



## Bruce Brown

July 24, 1943 - May 26, 2024

In Loving Memory of Bruce Lowell Brown, who passed away peacefully on May 26, 2024 at home surrounded by family.

Bruce lived a life filled with love, laughter, and learning, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Born on July 24, 1943 to pastor, CH William Brown (CPT) and Thelma Sims Brown, Bruce was taught the importance of spirituality and acceptance by his father, and music and kindness by his devoted mother. Through his parents, his brother David Brown and his sisters Ann (Brown) Morris and Becky (Brown) Morris he learned to live life with boundless curiosity and a compassionate heart. Throughout his life, Bruce was known for his love of family and his dedication to education where he shared his enthusiastic appreciation of other cultures and languages.

As a teacher for both Aiken and Richmond County Schools for 40 years, Bruce taught German and English/Language Arts, earning the respect of colleagues and students alike. Having earned a Fulbright scholarship to study German at the Goethe Institute in Munich, he developed a deep affection for the German language and culture. Though humble, he was most proud to share that affection through the German-American Exchange program that he built and fostered, which allowed him to take American high school students from both Aiken and Richmond County schools to Germany to live with

families abroad so that they might learn about the culture and language, and deepen their understanding of a world outside their own. He then invited their German student counterparts to come to America to do the same. His quiet commitment to his students and their education set him apart, leaving a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire future generations.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bruce was a cherished husband, father, and grandfather offering support, guidance, and unconditional love whenever it was needed most. Bruce adored his wife of 51 years, Rachel Boyd Brown, and the life they built together. He particularly enjoyed Saturday Steak Night with his family, discussing politics and literature with his grandson, and all those drives to gymnastics where he had his granddaughter all to himself. Bruce was a doting father to his only daughter teaching her that so many of life's challenges can be overcome with patience, thoughtfulness and a good cup of coffee, a little hot chocolate or a frosty on the fly.

Bruce will be deeply missed by his wife, his daughter Allison Brown (Jeremy Gauthier), and his grandchildren Jackson Owens and Ana Grace Owens, extended family, friends, and all who knew them. Though he may no longer be with us in body, his spirit will live on in the countless lives he touched and the memories he created.

A drop-in celebration of Bruce's life will be held Saturday, June 1, 2024 beginning at 2:00pm in his home at 960 Heard Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904. We will hold a brief memorial service at 4:00 in the same location.

As we mourn the loss of Bruce, let us also celebrate the gift of his life and the profound impact he had on the world around them. May his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to us all.

Rest in peace, dear Bruce. Your light will continue to shine brightly in our hearts forevermore.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brown Home  
960 Heard Ave.  
Augusta, GA 30904

# Tribute Wall

WG

“ Sorry to hear that Herr Brown has passed away. He taught me German from 1974 to 1976; little did I know at the time how well the knowledge he passed on to me would serve me well many years later conducting field research on lost American airmen near Wesel in 2019, and working for a DPAA remains-recovery team that same year near Leipzig. I remember him as a dedicated teacher and the gentlest sort of guy. I'm sorry I never got a chance to talk to him again. Sincerely, William Garvin

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**William Garvin** - April 25 at 04:33 PM

DO

“ Herr Brown allowed me to be a participant in his German I class during my 10th grade year at Schofield. I did not learn as much as I should have but I do still remember the 'Herr Krueger' filmstrips. He taught culture and history along with the language having great respect.  
Bruce is also an uncle to my best friend growing up. You are all a very special family who greatly touch the people around you. I told my friend that Bruce was a gentle-man. Indeed, he was.  
David O'Neal

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**David O'Neal** - June 02, 2024 at 01:20 PM

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“ We have been so lucky to have known Bruce. For the last 8 years our families enjoyed birthdays and holidays together. Our round table conversations were the best. We would talk about everything from the country we live in to life's lessons. We would laugh eat and share stories. It's these moments that will remain with us forever.  
John and Kristie

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**john yarasavych** - May 30, 2024 at 02:12 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Elliott Jones lit a candle in memory of Bruce Brown*



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**Becky Elliott Jones** - May 30, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CJ

“ *I am thankful to God that Bruce was a part of my family and that I had the opportunity to know him. In family gatherings Bruce usually sat quietly but when he spoke his words were profound and it was to your best interest to listen and learn. I know he will be greatly missed. Rachel, Allison, Jackson, and Ana Grace may our loving Lord give you comfort, love, and peace that only He can give. Love you all, Cheryl.*

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**Cheryl Johnson** - May 29, 2024 at 05:03 PM