



## Ray Arthur Brawley

April 19, 1930 - January 10, 2019

Ray Arthur Brawley, 88, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at his home. He was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will take place on Saturday, January 19th at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC.

He was born April 19, 1930, to the late Troy and Mary (Lentz) Brawley. He graduated from Troutman High School in 1948 and from Catawba College with a degree in biology. He began his career at Celeste Henkel School, later teaching at Mooresville Junior High School. For over two decades, he taught at J.M. Alexander Middle School in Huntersville, NC, serving as Science Department Chair for many years. "Mr. Brawley" was a knowledgeable and motivating educator, respected by colleagues and students alike. He was also a devout Christian, having been a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 40 years, serving in various leadership positions. Ray was a master gardener and an antique and genealogy enthusiast. He was well-read and blessed with a curious intellect and a quick wit.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Billie (Sherrill) Brawley; daughter, Rebecca (Brawley) Thompson; son, Bradley R. Brawley; granddaughters, Elizabeth (Brawley) Nanney and husband Hunter; Avery Thompson, Katy

Thompson; grandsons, Jeffrey Brawley, Will Thompson; brother, James W. Brawley (Ruby) and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers, Price Brawley, Allman Brawley and sisters Geneva B. Harrell, Sara B. Wheeler, and Ruth B. Callison.

Memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC or the National Kidney Foundation.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Brawley. 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

## Memorial Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
249 W. McLelland Ave.  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Arthur Brawley*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ray Arthur Brawley*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Ray Arthur Brawley*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Just today learned of Mr. Brawley's death and it brought fond memories of Science class in the 8th and 9th grades at Alexander...he was a kind and gentle soul, who tolerated Emily Bliss and I sitting next to each other...but in remembering him, I also remember Mrs. Brawley who had all the Sharp children at some point at Cornelius Elementary for Music. May his memory be blessed.*

**JoAnne Sharp** - May 09, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *In our 8th grade (1962-63) science class at Mooresville Junior High School, we loved and respected our Mister Brawley. I am certain that he deserves a great reward in heaven.*

**Gene Millsaps** - January 16, 2019 at 09:28 AM

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*Thanks! He always enjoyed seeing his former students around town.*

**Brad Brawley** - January 16, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ *One of the finest men I have ever known . We had some of the best conversations and he was so smart. We picked apples and blackberries and figs together. My prayers are with you Bibbie and family.*

**Diana Hyman** - January 15, 2019 at 08:35 PM

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*Thank you Diana!*

**Brad Brawley** - January 16, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Ray Arthur Brawley.*



January 13, 2019 at 05:57 PM

DC

“ *i had mr brawley in school,he was a very nice guy great teacher.my thoughts and prayers are with his family,rip ray. dave cook,bangkok thailand.*

**dave cook** - January 12, 2019 at 10:48 PM

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*Thank you for you kind words! Brad Brawley*

**Brad Brawley** - January 13, 2019 at 11:25 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. My first memory of Ray was in the 1950's. I was a student at Troutman High School and Billie Cress was my music teacher. This newlywed couple hosted an outing for the Glee Club at their home. I remember Ray cooking hamburgers on the charcoal grill in the field, I was impressed with his support of his wife's career and putting up with all these kids.

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**Brenda Byrd** - January 12, 2019 at 07:05 AM

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*Thank you!*

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**Brad Brawley** - January 13, 2019 at 11:26 AM