



Melvin Brown

August 22, 2015

Melvin Brown, 80, departed this life on Saturday, August 22, 2015, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Born on December 22, 1934, in Jonestown, Mississippi, Melvin moved to Toledo at 18 years of age. After several years working, he decided he wanted to become an entrepreneur and joined the Minority Contractors Association and started his own construction company called Mel Brown Trucking. He owned several Mack dump trucks and employed 4 drivers and 3 cement finishers. He was especially proud of his children and grandchildren. Melvin loved music and dancing and was always the life of the party. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey and Bessie Brown, and two sisters, Dorothy and Cindy Fay. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Christene Brown; 8 children, Gloria (Duane) Davis, Velma (Lee) Thomas, Sharon (David) Flynt, Carolyn (Joseph) Wilkes, Melvin Brown Jr., Michelle (James) Overton, Maria Baker and Mary Brown; five sisters, Lucille Julian, Bertha DeWalt, Hazel Martin, Katie Brown, Maryetta (James) Henderson, Aubrey (Betty) Brown Jr.; 17 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; special cousin, Ernestine Crocket, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Visitation will be Friday 5 - 8 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, wake services Saturday 10 a.m., followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. St. Mark's Baptist Church, Rev. Timothy Clark officiant, Rev. I.J. Johnson pastor. Interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. www.dalefh.com