



## Major (Retired) William O. Brown

March 17, 1927 - October 25, 2017

Major William O. Brown (Retired)

Born: March 17th, 1927

Promoted to Glory: October 25th, 2017

Major William O. Brown, 90, was promoted to Glory on Wednesday evening, October 25th, surrounded by his family. William was born to Oliver and Dorothy Brown on the 17th of March 1927 in Gary, IN. He served honorably with the US Army in WW2 and the Korean War, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1953, on the 26th of December, he married Alice Seitzinger in Hammond, IN. Alice and Bill entered the Salvation Army School for Officers Training in Chicago in the fall of 1958, and were commissioned as Officers (ordained ministers) in June of 1959. They served with dedication for 33 years. Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Alice; daughter, Bonnie (Michael) Burgess of Arlington Heights; son, Bradford (Lisa) Brown of Centennial, CO; foster daughter Carolyn Brown, Gary, IN; grandchildren, Alexandra, Ashley, Carly and Chandler Burgess and Austin Brown; great grandson Hunter; brother, Richard (Grace) Belmont of Florissant, MO; brothers-in-law, James Carneal of Phoenix, AZ and William Lewis of Wheatfield, IN. Preceded in death by his children, Steven, Martin (Marty) and Patrick Brown, parents; siblings, George Brown, Betty Carneal, Leslie Belmont, Frances Lewis, James Belmont; and. Memorial visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. on November 4th, 2017, followed by a Celebration of Life at 10:30 at The Salvation Army Temple

Corps, 500 S. Rockford Ave. Rockford. Capt. Nathaniel Doria will officiate. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services have assisted the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northern Illinois Hospice Foundation. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

The Salvation Army Rockford Temple Corps.  
500 South Rockford Ave.  
Rockford, IL

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We have the best memories of Major Brown and the entire family and Grandma Belmont... Our entire family attend the Salvation Army Midwest Corp under their leadership! So many of our best life experiences came from the things that we did, place we went, things that we learned and people who became our extended family while they were our Corp officers and lifelong friends! We have so many great memories, There's no way we can single out just one. The one thing the we will never forget is his smile. He will truly be missed by many.

*The Stanton Family*

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**Birdie Stanton-Hall** - November 09, 2017 at 11:44 PM

BS

“ Birdie Stanton-Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Major (Retired) William O. Brown



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**Birdie Stanton-Hall** - November 09, 2017 at 11:30 PM

KE

“ My condolences to the family of Major Brown. We are all saddened when death touches our lives. May we look to God's Word with hope and confidence in the promises held out for us. Luke 6:40

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**Ken** - November 06, 2017 at 08:31 AM

BB

“ We couldn't write our story without mentioning the warmest thoughts of Major Brown. He was our Officer (pastor), our friend and a family member to us for many years while serving at the Chicago Midwest Corp.



*Our hearts are broken but the(memories) makes us smile!!!*

*To The Family.....*

*Our Sympathy,Love and Prayers*

*The Stanton Family*

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**Barbara Stanton Black** - November 03, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) William O. Brown.



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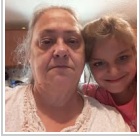
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MM

“ WE Cherish all the memories, Alice, you & Bill have been loved by many, wish I could be with you at this time. But I am there in spirit.  
*Bob & Marlene McDonald*

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**marlene mcdonald** - October 29, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS GO TO THE FAMILY OF UNCLE BILL, HE WAS ONE GOOD MAN, REST IN PEACE, ALTA AND ALLEN STRICKLAND



Alta Strickland - October 28, 2017 at 07:48 PM

SS

“ Bill Brown Maj. Retired was my role model. I loved him dearly. He was my late Husband Ed best friend. Oh the stories. The best one a dead pigeon in Catilina. I am so happy I shared fun time in April of 2017. Will never forget Bro. BILL.

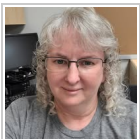


SISTER IN CHRIST MARY STEHMAN - October 28, 2017 at 05:25 PM

CB

“ Uncle Bill never had anything bad to say about anybody he always had the biggest smile on his face always welcomed you with a hug a kiss he was just an amazing man very caring for everybody I don't think there's anybody that he met that he never did like he always has something good to say about everybody and he loved me

Carolyn L Brown - October 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ I always enjoyed listening to his accounts of what God is doing in Panama. A truly loving man! Becky Watts

Becky Watts - October 28, 2017 at 02:06 PM