



Herman Lee Brown

November 15, 1956 - January 20, 2017

Herman Lee Brown, 60, longtime editor of the Okmulgee Times, died Friday, January 20, 2017 at his home in Okmulgee.

Herman was born Nov. 15, 1956 in Holdenville to Lawson Lawrence Brown and Ollie Jo Davis Brown. He joined the United States Army in 1974 and graduated from Lawton High School in 1976. While in the army, he served as a motor transport operator stationed in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1977 with a rank of SP4 (E-4).

His love for writing while serving in the military led him to his first job at the Holdenville Daily News as a news writer. After working for the Wewoka newspaper, Brown was hired at the Okmulgee Daily Times in December 1980, as sports editor, reporter and photographer under longtime editor Bettye Grant.

After leaving the Times, Brown went to work for the Bonham (Texas) Daily Favorite as managing editor. After a few months there, he moved back to Oklahoma to serve as editor of the Wewoka Daily News before transferring to the Holdenville Daily News. He was editor and sports editor there before being hired at the Okmulgee Daily Times as editor under Publisher Jerry Quinn in September 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Leon David; and two sisters, Mary and Bernice.

Herman is survived by his wife, Terri Hasten Brown of the home; son Aaron of the home; daughter Emily Galvez and husband Tony of Broken Arrow; Amber

Barricklow and husband James of North Chicago, Illinois; daughter Lacie Long of Alma, Arkansas; grandchildren, Brayden, Savannah, Gabriel, Sagelee, Locke and Hendrix; brothers, Clayton Brown and wife Connie of Portland, Oreg. and Jerry Brown and wife Vernetta of Holdenville; sister, Irene Lovell and husband Steve of North Carolina; host of nieces and nephews and friends who adored and loved him.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Brock Memorial Gym on the campus of Okmulgee High School. A Celebration of Herman's Life and time to share memories will follow the service at the First Baptist Church Gymnasium at 5th and Seminole. Burial will be held 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 30, 2017 at the Oakhill Cemetery near Yeager.

Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Tributes may be made on Herman's page at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Oakhill Cemetery

Yeager, OK 74848

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brock Gymnasium
3rd and Okmulgee
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Celebration of Life

JAN 29. 3:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee
311 W. 5th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Graveside Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oakhill Cemetery
Yeager, OK 74848

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 25, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *Herman Lee Brown*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Linda Gray lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Linda Gray - February 09, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *It was always an honor to be interviewed after a game or see your name mentioned in the paper by a Herman Brown article. My condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues.*



Sidney Andrew Lewis - February 03, 2017 at 09:19 AM

MJ

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Herman Brown. I have known Herman for many years. He was always so full of life and excitement every time I saw him. He loved doing stories for my students and teachers. Last month when I called him to let him know my brother-in-law (a school mate of Herman's) had passed away, Herman wrote an awesome article to go in his hometown newspaper and made sure it was on the front page. It meant so much to our family and especially to my nieces and nephew. Herman was a man of integrity and an true example of what an editor should be. He will be truly missed.

Marilyn Jackson - January 28, 2017 at 11:33 PM

CJ

“ Clarence James Jr lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



Clarence James Jr - January 28, 2017 at 06:24 PM

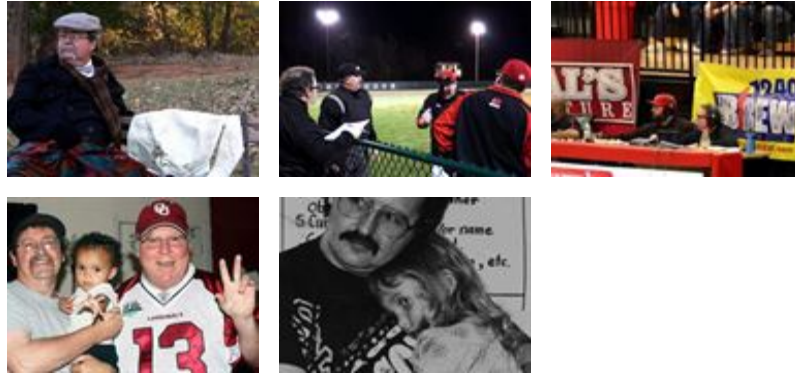
CJ

To the family of Herman Brown my thoughts and prayers are with you in these very difficult times. On behalf of the 1969 basketball team at Dunbar high school ,Herman will be in our heart and memories for your efforts in the recognition after 47 years .

Clarence James Jr - January 28, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ 89 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 26, 2017 at 03:42 PM

JB

“ Herman wrote kind words in an article to our family when J.B. passed away last year and I think it is appropriate to send these words back to the Brown family: "Okmulgee will miss one of our finest citizens" and (Herman)....."touched so many lives in his decades of service to people " He will be missed by all. The last time I saw Herman was when I took him my "Yellow-Dog Democrat" button (which he was proud to admit) and we talked politics, one of his favorite subjects. Herman, you will be missed by the Bennett Family, May You Rest in Peace.

