



# Wayne Earl Brackin

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**W**ayne Earl Brackin was born in Slocomb, Alabama on September 6, 1948 to Bunion Young Brackin & Mertie Jewel Smith Brackin. He was one of eleven brothers and sisters: James Benjamin Brackin, James Roy Brackin, Billy Ray Brackin, Donald Gene Brackin, Betty Jewel Murphy, Martha Merle Leopold, Carolyn Elizabeth Everlyn, Johnny Wayne Brackin, Tommy Brackin & Linda Sue Henderson. He moved to Florida as a child, a Lakeland resident of over 60 years. During his time in Florida, he married and had 2 sons Terry Dwayne Brackin and Michael Edward Brackin. He later found companion Teresa Huneycutt and had son Cory Wayne Brackin and daughters Misty Dawn Huneycutt and Mindy Lyn Huneycutt. Following soon after, he was blessed with 14 grandchildren: Cody Brackin, Bailey Birdwell, Katelyn Harrison, Brooke Armstrong, Eric Bednar, Justin Bednar, Mason D'azzo, Elaina Brackin, Aubrey Lynch, Addyson Lynch, Isabelle Lynch, Haedyn Huneycutt, Brayleigh Huneycutt, & Maycie Baker, and 5 great-grandchildren: Braylon Williams, Cohen Williams, Callahan Birdwell, Alan Harrison & Conway Harrison. He always enjoyed bringing the family together and hosting events locally and all over the south to bring people together.

His love for oysters ran deep in the Brackin family; Wayne owned many local oyster bars and restaurants—a way to share his love for food and family. Wayne's Smokehouse, Wayne's Oyster Bar, Cooter Brown's and Dino's were just a few places where many memories were made. He was also known for a spontaneous road trip to enjoy an oyster lunch. Travelling was another hobby for Wayne—he visited all but 5 states with his children. Wayne loved farming, cucumbers, black eyed peas and watermelon were his favorites. Most of all, most of his time was spent working hard with family.

His working years were invested in the construction industry, particularly land development, most recently as Project Manager for Highland Homes since 2005. He loved his work and the



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relationships he built over the years. He was adamant about not retiring and working until his last day, which he accomplished!

Wayne was loved by many and will be deeply missed.




# Events

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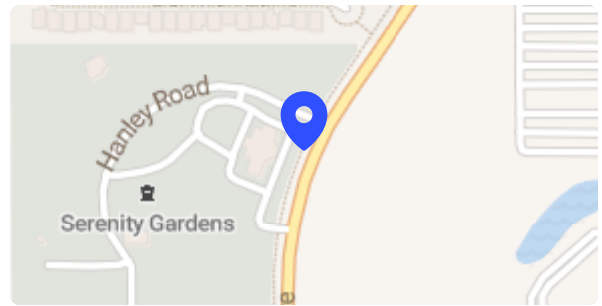
## Visitation

 **Friday**, October 14, 2022

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel**

3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810



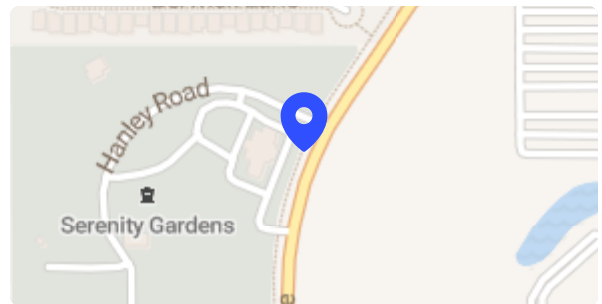
## Funeral Service

 **Friday**, October 14, 2022

 2:00 PM ET

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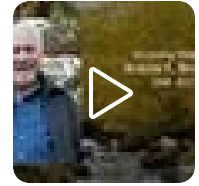
# Tribute Wall

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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** shared a **Video**.



October 13 at 7:48 AM



**Charlie Meeks** posted:

Shared many a belly laugh with Wayne over the years. Was a classmate of Johnny's and probably closer to Tommy because I was a Benny's regular for so many years. It was fun reconnecting with Wayne on Facebook these last few years. And he really enjoyed his retirement years as much as anyone and was happy for him. But now sad for his family which he clearly loved. Catch a few specks for me up in heaven buddy. The tribute was beautiful.

October 16 at 11:38 PM



**Carl Hudson** posted:

An awesome friend for years..I hope he's at peace now..the Hudson family

October 16 at 1:23 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Brackin family.



October 14 at 6:30 AM



**Susan Malcuit** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Brackin family.



October 13 at 7:50 AM



**Karen Gianos** posted:

Wayne used to see me in the office and bello out "hey Karen". He was just the nicest man. He will be greatly missed. Hugs to his family.

October 12 at 3:54 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Brackin family.

October 12 at 10:13 AM



**The Team At Con-Sur, Inc.** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brackin family.

October 12 at 6:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Brackin family.

October 11 at 5:27 PM



**Jennifer Ruppel** posted:

I worked with Wayne at Highland Homes for 15 years. When I first started we worked in the same office and I loved to hear his voice around the corner and see his smile. He was always generous with his spirit, great at his job and just really fun to be around, He will leave a whole in the heart of our Highland Family and will be greatly missed. Prayer for each of his family members as they cope with the loss of this beloved man.

October 11 at 12:00 PM



**Sherri Harrison** October 11 at 1:51 PM

My daddy, Richard Pridgen, ran Eastern Oil Company service station from 1969-1976, and Wayne was a loyal customer and good friend of his. My dad loved the Brackins, Wayne, Benny, Johnny....and spoke of them often. It's been an honor for me to get to know Wayne myself, these last few years. What a great guy!



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Brackin family.

October 11 at 9:55 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Brackin family.

October 11 at 5:42 AM



**Jeannie Watson** posted:

I've known Wayne for over 50 years. I was part of his family once and have remained friends throughout the years. I will remember the years Wayne smoked ribs for our annual Buck Mulford fishing tournament. I'm forever your friend Wayne. Jeannie Mulford Watson.

October 11 at 4:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Brackin family.

October 10 at 4:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Brackin family.

October 10 at 4:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Brackin family.

October 10 at 2:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brackin family.

October 10 at 1:56 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brackin family.



October 10 at 1:31 PM



**Brenda J Gerstenslager** posted:

Wayne had an amazing sense of humor and I love it! He could make you laugh when you were mad or sad. He was my brother-in-law for over 30 years so I will surely miss seeing him and my sister Teresa on their trips to Ohio and thank God for every time they made it here to see us. His son Cory has that same great sense of humor his dad had, and I think in that alone he has left a great legacy and Cory will continue it and keep us laughing and happy through the years to come. Smile down on us always big guy we love you and will miss you! R.I.P Wayne and Teresa together again.

October 10 at 1:23 PM



**Louise Bracewell** lit a candle in honor of Wayne.

Wayne a brother in-law for many years lots of memories and the love of his my family always in my heart ❤️ I was in his family at age of 12 and always loved his kindness love and humor rest in peace my dear friend miss and love you always Brother. Louise Brackin Bracewell



October 10 at 12:46 PM



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wayne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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