



Thomas W. Brown, Jr.

August 6, 1946 - November 8, 2017

Thomas W. "Buddy" Brown, Jr. was born on August 6, 1946 to Thomas and Evelyn Brown who resided at Whitefish Point, Michigan. He graduated from Whitefish Township Grade School and Sault Loretto High School. He attended Lake Superior State University and played on the Lake State Basketball Team. On September 16, 1967 he married Ella Bidelman and they had three children — Debbie, Cathy, and Thomas. He was a commercial fisherman for many years and was an entrepreneur in the restaurant business with the highly successful Brown Fisheries Fish House restaurant in Paradise, Michigan. He was an avid sportsman who participated in several sports including golf, basketball, softball and baseball. He was a noted story teller, and he especially highlighted stories about the many years of the commercial fishing business pioneered by his parents and others. Buddy was a genuinely humorous person who shared his fun and teasing with friends and relatives of all ages — especially nieces and nephews. Buddy was a lifelong member of the Whitefish Community and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. He was president of the Parish Council for many years and was instrumental in the rebuilding of the Church after a major fire. He served as President of the Township School Board for eight years and was a Trustee on the Township Board for several years. Bud is survived by his loving wife Ella, daughter Cathy, son Thomas, and granddaughter Megan Parish. He was predeceased by his parents Tom and Evelyn Brown, daughter Debbie Parish, sister Kathy, and father-in-law Laverne Bidelman. He is also survived by his sisters Marilyn

(Harry) Chisholm, Joan (Garth) MacMaster and Jade (Mike) Silverman, mother in law Phoebe Bidelman, and sister in laws Lynn Couturier, Patti (Richard) Boege. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and cousins and other relatives, Bud passed away on November 8, 2017 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was a Catholic who practiced his faith with simplicity and sincerity. Bud loved the Lord and was an example-of-faith to all who knew him. He will be missed. Visitation will be held 10:00am until 12 noon on Monday November 13, 2017 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 12 noon Monday November 13th at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church with Father Martin Flynn as Celebrant. Burial will be in Our Lady of Victory Cemetery. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas W. Brown, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Thomas W. Brown, Jr.*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Thomas W. Brown, Jr.*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *It passes too quickly. Anyone who knew Buddy Brown could not be more sorrowful than I. He was a marvelous person. I knew Bud as a young man as well as the fine adult he grew into. Bud was a clone of his father Tom Brown Sr. He was kind, gracious, and generous. He was a bone fide Christian. He cared more for others than himself. He was a "giver," not a "taker." It's no surprise that Jesus wanted Buddy with him in his kingdom, sooner rather than later. He is now in the bosom of Jesus, joined with his younger sister, Kathy, and his wonderful parents, Tom and Evelyn. He is in a "safe" place enjoying the rewards for a life well lived. I am happy to have known him.*

Patrick Kelly - November 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

H(

“ *Ella, Cathy & Thomas: Our thoughts & prayers are with you, sorry we can't be there with you, we just found out about your loss last night.*

Hugh & Sheri, (minnesota) - November 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *So very sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. Some very fond memories from Loretto days. My sincerest condolences.*

Will Gervais - November 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Ella, Thomas, and Kathy, Buddy was the ultimate gentleman in everything he did, which was a lot. I have never met anyone, man or woman, who did not think this. In our years of playing basketball, softball, and golf, he impressed everyone he came in contact with. All my friends still speak of him with respect and ask about him. His business acumen speaks for itself, whether he was out fishing on Lake Superior, cleaning two hundred pounds of whitefish a day, or building a hotel. He had complete devotion to God and his church, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Lynda and I miss him, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his wonderful wife, Ella, and their son, Thomas, and daughter Cathy.*

Rick & Lynda Soder - November 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mr. Brown taught us to fish and showed the Carl Weaver kids every summer we came up.. something..us kids looked forward to seeing Mr Brown and Scotty our rock collector friend.. Every summer we spent weeks in Paradise...now....my brother Jim and his wife have purchased the old Superior Campground for our family and Grand children to have fun.. Now our area is filled with fun in the summer...Mr. Brown was a friendly, man since we have known him..RIP Tom Brown... Jean Burt

James and Linda Weaver families - November 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Brown family, Our heart felt condolences go out to your family. Buddy was a a wonderful man to meet and know!

David and Renee Cords - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the family of Buddy, may God bless, may he rest in peace.

Paul & Dianna Couture - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We were so saddened to hear about Buddy's passing. He was a delightful person! Full of love, laughter and tall tales. We were blessed to consider him a friend. Paradise, Michigan will not be the same without him. Certainly he is already in Paradise bringing joy to all his friends and loved ones. May God give you Peace and Grace to help you through this difficult time.

Jack and Mindy Wheatley - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Ella, Cathy, and Tommy; I am so sorry to hear from Susan about Buddy. He was such a champion of Newberry and Lake State basketball, and I was always grateful for his support. He and Chris Nance were the only 2 people to call me Kate, and I always appreciated him being our 1st basketball coach in 6th grade. Sure thinking of you guys. God Bless, Katie

Katie (Hoy) Batten - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ My sincere condolences. Your dad/husband was my basketball coach and was such a kind soul. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Colleen Duflo (Galor) - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Cathy, Thomas and Ella, I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I will always remember him fondly. He was such a kind and generous person and he will be missed. I will be praying for all of you.

Anne Beaulieu - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I have many fond memories from Lake State with Tom. Condolences to his family. Rest In Peace my friend!

Marvin Chard - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

YO

“ My sympathy and Love Jonnie and Marilyn and siblings are with you at this time, I know God has His arms wrapped around Buddy and are smiling down on you, my extended love to his wife and family. Yvonne.

Yvonne [Le Blanc] Ogston - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Ella and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Linda Hocking - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM