



Gary Brown

August 27, 1946 - October 30, 2020

Gary Brown of Bruce Crossing, Michigan (formerly of Kinde and Lansing) passed away unexpectedly Friday October 30, 2020 at Aspirus Hospital in Iron River, Michigan.

Gary was born August 27, 1946 to Alex and Beatrice (Merchant) Brown in Huron County. He attended Shepherd School through 8th grade then graduated as valedictorian from North Huron High School. Gary started classes at Michigan State University but took a break to serve his country in the United States Army. After leaving the military he returned to MSU receiving his degree and became a Certified Public Account. Gary worked for the State of Michigan as a Vice Auditor General for 30 years. After retiring Gary moved to his favorite area, the backwoods of the U.P., spending his time woodworking. He made beautiful wooden items that he gave as gifts and sold in a store he co-owned in Bruce Crossing.

Gary is survived by one brother, Robert (Bob) D. Brown of Fillion. Niece's- Marie (Stan) Haley of Rapson, Judy (Mike) Shamka of Ruth, Lori (Jim) Leppek of Ubly. Nephew's- Bill (Linda) Brown of Kinde, Randy (Arlene) Brown of Bad Axe, Dennis (Mary) Brown of Ubly, Robert J. Brown of Alplaus, NY and David Phelps of Florida.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Brother- Owen, Sister- Betty

Phelps, Sisters-in-law Beryl Brown and Elaine Brown. Niece Sheryl Cottrell and Nephew Wayne Phelps.

Following Gary's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will not be a public celebration of his life.

Arrangements are being handled by Cane Funeral Home in Ontonagon, Michigan.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *We just found out last night about this tragic news. Our condolences to the Brown family. We hunted for many years with Gary in South Dakota and I always enjoyed his conversation and humour. If someone from the Brown family could drop me a line at berebusoc@gmail.com it would be appreciated.*

Bill Mundy

Bill Mundy - February 07, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *I was never quite sure who was quieter, Uncle Owen or Uncle Gary. Still, I know that my Mom's, Cheryl, Wayne's, and My Life were made much richer because of a quite Uncle.*

David Phelps for the Betty J. Phelps family.

David Phelps - December 26, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JL

“ I was very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a good friend and coworker. We shared many areas of interest including pheasant hunting in South Dakota and woodworking. Gary excelled at woodworking and was always willing to help others with his talent and counsel.

I will always smile when I remember his subtle and dry sense of humor. He was a good man and I will miss him.

John Lindbloom

John Lindbloom - November 11, 2020 at 02:39 PM

SU

“ Several years ago, I was fortunate to meet Gary when he joined the Settle's CoOp Depot Gallery. Gary was making his final move to the UP and joined our group where he was a treasured member. Always willing to take on major tasks, projects, and renovations, Gary possessed both the knowledge, skill, and tools to make miracles happen. He was always ready to share and to teach others how to accomplish tasks. Thoughtful, kind, and providing "random acts of kindness" was his forte.

He was a true friend in so many respects and a positive influence on all who knew him.

Gary will remain in our hearts and memories forever; he will be truly missed.

Susan & Norman Shimp

susan - November 04, 2020 at 10:15 AM

NH

“ Family and friends of Gary I am so sorry for your loss. I briefly knew Gary from the depot which I joined a year ago he made me feel welcome and always had interesting conversations. I will miss him and his beautiful woodworking I am so happy I bought one of his rolling pins. Prayers to the family.
Nancy Hewitt

Nancy Hewitt - November 03, 2020 at 12:15 PM

HD

“ I am in shock right now. He would come into our shop and have me cut his hair. I really enjoyed our conversations and loved seeing his woodwork creations. I will so truly miss him. ❤️

Holly Driesenga - November 03, 2020 at 03:25 AM

JW

“ To Gary family and friends. We were sorry to hear about Gary. I went to North Huron for our high school years together. He was SMART as a whip. Very quiet person most of the time, but very nice to be around. We had a lot of laughs over the years. I had to idea where he lived or what he was doing. It sounds like he enjoyed life, and was enjoying what he was doing. That I am happy for.

Joann (Sosnoski) Wrubel

JOAN WRUBEL - November 02, 2020 at 05:13 PM

MH

“ To the family of Gary Brown: I got to know Gary through our woodturning club here in Marquette. He would frequently be a presenter and often would attend and sometimes teach afternoon workshops for the other members. We would usually get together for dinner after the workshop and before the main woodturning club membership meeting. He was an excellent turner and happy to share his knowledge with the group. He was always kind and respectful. It was my honor to know him and count him as one of my friends. My condolences to you for your loss. If you need help with any of his wood turning equipment please let me know.

Marc Himes

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Marc Himes - November 02, 2020 at 03:37 PM