

Citizen of the Month



Robert Earl Brown *By Cathy Redmond*



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Mr. Robert Earl Brown was born June 2, 1934, he is the son of Robert and Jessie Brown, Mr. Earl was the only son of three children (two sisters). Mr. Earl has been married to his wife Emma Jean Watson Brown for forty-eight years, she is consistently working with him throughout the mowing season or any time she is needed. They have two girls, Teresa Stewart and Gail Presley, and five grandchildren.



Earl Brown and the familiar brown truck.

Mr. Earl retired from Samsonite after service of thirty-five years. A Samsonite co-worker, Mr. Ernest Bogle, drives twenty-seven miles each way to visit with Mr. Earl. They have been friends for twenty-five years. Another longtime friend is Mr. Hubert Little. He is retired from the County Highway Department. Mr. Earl does not have much time to chat in the summer, but in the winter, his friends can sit inside the shop, next to his wood heater and talk most of the day.

Mr. Earl attended Rover School. Mr. Earl is the owner of Brown's Lawnmowing Service, which he has operated it for thirty-six years. He has two employees; David Pithford

with five years service and Tommy Tune with sixteen years service. His business is located about five miles south of Eagleville. Most of our community people are well aware of his business location. We are forever in need of his services and he is a valuable citizen of our community. Who else will come to pick up your lawnmower to be fixed and bring it back repaired. Mr. Earl has a heart of gold and shows it in the care of all his customers. I shutter at the thought of him retiring from his business, due to the difficulty to find anyone to work on your lawnmowers locally. The pick-up and delivery service is a luxury for all of us.

Whenever you go into his shop, he will always greet you with, "What can I do for you?" He is willing to stop what he is doing and take care of your desperate needs, whether it might be your lawnmower or weed-eater (He prefers to work on Echo. If you do not have an Echo, he will make you a great deal on one). Mr. Earl also works on tillers and chainsaws. You will rarely see him without a cigar in his mouth, although, I have never seen him smoke one. He rolls the cigar around in his mouth while talking or working on a lawnmower. What a picture he makes!

I met Mr. Earl several years ago, when I was in need of my mowers to be repaired. Deborah Lamb had told me that he worked on



Emma Jean Brown and Earl Brown

mowers, weed-eaters, etc. I took my mowers to him to be repaired and that was the last time. From then on, he was always there to pick up my mowers. If you listen to Harold Vincion (my neighbor) tell tales, he is forever telling stories on me and my lawn mowing. (I do mow a lot!) All I have to do is pick up the phone, call Mr. Earl about my broken down mower and he comes right over to get it. Deborah Lamb and I have a close connection with Mr. Earl. He will always work on our mowers at any given time of the day. (Thank God he does!) People will come from far and wide for him to work on their lawnmowers. In the summer, he is covered up with mowers. I know he hates to turn anyone away. He may tell you that it could be about two to three weeks before he's able to get to the job, but somehow he manages to accomplish the job sooner.

ness. If you are a first time visitor, you will not only walk away with your lawn equipment repaired, but with a new friend. And if you are a regular customer, which most of us are in the community, you will always walk away feeling better than when you walked in. Mr. Earl is truly a great person and highly respected businessman and easily should be our "Citizen of the Month". City of Eagleville and surrounding counties are grateful to have Mr. Earl as part of our lives. We all thank God each time he travels to our homes in his brown truck to pick-up our mowers. Thank you Mr. Earl Brown!

In closing, I want to say that when you go to Mr. Earl's shop, you will be treated with honesty and fair-



Employee David Pithford-checking the Echo Weedeater



David Pithford and Earl Brown getting ready for a busy summer



Earl Brown showing off his favorite Brand (Echo)