



Tom Allen Brown

September 6, 1946 - April 19, 2021

Tom Allen Brown, age 74, of Clare, passed away peacefully and in the company of his loving family, at his home on Monday, April 19, 2021. Tom was born to Clarence and Jesse “Irene” (Sawyer) Brown on September 6, 1946, in Niles, Michigan. He married Lynda (Carmichael) Brown on June 28, 1969. He had been a lifetime Boy Scout and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. After college, he took an Executive position with Boy Scouts of America, later choosing a calling as a teacher. He and Lynda moved to her family’s Centennial Farm in Clare 44 years ago, moving here from Decatur Illinois. Tom lived and taught in the Clare and Farwell area for more than four decades and affected the lives of countless students and community members.

Tom was an Eagle Scout, teacher, husband, father, friend, mentor and, as anyone who ever met him would tell you, he was a Cowboy. One of Tom’s greatest labors of love was The Christian Cowboys, a ministry he founded and directed. This old west reenactment ministry touched the hearts of so many, both in the audience and in the performers themselves.

Tom is survived by his wife, Lynda, and his children: Rebecca Lynd and Caleb Rowell of Harrison and Matthew Thomas and Kelsey Brown of Clare. His beloved grandchildren are Alexandria, Wyatt, and Tucker Rowell, and Nick, William, Natalee, and Marcus Brown. He is also survived by his brother, Terry J. (Bobbie) Brown of South Carolina, and Sister, Sue (Steve) Smith of

Edwardsburg, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tom was fortunate to have been able to experience a "Living Memorial" with friends and family able to be with him, while he awaited his call home. A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 4 P.M. at 8569 N. Mission Road, Clare, Michigan 48617. Please RSVP to Matthew Brown at 989-418-2010 or matthewtbro77@gmail.com. Arrangements were made by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

Brown Residence
8569 N. Mission Road
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Five years since I lost my brother and best friend. Miss our phone calls and all those deer camps and western shootouts. Looking forward to seeing you, Mom and Dad! Terry


Terry Brown - April 24 at 11:03 AM

LC

“ Tom was my classmate beginning in kindergarten at Northside Elementary School in Niles, Michigan through graduation from Niles Senior High School in 1964. He was a gentle soul. May God bless his memory. My sincere condolences to his family.

Leonard Cooper - May 19, 2021 at 11:31 PM

RS

“ Always loved history class with "Mr Brown". He kept our attention with his stories and interesting teaching technique. It never felt like we were "in class".
Heaven has a special cowboy now. Ride'em high Mr Brown!! 

Rebecca Shear - May 09, 2021 at 02:16 PM

ST

“ My Deepest Sympathy to you Linda and family. M as y God give you strength and comfort at this time. Hugs

Sandy(Cunningham) Turley - May 03, 2021 at 05:29 PM

RG

“ I enjoyed chatting with Tom...very nice man...  RIP

Ron Grider - April 28, 2021 at 04:37 AM

DH

“ Working with Tom was a true pleasure; my first class I ever taught was in his room. He was always concerned with the well being of students and fellow teachers.

But what I remember most were the weekends chasing the elusive pheasant with Tom, Jim Prisk, Dan Fachting and many others. Those were special days and ones I will continue to look back on with a big smile.

Doug Haggart - April 25, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JM

“ Lynda and family sorry for your loss
Thoughts and prayers for all of you 🙏

jeff michels - April 25, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BB

“ I used to babysit for Becky and Matthew.. Such a loving family.. I still think about you guys every once in a while...Love to you all

Becky Beemer - April 25, 2021 at 09:21 AM

JB

“ I'll never forget the endless memories of playing with Becky and Matt and Tom and Linda always being so kind . Sending prayers to his family and friends.

Joy Adkins (Beatty) - April 24, 2021 at 05:30 PM

GL

“ Many memories of winter camping at Koyote Ranch. Our thoughts and prayers to Linda and family. An example to us all in Christ.

Gary and Chris Lubitz - April 24, 2021 at 02:58 PM

MS

“ *Marsha Shields purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Tom Allen Brown.*



Marsha Shields - April 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM

RH

“ *Guess there are some memories we just figure will always be around. Prayers for peace my friend. To his family. The Cowboys will always be one of my life's sweetest memories. Thank you .*

Roger hicks - April 24, 2021 at 09:42 AM

BH

“ *Always enjoyed talking history eith Tom snd listening to his stories of his Cowboy reenactments snd films. My heart is with you during these difficult times.*

Bruce Hales - April 24, 2021 at 09:01 AM

HK

“ *Will always remember the comfy couch in history class, many memories of a great teacher*

Heather King - April 24, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JH

“ *Tom was my speech teacher and my softball coach. He was a great guy!!*

Jodi Hicks - April 24, 2021 at 03:06 AM