



Brown Trucking Company  
Million Mile Hall of Fame





ONE

MILLION  
SAFE MILES

“The secret of joy  
in work is  
contained in one  
word –  
excellence. To  
know how to do  
something well is  
to enjoy it.”

Pearl Buck

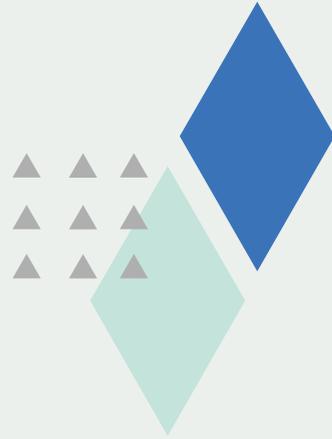


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# Safe Miles

A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping geometric shapes: a dark blue hexagon, a medium blue hexagon with four white dots, a light teal diamond, and a dark blue diamond. There are also clusters of small white triangles arranged in a grid pattern on the left and right sides of the central text box.

The million mile threshold is more valuable and difficult to achieve due to the challenges CVOs face every day. Those challenges make this milestone impossible to reach without a great deal of skill, focus and dedication.



# from the president

We've proven 2021 to be another successful year so far – congratulations!



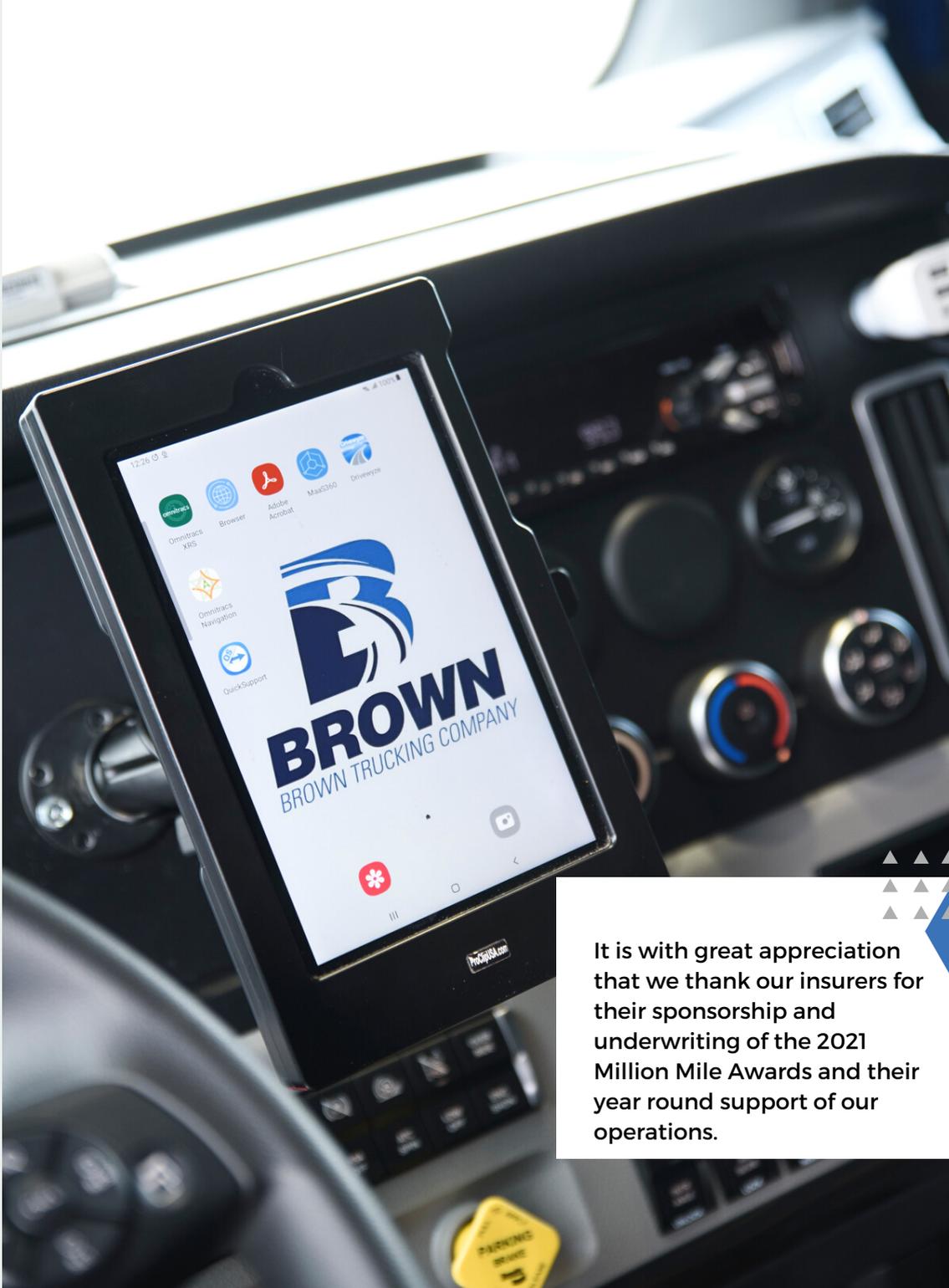
Congratulations to all the new inductees in the Brown Trucking Million Mile Hall of Fame! This year we have the honor of celebrating 14 new inductees from both the class of 2020 and the class of 2021. Additionally, we have another CVO that is being recognized as a 2 Million Mile safe driver!

