



Tommy Brown

April 14, 1932 - May 2, 2012

In Memory of 1st Sergeant Tommy Howard Brown:

?The Best Storyteller in Scott County?

Tommy Howard Brown was born April 14, 1932 to Mack and Jewel Brown of Winfield, AR. He was the oldest of four children. Tommy grew up farming in Winfield running a team of mules behind a plow at 6 years old. He was known to be an outstanding running back starting as a 9th grader under Tom Sawyer. As a teenager he moved to Corcoran, CA and in 1951 was a starting defensive back for their football team who won the first ever 1951 Valley Football Championship. He met the lovely Juanita Saylor in high school and they later married in Corcoran, CA. His children, Lynn and Greg, were born in Corcoran, CA. In 1966, they moved their family back to Waldron, AR. He owned and operated two gas stations which only added to his huge bank of great stories. Later he served as a field tech for Tyson where he routinely brought home buckets of okra, tomatoes, and corn from his growers for a job well done.

Tommy was a lifelong Army man starting at age 18 where he served in the Korean War later transferring to the Army National Guard where he rose to the rank of 1st Sergeant of the 296th Medical Company in Charleston, AR. While serving in the Arkansas National Guard he was called to active duty for

Operation Desert Storm where he was deployed to Fort Polk, LA. He faithfully wrote letters to his granddaughters and wife keeping up so lovingly with all the happenings back home.

He was an honest but fair 1st Sergeant requiring uniforms ironed to perfection, shoes that shined, and brass polished. Tommy enjoyed climbing into Old Blue and letting his dogs run deer or swapping hunting stories at Cripple Creek Camp. He loved the Razorbacks and a good BBQ hamburger. Whether it be at the local café, the lodge, or a family dinner he always had a story ready to entertain his family or friends. He was a strong man of unwavering faith and integrity. His family was his priority and lived his life laughing, aggravating, and making those of us that adored him feel supremely special.

Tommy passed away peacefully at Mercy Hospital in Waldron, AR on May 2, 2012 surrounded by those who loved him deeply. Tommy is survived by his sweetheart of 57 years, Juanita. He is also survived by their two children, Lynn and her husband Rick Metcalf of Waldron, AR and Greg Brown of Springdale, AR. He was the greatest "Papa" or "Pop" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren who were the light of his life: Allison Slankard and her husband Jeremy of Fayetteville, AR, Ashley Owens of Vilonia, AR and Lindsey Brown of Dallas, TX; great grandchildren, Madalyn, who he nicknamed "Gladys" and Harper Owens of Vilonia, AR and Isabella and Reid who he called "Jake" Slankard of Fayetteville, AR.

He is also survived by a sister, Elizabeth Coldren of Waldron, AR, a brother Charles and his wife Judy of Plainview, AR, one Aunt Robbie Brown of Waldron, AR and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Mack and Jewel Brown and one brother, Bobby Gene Brown.

Honorary pallbearers are: Larry ?Bear? Brigance, Milo Hughes, Jimmy Dale Soloman, Glen Dale Oliver, Steve Self, Rick Metcalf, Jeremy Slankard, Jim Hudgens, Dan Cagle, Jason Stark, Scott Stark, Sheldon Hudgens, Shannon Hudgens, Carlton McConnell, and Roger Sparks.

Celebration of his wonderful life will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 2:00 at Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, AR officiated by Gaylon Lamb of Prairie Grove, AR. Interment will follow at the Pearson Cemetery in Waldron, Arkansas.

Tommy?s visitation will be Friday May 4, 2012 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

?No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those that love him?

I Cor 2:9

Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.*

Steve and Dilena Ewing - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Dearest Juanita, Greg, Lynn, & Girls. I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. Heaven just became a little more sweeter, what a reunion he is having. He will always live in our hearts. God Bless.*

Charlene Moore Alewel - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Greg, Mrs. Brown, Lynn and girls: I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Greg, where have the years gone...it doesn't seem possible that we are at the time of life where this type of thing naturally happens. God bless you and yours.*

Keith Holleman - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my prayers. Tommy was always a lot of fun to be around. He will be greatly missed.*

Thurston Tinder - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *To a very special family, may God give you comfort at this sad time. Love & Prayers, Cathy*

Eddie, Cathy, & Nikkita Sandifer - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Juanita and family my heart is full of caring thoughts of you at this time. With sympathy.*

Joann Dozier - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Sending our condolences and so sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. We will hold you up in prayer for comfort and strength.*

Ella and David McCullah - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Charley and Liz Bliss - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *To Greg and family: Very nice obituary. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the family. May God comfort you all in ways only he can. Cling to the knowledge of him being in a wonderful place now in the presence of our creator, and cherish the wonderful memories.*

Harold / Kathy Hubbard - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Tommy was a hoot he would come to the smoke shop and give me a hard time because Jr.Franklin was my granpa!!!!He will be missed!!!!*

Tammy Gilbert - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *What a beautiful tribute the obituary was to Tommy Praying for your family at this time.*

Teresa Houston Culpepper - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *With love and the deepest respect for Uncle Tommy, you will be missed but always be in our hearts. Sending my love to you Aunt Nita, Lynn and Greg.*

Steven Howard Coldren - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *What a wonderful man. We were honored to be called friends! Tommy loved his family and life. He will surely be missed! His smiling face would light up the room! To his wonderful family I pray God will give you strength. Just imagine what a happy place Heaven is right now! Rest in peace Tommy Brown til we meet again!*

Buddy & Sherry Slaten - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Tommy was a great guy and will be missed.*

Lanny & Rita Richmond

LANNY & RITA RICHMOND - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *The greatest stories I have are of him having fun with us as kids. I loved my uncle tommy*

shawn green - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Juanita and family, I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. He was a fine man and will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Ann Bingham - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Larry Jones - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Tommy Brown*

Larry & Deloras Horn - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *On behalf of all my family, let me express our sorrow in the loss of a wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather in Tommy Brown. We trust that God Himself is comforting you now as He has my family and I. The Tedder and Clemons Families*

Tammy Clemons Tedder - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM