



## Ralph Morrison Brawley, III

September 24, 1939 - July 10, 2021

Ralph Morrison Brawley III, 81, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away on July 10, 2021. He was born on September 24, 1939 in Mooresville, North Carolina to the late Nellie Brawley Wrenn and the late Ralph Brawley, Jr.

Mr. Brawley served his country proudly in the United States Army. Ralph loved to go to the beach and his house in Southport. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. His real passion, however, was in shaping metal. He owned Coach Craft, Inc for over 30 years where he restored rare and classic cars, specializing in Porsches. He was very instrumental in the design of several safety features of NASCAR. His hands and his mind were genius beyond description when dealing with automobiles and metal.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his first wife, Melissa Craven Brawley.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Combs Brawley; children, Ralph Morrison "Morrie" Brawley IV, Bess Broyhill (Rob); step-children, Endia Plunkett (Andrew) and Zack Mitchell; grandchildren, Clayton Morrison Broyhill and Melissa Grace Broyhill; step-grandchildren, Andreas Plunkett and Navarro Plunkett; sister, Sherry Alexander (Donnie); niece, Leslie Peters (Cory) and children, Cade and Remy Kate Peters; nephew, Benjy Alexander; and very special friend, Bobby Connor.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in the Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home from 2:00 - 4:00pm. A private burial will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Brawley family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 East Plaza Drive  
Hwy 150  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ *To Morrie and all the Brawley Family I send my deepest sympathy in the loss of Ralph. I have fond memories of days gone by with the MHS Band. Blessings for your futures.*

*Willie Beaver*

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**Willie Beaver** - July 18, 2021 at 11:03 PM

JI

“ *JOYCE INGRAM lit a candle in memory of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III*



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**JOYCE INGRAM** - July 13, 2021 at 04:03 PM

JI

*Rodney Benfield and Joyce Ingram and Chris and Lance Ingram are sorry for your loss. Your father was a friend to so many people in this town and will be missed.*

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**JOYCE INGRAM** - July 13, 2021 at 04:11 PM

LP

“ *Linda C Poole lit a candle in memory of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III*



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**Linda C Poole** - July 13, 2021 at 01:33 PM

NW

“ *Nina Newton Wall lit a candle in memory of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III*



Nina Newton Wall - July 13, 2021 at 05:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III.*



July 12, 2021 at 11:22 AM

MS

“ *FOR THOSE OF US THAT REALLY KNEW MR. BRAWLEY, WE CALLED HIM " MUTT". I WAS SOME YEARS YOUNGER THAN THE GROUP I RAN WITH. R.A. WHITE AND I WENT TO MUTT'S MAMA'S HOUSE QUITE OFTEN. HE WOULD ALWAYS BE IN THE WHITE SIDED GARAGE WORKING ON THE M.G.! I HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM WORK ON ANYTHING ELSE DURING THOSE EARLY DAYS OF MY YOUTH. I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR THE NEWS OF MUTT'S PASSING. HE WAS AMONG MANY I GREW UP WITH IN MOORESVILLE AND FORMED AN EVERLASTING MEMORE. GOD BLESS FAMILY AND SHERRY !*



MIKE MOORE (RET.) CATAWBA COUNTY SHERIFF - July 12, 2021 at 07:19 AM

DC

“ *Dianne Arnold Cowart lit a candle in memory of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III*



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**Dianne Arnold Cowart** - July 11, 2021 at 10:35 AM

LH

“ *Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III*



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**Leila Hobbs** - July 11, 2021 at 07:39 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Morrison Brawley, III.*



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July 11, 2021 at 07:35 AM