an awesome man who brought joy to my life. I was blessed to have been given the opportunity to know him. I remember first meeting him and telling him about my dreams of becoming a nurse. He believed in me when I didn't believe in myself and I thank him for that. He was a very loving man who taught me soo much in life. Not only was he my patient, he became apart of my family as I did his. I love you Mr. Richard and miss you dearly.*

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**Shakari Bell** - February 10, 2018 at 12:47 PM

JB

“ *Mr Richard was not just my patient, but a friend and father. I've only known him and the family a little over 6 years, but it has felt like a life time. Mr Richard was a great man and he loved his family. He has always made me feel part of the family. It's been hard for me these past few days, but I know he is now with the lord, his wife and many others. You are loved and will forever be missed. I love you Mr Richard. We shall meet again oneday.*

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**Jasmine Beasley** - February 10, 2018 at 10:55 AM

SW

“ Mr. Richard and his sweet wife became much more than the family who built our third home. We bought it in 1992 when it was eleven years old. Mr. Richard would read our water meter so we got to know him and since he was in charge of our water system we stayed in constant contact. He gave a dear friend a job when he couldn't find work and so we got to know Richard and to my surprise he had built houses in Cascade Heights where I grew up. I lost my dad when he was 51 and he was also a vet of WW2 and Mr. Richard enjoyed relating stories of his career and comparing them to the ones Daddy had told me. I felt almost like Mr. Richard was an uncle and when I passed by Shoal Creek Forest this week I told my son I hoped Mr. Richard was okay. He helped watch out when my Yorkie got lost and told me about a vacant house and yard a few doors down. I drove my Honda and sure enough, our dog had gotten into that fence and couldn't get out. In 1995. I awoke to a gushing water noise and had no idea where the cut off was and I called Mr. Richard. He wasn't the least bit upset at being awakened before dawn and instructed me about the cut off valve. I spoke to him a few months after I sold our lovely home in 2012 and he was so cordial and said he hated to lose me after owning the home over 20 years.

*I want to express my deepest sympathy to all of the Brown family and am praying for your comfort.*

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**Susan Weegar** - February 09, 2018 at 04:54 PM

BE

“ My family has lived in one of his houses for over 27 years. Rest In Peace sir.

*Bishop David Epps  
Shoal Creek Forest*

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**Bishop David Epps** - February 09, 2018 at 08:04 AM

TC

“ I was honored to have known Mr. Brown. I issued many permits to him in Coweta County. He was always a pleasure to work with and became part of our family. Please know that he will always be an important part of Coweta County history and will never be forgotten. I will pray for all of you. Tina Chamberlain

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**Tina Ward Chamberlain** - February 09, 2018 at 07:09 AM

JB

“ We bought our home in 1980. We added an apartment down stairs. We thought we could cut a few corners, but Richard said no. He said he would use the same materials as was upstairs. Richard dug a trench for my asparagus bed. He got tiles for my raised beds and many other favors . He was a true friend. He was a blessing to Shoal Creek. We will miss him.  
Jim and Catherine Barnette

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**Jim Barnette** - February 09, 2018 at 06:59 AM

NJ

“ Richard was a wonderful man. We bought our first home from him in Shoal Creek Forest back in '88! And we still live in that home! He was a sweet soul & heaven gained a precious angel. God bless his family. I know he will be missed!  
Hal & Nancy Jones

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**Nancy Jones** - February 08, 2018 at 10:29 PM