Jo Bennett - January 25, 2017 at 09:34 AM

JB

“ Jo Bennett lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



Jo Bennett - January 25, 2017 at 09:14 AM

CD

“ Herman was a great guy who I had the opportunity to visit with a number of times over the years. Each time he always remembered I'm from Seminole and we would talk about mutual friends, and he'd speak of his days in Holdenville and Wewoka. Such a friendly, and outgoing guy who will certainly be missed. Very dedicated to the community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Craig Day - January 24, 2017 at 03:58 PM

BN

“ Barry Thompson Editor: The Morris News lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



Barry Thompson Editor: The Morris News - January 24, 2017 at 09:30 AM

BN

“ Loved talking to this guy on the phone. He and dad had a long running joke going between the two of them. He would call and ask to speak to the ugly Herman, and to tell dad it was the good looking Herman calling, and when dad called him, he would ask to speak to the ugly Herman and to tell him that the good looking Herman was calling! Herman Brown and I spoke to each other many times, but one conversation in particular stays fresh in my mind. We were talking and he said, "Barry, even though we work for different Newspapers, if there is ever anything you need, anything I can help you with, let me know, we are all family in this business." I will miss you old Friend!!!

Barry Thompson Editor: The Morris News - January 24, 2017 at 09:28 AM

CD

Always a positive force behind his reporting and announcing our whole county will miss him I'm sorry I never told him of great example he set forth and thank him for all the positive input he has given Bless your family CDavidson

Cathie davidson - January 24, 2017 at 05:39 PM

JC

“ Absolutely one of a kind! Sincere, honest, helpful are just a few of Herman's good qualities. My sympathy to his family.



Jeneane Campbell - January 24, 2017 at 08:46 AM

MJ

“ Marcus Jeffrey lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



Marcus Jeffrey - January 24, 2017 at 08:17 AM

MJ

Just want to let the family of Herman Brown know that he was an awesome person to know. Always optimistic about our city and the potential that we have here to make it better. I'm going to miss talking with him. Praying for the family that God will give you His Peace during this trying time.

Marcus Jeffrey - January 24, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ Joeann King sent a virtual gift in memory of Herman Lee Brown



Joeann King - January 24, 2017 at 12:46 AM



“ I can hardly believe it! I keep thinking of funny texts I'd like to send to him or things to ask him or whose turn it is to buy lunch, and when we could have lunch. Herman was a man who recognized that everybody had something to say, no matter who they were or what they thought, but even Herman knew they often had to fight to get a word in edgewise when the loquacious Mr. Brown himself got wound up with excitement during a conversation. His gift of gab made him more effective as a broadcaster of sports, communicating the thrilling, and filling in during the lags. Herman the film actor played a key role in nudging me, an amateur stage actor, in the direction of professional film acting by connecting me with the late Bob Hicks to act in Bob's play *The Dawes Commission*, which was later filmed. I would love to think he will see what I will eventually accomplish in the field. Herman Brown, you will get a shout-out in my Oscar acceptance speech.

Randy Belford - January 23, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ Herman was held in high regard by all those who knew him. He was passionate about the young people in Okmulgee County, encouraging them to pursue their dreams. He leaves a great void and will be sorely missed. Zandra Christy

Zandra Christy - January 23, 2017 at 05:41 PM

DP

“ *David Pascale lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



David Pascale - January 23, 2017 at 04:27 PM

TG

“ *Tremendously saddened and shocked to hear of the death of such a wonderful and passionately zealous man whom I hold in high regard. I have known Herman since I began a career in the newspaper business nearly 20 years ago. Heartfelt blessings to the family and dear friends of Herman Brown.*



Tracy Goza - January 23, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Michelle Langley lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Michelle Langley - January 23, 2017 at 01:37 PM

BT

“ I had so much fun with Herman in Speech and Drama, us teasing Ms K and she never got it that we were teasing. My first memory of Herman was in Jr High in Holdenville. My dad was pastor of Penn West Baptist and we lived in the parsonage. My bedroom was just a few feet from the church. One dark early morning I was awakened from sleep to someone or ones pounding away at the piano(in no rrythmical fashion at all). I went to wake up my dad and tell him someone is in the church. He gets up, sort of dresses and opens the door to the church and there are 3 scared boys looking at this big man who's booming "What are you doing in here?" Herman finally squeaked out that they "were on their paper route and had to use the bathroom." My daddy being the sweet gentle giant he was asked their names, gave them a little reprimend and I believe he told them if you ever need the bathroom again the side door is always unlocked, flush the toilet and don't play piano! I think Herman and friends were relieved they weren't going to jail and had a place to use the bathroom! It was a few years later when we were in high school that I told him that was my dad and I was the one who ratted him out. We had a great laugh!
It was so nice reconnecting with him a couple of years ago on FB. Prayers for your family and may you find comfort in God's loving arms that He has enveloped around you.

