



### **Marvin Lee Broome, Jr.**

December 24, 1946 – August 22, 2024

Marvin entered into Heaven on August 22, 2024. Most recently, a longtime resident of Bluff Park, Alabama, Marvin was born to Marvin Lee Broome, Sr. and Martha (Franks) Broome on December 24, 1946, in Birmingham, Alabama. Marvin grew up in Birmingham and attended Ensley High School. He attended Jacksonville State University where he met his future wife, Diane, though at that point they remained just friends. Shortly thereafter, Marvin joined the US Navy and served overseas in Europe for 3 years.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he returned home to Birmingham and fortuitously ran into Diane, who was now a teacher at Parker High School. After years apart, they began dating and were married on July 31, 1971. Residing in Birmingham, they gave birth to a daughter, Mandy, and a son, Kerry, before moving to Bluff Park in 1980. Marvin and Diane joined Bluff Park United Methodist Church (BPUMC) in 1989 and became active members of the Church's Wesley Forum Sunday School Class.

Marvin worked at Alabama Power Company for 25 years, employed in various positions. However, towards the end of that career, he began assisting a caterer at night and on weekends and found his true calling. Soon after, he started his own catering company and filled the garage with his catering supplies. He loved to cook and share his food with others. When he was not catering a retirement party, rehearsal event, or wedding, you would usually find him at BPUMC helping in any way he could.

In his retirement years, Marvin still found himself in the kitchen. At BPUMC, he volunteered by grilling for the Annual Church BBQ and cooking and delivering meals for the Under the Bridge Ministry and First Light; two organizations supporting the homeless in Birmingham. At home, he

would whip up a large tray of banana pudding and deliver it to Hoover Fire Department Station 5. At Christmas, he would make a variety of chocolates and candies and share them with friends and neighbors.

Marvin is preceded in death by his wife, Diane. He is survived by his daughter, Mandy Duncan of Trussville (Chris), and son, Kerry Broome of Arlington, VA (Kimberly). Marvin was very proud of his grandchildren, Abby Treubig (Noah), Emma Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Colin Broome, and Landon Broome, and great-grandchildren Grayson, Lilah, and Emerson.

Marvin was very much a people person. He was funny and outgoing, and everyone usually smiled when talking to him. In his prime, he was very energetic; and you would not find him sitting still. He was always running errands and going to the store, the credit union, the pharmacy, or the church, and everyone knew him by name wherever he went.

A celebration of life service will be held at Bluff Park Methodist Church on Monday, September 2. The visitation is at 1:00 pm with a service following at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bluff Park Methodist "Under the Bridge Ministry" which provides food to the homeless in Birmingham.