The past 18 months have presented unprecedented challenges in our industry. The CVOs at Brown Trucking truly epitomized the term “essential worker” as we successfully navigated our way through the pandemic. Through shutdowns and rapidly shifting supply chains, our CVOs played an integral role in keeping America moving. We value the contributions of every CVO, but it is without question that our Million Mile honorees truly are the best of the best!

I always like to personally thank the family and friends that support our CVOs in achieving this remarkable level of success. That support has been especially vital during the recent months. Those that support our CVOs at home are significant contributors to this high level of success. Thank you for all that you do!

Thank you to all our Million Mile honorees. We appreciate your unrelenting and diligent commitment to safety. We are proud that you choose to represent Brown Trucking!

- Mike Silverwood



It is with great appreciation that we thank our insurers for their sponsorship and underwriting of the 2021 Million Mile Awards and their year round support of our operations.

Thank you to our Sponsors!



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## 2020 Hall of Fame

Our annual Million Miles award weekend is an appreciation event for our elite CVOs. We know that you have continued to work tirelessly through this pandemic, and we wanted to honor each of you with our Hall of Fame event. However, in the interest of everyone's health and safety, we decided that we would not host the 2020 event. We appreciate the almost unanimous support you have given us for this decision and we would like to honor those inductees this year.

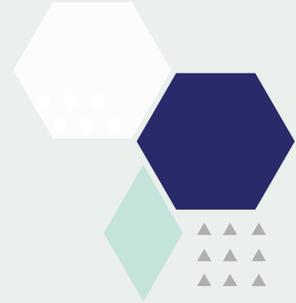
# 2020 Inductee



**MARK GREEN**  
BOWLING GREEN, KY

Mark Green lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky with his wife of thirteen years, Megan, and his 11 year- old daughter, Taylor. Mark joined Brown in 2007 and has always been conscientious, hard-working, and laser-focused on safety. If you know Mark at all, you know he's happiest on the road where he is truly "head of the household" in his truck. His wife and daughter are proud of his work ethic and are quick to remind him that they rule the house!

In his spare time, Mark enjoys watching UFC and NASCAR, playing guitar, spending time at the firing range, and maintaining the lawn. Often you will find Mark and Megan rooting on their daughter, Taylor, as she climbs the Taekwondo ranks. We're glad he's on Taylor's, and Brown's team!



# 2020 Inductee



**ERTLE JONES**  
LEXINGTON, NC

Ertle joined Brown in 2008 and he is now one of our most dependable drivers. Over the past 12 years he has continually proven himself to be a consummate professional. Both customers and operations staff appreciate Ertle's respectfulness and professionalism. He is skilled, courteous, and safe; his hard work and safety mindedness makes him an invaluable and appreciated member of the Brown family. When Ertle isn't working, you're still likely find him on the road - he enjoys time with his family, riding his Harley Davidson, or driving one of his muscle cars.

# 2020 Inductee



## **BOBBY MORGAN** CHARLOTTE, NC

Bobby has been a professional CVO since 2000 and half of that time has been as a member of the Brown Trucking family. He has a genuine love and dedication to his profession and enjoys mentoring colleagues and aspiring CVOs on the industry. He attributes achieving his goals to being strategic, and staying focused on his plan.

Bobby is originally from Clio, SC and now makes his home in Charlotte with his wife LaNelle, and daughter Lexxus.

