



Gary Brown

January 13, 1946 - May 1, 2023

Gary Brown of Salem, Missouri was born on January 13, 1946, in St. James, Missouri to the late Houston and Freda Short Brown. He went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday May 1, 2023, in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 77 years surrounded by his family.

He was united in marriage to Alys Kemp on January 7, 1966. To this union two children were born Jim and Sheri.

At the age of 7 Gary's friend, Danny Thompson, witnessed to him and that was when Gary accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The most important decision of his life.

Gary graduated from Salem High School in 1963. After graduation he moved to Lamar Colorado to attend college. It was there he met and married the love of his life Alys, and they enjoyed 57 years of marriage. In March of 1966, Gary enlisted into the United States Navy where he served our country until 1970.

Gary, Alys, and son Jim moved back to Salem in 1970 and he went to work for Amax Lead until Amax closed in 1986. At that time Gary and friend Eldon Hair started B & H Home Repair. They did light construction, painting, building decks, and putting vinyl siding on houses. From 1993-1997 he was elected east ward alderman for the City of Salem. IN 2000 he was elected mayor, held that office for 14 years, and took on the responsibilities of Public Works Director. At the time of death, he was serving on the Meramec Regional Planning commission and the Planning and Zoning committee for the City of Salem. Gary was a faithful servant to his Lord, his family, his country, and

community. He was a member at the First Baptist Church of Salem for 70 years, serving as deacon, Sunday School teacher, bus driver and any other areas needed. Gary loved music, watching the Cardinal Baseball, collecting record albums and Coca-Cola memorabilia. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Houston and Freda Brown Clark. Stepfather Sam Clark, Father-in-law Jim Kemp and Mother in-law Carol Coppersmith and nephew Travis Bryson.

Those left to treasure his memory and continue his legacy are his loving wife Alys . Children; Jim Brown and wife Cheryl, Sheri Lough and husband Shannon Lough of Grandchildren; Jacob Brown, Cody Lough and wife Avery, Justin Lough, Sydney DeShon and husband Grant, Taylor Brown, Jordyn Brown. Great Grandchildren; Greyson DeShon, ivy DeShon, Wesley Lough, and James DeShon. Brother Ron Brown and wife Doris, Sister Karen Mowrey and husband Kenny, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral Services for Gary Brown will be held Monday May 8, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. at First Baptist Church with pastor Joel Hayworth officiating. Interment will be at Cedar Grove cemetery with Full Military Honors. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church Mission Funds. Online condolences can be made at jamesgahrmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Salem
201 N McArthur Ave
Salem, MO 65560-1324
(573) 729-4863

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Condolences to Gary's family from the Donna Short Hedley family. Sending prayers for comfort. May God bless.*

Kristina Rosewell - May 05, 2023 at 04:20 PM

AB

Thank you Kristina. It has been three years and saying goodbye to Gary seems like yesterday.

Alys Brown - April 29 at 11:17 AM

KR

“ *Kristina Rosewell lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown*



Kristina Rosewell - May 05, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown*



jerry higgins - May 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM

AB

Thank you Jerry. It has been three years since I said goodbye to Gary. I just now thought to look at these condolences online. Again, thank you.

Alys Brown - April 29 at 11:23 AM

DL

“ Alice and family, I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. You will certainly be in my prayers. Beth and I enjoyed attending church together and being neighbors years ago.

Doug Lane - May 03, 2023 at 03:06 PM

AB

Thank you Doug and family. It has been three years since I said goodbye to Gary. It feels like yesterday. I just now thought to look at these condolences online. Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Alys Brown - April 29 at 11:28 AM

BW

“ Gary is already missed, he was always willing to serve others. Faithful to the Church and our Lord. Prayers for family and you can take comfort knowing he is with our Lord.
Bob and Ann

Bob Wofford - May 03, 2023 at 12:24 PM

DL

Yes, he will certainly be missed. Prayers for Alice and the family. Doug Lane

Doug Lane - May 03, 2023 at 04:22 PM

AB

Thank you Bob and Ann. It has been three years since I said goodbye to Gary and seems like yesterday. I just now thought to read these condolences online. Your thoughts are a blessing to me.

Alys Brown - April 29 at 11:34 AM

SH

“ Gary will be missed so much! Always a very happy, encouraging friend! Never saw this wonderful man without a smile and a friendly greeting!

Sherry Harweger - May 03, 2023 at 10:30 AM

AB

Thank you Sherry. It has been three years since I said goodbye to Gary and it seems like yesterday. Your remembrances are a blessing to me.

Alys Brown - April 29 at 11:38 AM