Becky Thrift - January 23, 2017 at 01:34 AM

MC

“ Martin & I send our condolences.
Martin & Michelle Chavez



Marin & Michelle Chavez - January 22, 2017 at 10:50 PM

KB

“ Okmulgee has lost one of its finest residents and greatest supporters. Herman had such enthusiasm for this county and its residents. In fact getting him to stop talking about the good things he saw happening would have been impossible. I was honored to call him my friend and blessed to have taught his daughters. May God bring comfort to his loved ones: Terri, Emily, Aaron, Amber, and other family members.

Kathy Brison - January 22, 2017 at 10:41 PM

WU

“ I am heartbroken over Herman's death. Although he and I never met in person, we were friends. Every Sunday night for the past few years, we worked together on the Coalgate and Tupelo sports for publishing in the Coalgate Record Register. I say worked together - but he's the one that did the work. He wrote the articles and I got them ready for publishing. Not being a sports person, I usually had my share of dumb questions - but he would always take the time to explain what something meant. Our Sunday night chats weren't just about sports, though. We talked about kids and grandkids, what we were going to do for Christmas....and just general things that friends talk about. And we would always sign off with "Nitey nite." He would usually say, "Nighty nite from Okmulgee" and mine was, "Nitey nite from Coalgate." This is my first Sunday night in many years that I haven't talked with him - and I keep thinking he'll send me a message any minute. I can truly say I miss him already and will continue to miss him. Nitey nite from Coalgate, Herman...

Wanda L Utterback - January 22, 2017 at 10:06 PM

NM

A wonderful remembrance. Nancy Miller

Nancy Miller - January 24, 2017 at 01:20 AM

NM

“ It's hard to believe that Herman has gone away. He was such a vibrant person and always had cheerful things to say. We were both raised in Holdenville.

I worked with him at the Holdenville Daily News and the Wewoka Daily Times back in the 70s and early 80s before he came to Okmulgee. He was a hard worker, a good photo journalist and friend. We shared a lot of good memories.

I daresay Herman Brown will be missed from his community as much as anyone ever has been. He loved his job and he loved people in general.

My condolences to his family and his co-workers. His shoes will be hard to fill.

Nancy Miller, former publisher of the Henryetta Free-Lance.




Nancy M Miller - January 22, 2017 at 07:58 PM

KM

“ Two County legends are having their own ballgame in Heaven! I'm sure Herman is calling the game and Gene Lewellen is either the referee or the umpire. R I.P. HB

Karen Milam - January 22, 2017 at 06:31 PM

Peggy
Myers
Fisher

“ Herman will be greatly missed. I enjoyed working with Herman for many years. He loved Okmulgee and everyone lived him.

Peggy Myers Fisher - January 22, 2017 at 03:26 PM


Charles
Lowe

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Herman Brown*



Charles Lowe - January 22, 2017 at 01:53 PM

AC

“ *Augustine Cully lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Augustine Cully - January 22, 2017 at 11:59 AM

MK

“ *Melanie Krigbaum lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Melanie krigbaum - January 22, 2017 at 03:54 AM

TG

“ *Timmy Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Timmy Gibbs - January 22, 2017 at 12:46 AM

KO

“ *Kathy Wares Ogden lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Kathy Wares Ogden - January 22, 2017 at 12:14 AM

CR

“ *Connie Reed lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Connie Reed - January 21, 2017 at 06:25 PM

LO

“ *Larry Owen lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Larry Owen - January 21, 2017 at 02:51 PM

PB

“ *Herman was one of my favorite friends I'll miss him very much my thoughts and prayers are with your family Paul brown*

Paul brown - January 21, 2017 at 12:21 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Schuman lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



Cheryl Schuman - January 21, 2017 at 12:20 PM

CS

Herman was a special friend. I will always have warm, wonderful memories of the Times editorial office...of Herman, Bettye, Patrick and Larry. What a team we were!! Herman was "father confessor" to everyone that walked through that door. He taught me how to be a bulldog reporter, forging through roadblocks to get that story. For 8 years, we rocked! Rest In Peace, Herman. My condolences to Terri and family.

Cheryl Schuman - January 21, 2017 at 12:26 PM

DM

“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



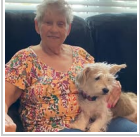
david miller - January 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM

JH

“ JD Howell lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown



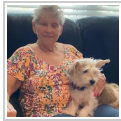
JD Howell - January 21, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *Shirley Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Shirley Whitaker - January 21, 2017 at 11:16 AM



Herman was a very special person. He did so much for Okmulgee. I will miss him contacting me when he was broadcasting a Morris event or sending me a picture he had taken of a relative of mine. Herman was one of a kind. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for his family!

Shirley Whitaker - January 21, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ *Patrick Ford lit a candle in memory of Herman Lee Brown*



Patrick Ford - January 21, 2017 at 11:06 AM