



## Brother Phil Brown

June 28, 1955 - June 7, 2026

Brother Phil Brown, 70, of New Castle, went home to be with his Lord, Savior, and best friend early Sunday morning, June 7, 2026, at Henry Community Health.

He was born June 28, 1955, in Albany, Kentucky, a son of the late Howard James and Bercie Florence (Radford) Brown.

Phil was a 1973 graduate of Walter P. Chrysler High School. On August 15, 1975, he married the love of his life and faithful ministry companion, Christina McGaha, beginning a partnership that would span five decades.

At the age of 33, Phil answered the Lord's call to ministry. For the past 35 years, he faithfully served as pastor of Northside Church of God. Known affectionately as "Bro. Phil," he devoted his life to shepherding others, sharing God's love, and walking alongside his church family through both joyful and difficult seasons.

Phil worked for Astral Casket Company in Lynn for more than 20 years and later retired from Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo following 15 years of service.

He was a kind and caring man whose warm smile and servant's heart left a

lasting impression on everyone he met. Phil consistently put others before himself and deeply loved his grandchildren, though his greatest joy was always his family.

Phil enjoyed “tinkering” on cars, woodworking, and creating things with his hands. He especially enjoyed fishing at his friend Dallas’s property. A hardworking man, he took great pride in making special chests for each of his children and grandchildren—gifts that will remain treasured reminders of his love. He also enjoyed collecting coins.

Those left to cherish Bro. Phil’s memory include his wife of 50 years, Chris Brown; two sons, Phillip Michael (Ashley) Brown and Steven Howard Brown, both of New Castle; a daughter, Rachel Rene Johnson of New Castle; his grandchildren, Makayla Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Mikenley Brown, Isaac Brown, Addy Brown, Emmy Brown, and Coltynn “Matthew” Johnson; siblings, Glenda Brown (Don) of Georgia, Tim (Debbie) Brown of Leitchfield, KY, Buffy Brown of Detroit, Michigan, and Betsy (Donnie) Collins of Byrdstown, TN; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2026, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Bro. Clifford Price and Pastor Rick Evans officiating. Burial will follow in Mooreland Cemetery.

To view the Livestream of Bro. Phil's Funeral Service, Click Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/obituaries/phil-brown-3/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>).

Visitation will be held from 4–8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to Northside Church of God or to Grandma Katie McClure’s Reading Endowment Fund through the Henry

County Community Foundation (HCCF) by Clicking Here ([https://henryccf.fcsu.edu.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1274](https://henryccf.fcsu.edu.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1274)).

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Brother Phil Brown.

# Cemetery Details

## Mooreland Cemetery

7700 US 36  
Mooreland, IN 47360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

## Funeral

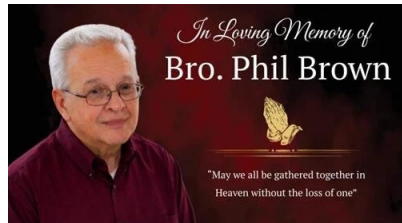
JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Brother Phil Brown*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - June 12 at 08:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - June 11 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Carolyn (Radford) Burkhead purchased the Simple Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brother Phil Brown.*



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**Carolyn (Radford) Burkhead** - June 11 at 10:39 AM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 10 at 07:37 PM



“ Brother Browns family I am saddened to hear that Phil has passed away. I have fond memories of him saving me at age 11 in Northside Church of God with Roy and Edna Ferguson. You all coming to the Oney reunions at the park, visiting at the Ferguson house and Brother Brown helped do the service for my grandma Ferguson back in 2007. Brother Brown go rest high on that mountain, Your work on earth is done and I do know you went to Heaven a shouting. You will be deeply missed. God bless and Prayers 🙏😭 Natalie, Eric Turk and Sharon and J.C. York



Natalie Turk - June 10 at 06:30 PM



“ I worked with Phil at Chrysler. We talked often about God and salvation. After the Lord his favorite subject was his family, especially his wife. He talked about how she was his sweetheart and every Friday they had a standing date. I learned a lot from Phil. He will be very missed.

Rhonda Laird - June 09 at 12:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brother Phil Brown.*



June 09 at 03:08 AM



“ *A great friend and companion in the gospel! Many precious memories I'll treasure forever! Praying for all the family that God will give them comfort...*

**Rick Evans** - June 08 at 09:37 PM



“ *Brother Phil was a kind and loving man and a faithful servant of Jesus. Our great loss as a family, church, and community is certainly Heaven's gain. My prayers are with Chris, Mike, Steven, Rachel, and all of the family. Love you all. Tony*

**Anthony May** - June 08 at 07:22 PM



*Great man of God ! So sorry to hear 🙏😞*

**Brenda Jones** - June 09 at 06:07 AM