



## Donald Brown

March 16, 1939 - July 9, 2017

Donald Brown, 78 of Carroll, died Sunday, July 9, 2017 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Officiating will be Fr. Brian Feller. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: George Crouse, Kenny Crouse, Jim Mielk, Dan Hannasch, Wayne Bellinghausen, Branden Brown and Zebulon Miller. Casket Bearers will be: Jacob Oaks, Dustin Oaks, Joshua Brown, Colton Brown, Zackery Miller and Devon Bauer. Burial will be in the Carroll City Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Tuesday where there will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will also be held one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Don's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on March 16, 1939 at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, Donald Wayne Brown was the son of Steven James and Esther (Thornburg) Brown. Don graduated from Brownsburg High School in Brownsburg, Indiana and following his formal

education entered the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge he moved to the Carroll Community and was united in marriage to Janet “Brownie” Bellinghausen on February 2, 1963 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Maple River.

The couple made their home in Carroll where Don was employed with Crouse Cartage Company as a diesel mechanic for 37 years. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, playing cards, spending time with his family; teaching his grandkids that the very first fish you catch you have to kiss for good luck. The proudest moment for Don was finally teaching his wife how to fish.

Don is survived by his wife Janet Brown of Carroll; his children: Joan (Ben) Miller of Ankeny, Joe (Shawn) Brown of Carroll, JoAnn Oaks of Urbandale, and Jennifer (Bob) Bauer of Mt. Carmel; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; his brother: Richard (Mary) Brown of Ft. Dodge; his sisters: Regina Dye of Indiana and Anne Thomas of Indiana; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mary Marvin Bellinghausen of Carroll, Alvina Beyer of Florida, Cindy Irlbeck of Carroll, Marlene Nelsen of Milford, Mary Bolan of Carroll, Agnes (Bob) Henkenius of Carroll, Wayne (Sharon) Bellinghausen of Carroll, Polly Bellinghausen of Mason City and Dorothy Bellinghausen of Carroll; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter in infancy, Carolyn Brown; his granddaughter in infancy, Maranda Brown; and his brothers, George, Art, Cal, Howard, Chester, and Bob Brown.

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Sending our condolences to your family. Uncle Don was a great man and someone you can never forget! His smile, caring attitude, joking self and his overall joy is what makes him so special! This is a one of my favorite pics of him....nuggie!



Kelly Prier - July 23, 2017 at 11:30 PM

MC

“ Our sympathies to all your family Nets. We just received the news and feel a heartfelt loss for all who knew him. We have such good memories of him.

Dan & Monica Clark

Monica Clark - July 12, 2017 at 12:28 AM

JD

“ Our condolences to you and your family. Such a great man he will be missed. You can bet he had already caught a big one in heaven!

Jerry and Mary Dopheide - July 11, 2017 at 07:31 PM

LB

“ Sorry Netts for your loss. May you find comfort in your memories

Linda Beidler - July 11, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Brown.*



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July 11, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Brown.*



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July 11, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ *I just always remember he had a smile. And, like my Dad, Art, he always had a prank or joke to offer to the moment.*

*I also remember his engagement to Jeanette and the excitement it created. And what a wonderful marriage it has been. Few share the joy and love that they shared. And, I truly understand what an AWESOME experience it had to be for him to get his wife to finally fish!*

*Much love and prayers to those still here to mourn. He is at peace with Our Lord.*

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**Kathleen (Brown) Barnes** - July 11, 2017 at 03:08 AM

LN

“ *Love, Your Benjamin Ct Neighbors purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Brown.*



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**Love, Your Benjamin Ct Neighbors** - July 10, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Brown.*



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July 10, 2017 at 04:50 PM

BR

“ *Uncle Donnie Brown was a great person and so much fun to be around. He was very generous with his time, both with the Ohde kids growing up and with our kids when we came to visit Mom & Dad in Carroll: fishing, sleigh riding, etc. We will miss him and he sweet smile.*

*Jeanette, Joan, Joann, Joe, and Jenny.....*

*We are sorry we cannot make it to the funeral, even though we really wanted to come. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mark & Barb (Ohde) Reding*

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**Barb Reding** - July 10, 2017 at 02:03 PM

GN

“ *Geno and Amy Nelsen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Brown.*



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**Geno and Amy Nelsen** - July 10, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Brown.*



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July 10, 2017 at 12:17 PM

CG

“ *Don Brown.. what can you say.. he was one of our very first neighbors , the kind of man everyone should be lucky enough to know, kind and sincere, hard working family man so loved by his honey and his kids! We all have fish stories but I think Donny Browns are the best! Love and prayers to all of you J's!*

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**Carol and Gary** - July 10, 2017 at 08:57 AM