



## Thomas Paul Brown

December 26, 1945 - February 19, 2020

Thomas Paul Brown was born on 26 December 1945 in Buckhannon, WV and died 19 February 2020 at the United Hospital Center. Tom lived in Selbyville, West Virginia and formerly of Bridgeport, West Virginia. Preceded in death by his parents, Fleming and Nela Corley Brown, Tom was the fourth of six children. He joins his siblings Gwen Brown Fragmin, Delmas "Steve" Brown and Linda Brown Walker. Left to tell the stories of his youth are his brothers Larry Brown of Buckhannon and Cam Brown of Straw Plains, Tennessee. Tom also leaves behind two daughters to reminisce about his wonderful cooking, Renate Brown (and partner Jim Murray) of Oakland, MD and Kelly Brown Moran (and husband Jay) of Christiansburg, VA. His three grandchildren will strive to inherit and master their "Pawpaw's" "green thumb, Leslie Gaither and Rob Weatherholt of Ridgley, WV, Alayna Gaither and great-grandson, Eli of Morgantown, WV and Olivia Gaither and fiancée Tyler Porter of Petersburg, WV. In addition to his immediate family, Tom served as a mentor and friend to his many nieces and nephews and loved to joke with them. Tom was always talking about his many hunting adventures with his nephew Jeff Brown and loved his time spent enjoying meals and fellowship with his niece Kathy Fragmin Clohan and husband Jack.

The first of his family to graduate from high school, Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He was a proud veteran deployed as a mechanic in Okinawa during the Vietnam War. Tom retired as a heavy equipment operator with IUOE Local #132.

Tom loved spending time in the woods hunting, feeding his forest friends, digging ramps and cutting wood. He was the happiest doing things for others and lived life fully. Tom was the envy of his neighbors and family because of his beautiful and plentiful garden by the river. He truly had a gift with working in the soil. Tom enjoyed sharing his knowledge of his Appalachian heritage by teaching all who were interested in such arts as canning, meat processing, making jellies, jams and homemade apple butter with his copper kettle.

The family would like to thank his neighbor, Rosalyn, for all of her assistance over the past months as well as the wonderful staff on the Fourth Floor at United Hospital Center, especially Lauren and Kim.

Respecting his wishes, Tom will be cremated. A graveside service with the Upshur County Honor Guard having military honors will be conducted on Saturday February 29th, 2020 at the Salem Ridge Cemetery, Gaines, Upshur County WV starting at 11:00 AM. A gathering of friends of family will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Salem Ridge Cemetery, Gaines, WV. We know that Tom touched many in the community; therefore, the family requests you share your favorite memory or story: morankdb@gmail.com or Kelly Moran, 2870 Wild Turkey Run, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

# Cemetery Details

**Salem Ridge Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salem Ridge Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Uncle Tom was a man of strong convictions. It was difficult if not impossible to change his opinions or emotions about any stand he had taken, but he also had a tender side. He showed his love by cooking, canning and sharing his bounty; the vegetables he grew, harvested and canned from his garden; the bacon and Italian sausage from his meat shop, the bear meat and ramps from the forest. We will always be grateful for the Gatherings he organized; Family Reunions, delicious Ramp Dinners and Apple Butter Making. He lovingly prepared for these events cooking for days. He lived each day to the fullest. Cancer treatments/feeling ill never effected his productivity. He continued planting, harvesting, canning and hunting. He was a worker Bee, he was one of a kind and we are grateful for the time we spent with him. He loved his family and was proud of them. He is home now watching us from Heaven. We love and miss you....Jack & Kathy

Jack & Kathy CLohan - February 25, 2020 at 08:00 PM

GC

“ I enjoyed fishing along the river at the 4H camp definitely will miss hearing him ask if I needed a fishing buddy

Greg Yrnney Cogar - February 22, 2020 at 05:26 AM

DM

“ To his beloved family and friends, my deepest sympathy , love, and prayers. To Tom: God answered my question today. Thank you for the wonderful childhood memories , in letters. ❤️🙏🏻💛💚💙💜👍👍  
LeAnna.

Dixie LeAnna McDaniels-Corbett - February 21, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CD

“ *This is sad sad news. Tom and I and Diane had some wonderful times hunting and fishing. Loved this man like a brother he was always so nice to my family when we needed all I had to do was ask. Rest In Peace dear friend I am going to fight as hard as you. Be sure to take care of Russ and Misty. Prayers for all. Chuck and Diane Dulaney.*

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**Chuck And Diane Dulaney** - February 21, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Kathy Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Paul Brown*



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**Kathy Harris** - February 21, 2020 at 01:14 PM



*Thank you for being my friend. I would love to hear the conversation you and Uncle Tony are having...so many tall hunting stories. Will miss you, dear friend!*

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**Kathy Harris** - February 21, 2020 at 01:17 PM

GW

“ *Tom was a wonderful person and friend. He always watched out for my son Daniel playing in the river and fishing. We took him Maple Syrup and he brought us smoked meats...few knew the soft side Tom had...he would do anything for anyone. I will always look at that garden and vision him waving. We will certainly miss you Tom.*

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**Gregory and Norma Woody** - February 21, 2020 at 01:07 PM

SR

“ Selbyville will not be the same without Tom and his beautiful garden. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Dan and Sherry Radcliff

Sherry Radcliff - February 21, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JM

“ Tom was a very nice guy Tom will be missed by all Tom was a man with the green thumb he could grow anything fly high Tom with the other angles

John and ruth McDaniels - February 21, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BM

“ I have several but I would have to say my most cherished would be the day we had a social for my mom and he called her to the side gave her money and told her have me take her to get her wig she cried her eyes out he knew how much she wanted one love and miss you . You will always be uncle Tom

Becky mcie - February 21, 2020 at 12:24 PM

ML

“ We loved his brown beans! He will be missed.

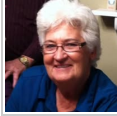
Mike & Donna Lewis - February 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM

ML

“ Mike & Donna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Thomas Paul Brown



Mike & Donna Lewis - February 21, 2020 at 12:07 PM



*Tom was always a good brother-in-law to me and uncle to my children. and was very generous sharing his garden and canned goods. We will miss him. RIP Tom.*

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**Linda Brown** - February 22, 2020 at 09:19 PM



*So sorry to hear about our classmate. The class of 64.*

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**Judy** - February 24, 2020 at 12:47 PM