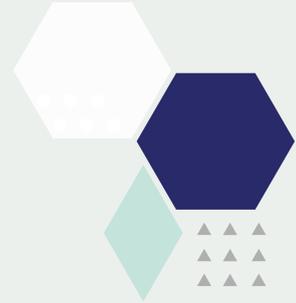
# 2020 Inductee



**MICHAEL SURLES**  
MONTGOMERY, AL

Brown has been fortunate to have had Mike Surles as a company driver for 18 years, and we hope he will be here for many more to come. He is an ambitious driver who puts unfailing effort into his dedication to safety and professionalism. Every time you meet Mike, you are greeted with warmth and a smile. Mike knows well that one reason for his success is the support of his family and wife of 38 years, Rosie.

Mike enjoys traveling and driving for Brown, and, appreciates that his job allows him to be an active father and grandfather to his three children and seven grandchildren, with whom he loves spending time. He is also very active in his church, Big Union Christian Church where he was recently appointed to the Deacon Board, as well as the head outdoor grill man for the church.

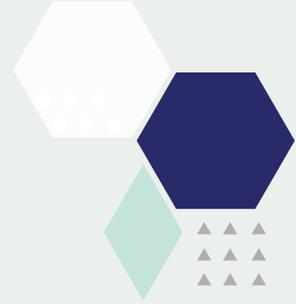




2021  
Hall of Fame



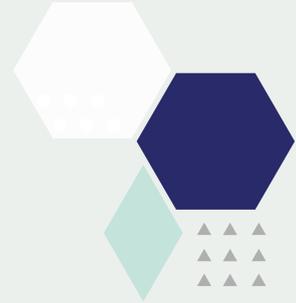
# 2021 TWO MILLION SAFE MILES HONOREE



**WILLIE WARTHEN**  
LITHONIA, GA

Willie Warthen has been a CVO for over 35 years and has been with Brown's Lithonia terminal for almost 30 of those years. Willie is a great guy who goes out of his way to take care of our customers - he always puts the customer first and understands what it takes to provide quality service. Willie is a great communicator and makes sure operations is always kept up to speed with customer issues and needs. In his spare time, Willie enjoys bike riding, spending time with his son in Alabama, and cooking out with his family. You can also catch him rooting for the Dallas Cowboys every Sunday.

# 2021 Inductee



**JOHN CRABTREE**  
RALEIGH, NC

Following in his father's footsteps, John started driving straight out of high school by hauling milk. After other careers, he joined Brown via the West Brothers in 1999 as a Hannaford driver. John has always enjoyed trucking and following the changes the industry has offered. John has been married for 34 years and has one daughter. He also enjoys yard work, working in his shop, and watching old movies.

# 2021 Inductee



**ROMEY FRIERSON**  
LITHONIA, GA

Romey Frierson has been a CVO out of our Lithonia terminal for over 13 years, and, he has been a professional CVO for over 29 years. Romey is a skilled and professional driver who always puts safety first. He understands that safety is the most important part of being a professional CVO – it is important for Brown Trucking, for each of our customers, and for his family. Romey is a people person who loves to build and cultivate relationships with customers, office staff, and other CVOs. The youngest of three kids raised by a single mother, Romey is a firm believer in treating others how you want to be treated yourself. He enjoys fishing and rooting for the Georgia Bulldogs, and on Sundays you can catch him pulling for the Cowboys and the Falcons (unless they're playing against each other)! Romey is most proud of his relationship with his son and 10-year-old grandson. He is also a proud member of the Victory International Prophetic Ministry.



# 2021 Inductee



**GARY GATTIS**  
RALEIGH, NC

Gary started in driving school to learn the business with the ambition of starting his own trucking company. But Gary loved being a driver and decided to stay with it. He started with the IBM account in 2003 and eventually moved to John Deere as the switcher in Fuquay Varina. For recreation, Gary enjoys coaching softball and spending time with his wife and two daughters.

# 2021 Inductee



**RICKY HOLDEN**  
RALEIGH, NC

In 1994, Ricky decided that he wanted to try driving a commercial motor vehicle. When he joined the Brown family with West Brothers in 1999, Ricky was a valuable part of the Hannaford account. Ricky is versatile and constantly helping to cover all of the accounts around the Raleigh terminal and has always been a hard worker. When Ricky is home around Henderson, NC, he enjoys little league and hanging out with his son and grandson.

# 2021 Inductee



**ROBERT RIGGS**  
JEFFERSON CITY, TN

Bobby Riggs has been a company driver for our Jefferson City, Tennessee terminal for more than 10 years and has been a professional driver for over 20 years. Bobby is one of JFC's go-to guys and is always willing to help cover any freight. He is very service-oriented and he always goes the distance for the customer and Brown. Bobby and his wife, Myra, have been married for five years, and he has one daughter and one granddaughter (who might have him wrapped around her finger). Bobby is an avid music enthusiast and drummer and enjoys playing in his spare time.

# 2021 Inductee



**JANA SCHNELL**  
RALEIGH, NC

After tiring of factory work, and looking for a career move, Jana joined the driver training program with the IBM account with West Brothers in 1998. There she assisted with loading and unloading trucks and eventually became the onsite dispatcher at IBM. Jana is involved with her Sunday school class at church and enjoys photography, lakes and beaches, and wood working in her spare time.

# 2021 Inductee



**DON SPEAR**  
RALEIGH, NC

Don got his start in trucking with his military training back in 1981. He was in the Army and served as a Combat Engineer. Don joined the Brown family in 2003 and has served as a dedicated driver on many accounts over the years. Don has been married to his wife, Jenny, for 36 years, and they have three children and seven grandchildren. When not in the truck, Don enjoys wood carving and raising chickens.

# 2021 Inductee



**DAVID WILLIAMS**  
RALEIGH, NC

David got his start in trucking with the family log truck business. In 2005, David joined the John Deere account in Benson and eventually became the onsite switcher. David enjoys playing guitar and working with animals. David is happily married to his wife, Shelly, and they have four wonderful children.

# 2021 Inductee



**LEWIS WILLIAMS**  
RALEIGH, NC

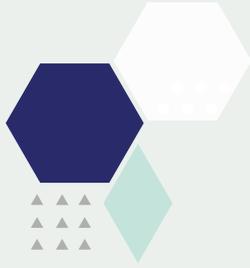
Lewis, or LW, as we know him, always wanted to be a driver. After 40 years in the industry, LW has found his home on the Nitta Gelatin account in Fayetteville. LW became part of the Brown family in 2006. He enjoys playing softball, horseback riding, and spending time with his five children and four grandchildren.



HALL OF FAME

2010- 2019

Congratulations everyone!



# 2010 Inductees

**BOBBY BOWER**  
Lithonia, GA



**EDDIE KIRBY**  
Lithonia, GA





# 2011 Inductees



**STEVE ALSTON**  
Raleigh, NC



**WAYNE BARBEE**  
Raleigh, NC



**DONNIE FRETWELL**  
Lithonia, GA



**JASON FULLER**  
Raleigh, NC



**GARY MOORE**  
Raleigh, NC



**TIM MOORE**  
Raleigh, NC



**WILLIE WARTHEN**  
Lithonia, GA



**MARSHALL YOW**  
Raleigh, NC





2011

From left to right:  
Steve Alston  
Wayne Barbee  
Donnie Fretwell



Jason Fuller  
Gary Moore  
Tim Moore



Willie Warthen  
Marshall Yow





# 2012 Inductees



**GARY BRITT**  
Raleigh, NC



**RAY CRUMPLER**  
Raleigh, NC



**WILBERT MOORE**  
Raleigh, NC



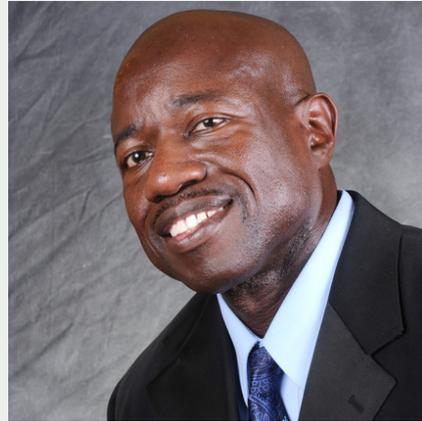
**WILLIAM SPENCER**  
Bowling Green, KY





2012

From left to right:  
Gary Britt  
Ray Crumpler



Wilbert Moore  
William Spencer





# 2013 Inductees



**MARCUS BROWN**  
Lexington, NC



**KENNETH BRYANT**  
Charlotte, NC



**SCOTTY PHILLIPS**  
Jefferson City, TN



**TYRONE SANDERS**  
Raleigh, NC



**GEORGE WHITFIELD**  
Raleigh, NC





2013

**From left to right:**  
Marcus Brown  
Kenneth Bryant  
Scotty Phillips



Tyrone Sanders  
George Whitfield





# 2014 Inductees

**JOHN BENNETT**  
Ooltewah, TN





# 2014 Inductees



John Bennett





# 2015 Inductees



**ERICK CALDWELL**  
Charlotte, NC



**LEVONE DAVENPORT**  
Lithonia, GA



**DWAYNE DUNCAN**  
Raleigh, NC



**SAM MCCULLOCH**  
Charlotte, NC



**JOHN PARKER**  
Lexington, NC



**RONNIE TOWNSEND**  
Montgomery, AL



**MATTHEW WILLIAMS**  
Lithonia, GA



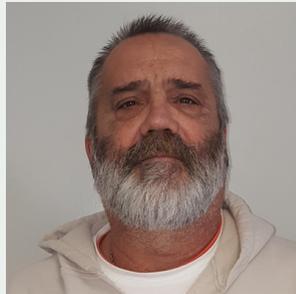


2015

**From left to right:**  
Erick Caldwell  
Levone Davenport  
Dwayne Duncan



Sam McCulloch  
John Parker  
Ronnie Townsend



Matthew Williams





# 2016 Inductees



**JOHN DUZS**  
Raleigh, NC



**NEFTALI GONZALEZ**  
Raleigh, NC



**MATTHEW GREEN**  
Bowling Green, KY



**STEVEN HARGIS**  
Bowling Green, KY



**RODNEY PEOPLES**  
Raleigh, NC



**LYNN TYSON**  
Raleigh, NC



**DALE WEBSTER**  
Decatur, AL





2016

From left to right:  
John Duzs  
Neftali Gonzalez  
Matthew Green



Steve Hargis  
Rodney Peoples  
Lynn Tyson



Dale Webster





# 2017 Inductees



**STEPHEN BOBO**  
Lithonia, GA



**RICHARD COOK**  
Montgomery, AL



**RICKY PHIFER**  
Charlotte, NC



**RANDALL REECE**  
Jefferson City, TN



**LARRY ROGERS**  
Montgomery, AL



**JOHNNY SIMS**  
Lithonia, GA



**MICHAEL STALLINGS**  
Montgomery, AL





2017

**From left to right:**  
Stephen Bobo  
Richard Cook  
Ricky Phifer



Randall Reece  
Larry Rogers  
Johnny Sims



Michael Stallings





# 2018 Inductees



**SANDRA JOHNSON**  
Lexington, SC



**BILL LEONARD**  
Lexington, NC



**RICHARD ROBAS**  
Jefferson City, TN



**CLARENCE ROBINSON**  
Lithonia, GA



**JASON WRIGHT**  
Charlotte, NC



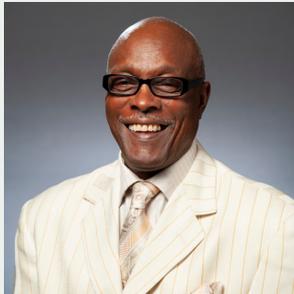


2018

**From left to right:**  
Sandra Johnson  
Bill Leonard  
Richard Robas



Clarence Robinson  
Jason Wright





# 2019 Inductees



**LARRY BULLARD**  
Lithonia, GA



**WILLIE COOK JR**  
Lexington, SC



**RAY JOYNER**  
Raleigh, NC



**TERRY MCCLEENDON**  
Lithonia, GA



**BARRY MAULDIN**  
Lexington, SC



**FRED RUFFIN**  
Raleigh, NC



**JAMES THOMPSON**  
Raleigh, NC





2019

From left to right:  
Larry Bullard  
Willie Cook Jr,  
Ray Joyner



Terry McClendon  
Barry Mauldin  
Fred Ruffin



James Thompson



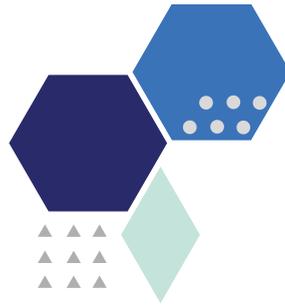
# 2019 Awards Ceremony

Top (L-R): Ray Joyner, James Thompson, Ray Joyner  
Middle: 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees  
Bottom (L-R): Ray Joyner, Willie Cook Jr.



# Recognizing the people who lead the way,

who operate their vehicles safely,  
for a tremendous amount of miles  
is a big part of our safety  
program.



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