



Roger Stephen Brown

July 16, 1948 - August 31, 2020

Roger Stephen Brown was born July 16, 1948 in Plattsburgh, New York and passed away at the beginning of a new day on August 31, 2020 just a month after his 72nd birthday. His parents were Clement and Doris (Myers) Brown from Morrisonville, New York. He graduated from Saranac Central High School in 1965 and soon entered the White Fathers Missionary Seminary. He Graduated from Dayton Ohio College in 1969 and continued his theology studies in Washington DC and then London, England, eventually obtaining his Masters Degree. He left the seminary and entered the United States Navy for four years. He then settled in San Diego where he met Lorraine Walsh who would eventually become his wife in 1984. He then started his teaching career and soon would find his gift in teaching special education. He loved working with students of all abilities and his final years before retirement he was led to teach students between the ages of 18 and 24 teaching them life skills so that they could eventually become independent. Roger had a love for singing and he often serenaded us with his wonderful voice. He sang regularly at St. Mary's Catholic Church and would occasionally sing at the Spiritual Life Center. He was a generous and loving person to everyone and after Lorraine's passing in 2019 he spent his last year discovering who he was as a widower. He recognized it was never too late to be yourself and truly rediscover oneself. His travels to see family and friends was truly a gift he loved and cherished along with his daily walks with Holly (his dog). He made time every day for truly enjoying the beautiful gifts given him from God.

He is survived by his Brother Gary and wife Sandy (Flick) Brown, his sister Marilyn and husband Douglas Richards, his Brother-In-Law, Philip Walsh and Tess Jones and 9 nieces and nephews and 18 grandnieces and grandnephews. He and Lorraine had also become part of Jeff and Debbie Karr family, along with their 3 children.

A celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 10:00am at the Visalia Public Cemetery. The family is using Creative Flowers of Visalia.

Previous Events

Graveside

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall

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“ I'd like to express my condolences to Roger's family on behalf of Central Valley Regional Center's Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs.

Roger became part of the program when he agreed to have one of our new foster grandma volunteers serve in his Special Ed, CBI (Life Skills) class in 2009. This meant a little more work for him, to supervise and train an inexperienced senior citizen on the unique needs of each student. But, I couldn't have asked for someone more patient and kind, a true fit for the task. After he retired, Roger joined our team in 2015 as a Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Council member, serving as elected Chairperson from 2018 until his passing. His contributions over the years were significant and very much appreciated. He attended meetings, humbly offered suggestions and ideas and helped set up and decorate for big events, all between faithfully caring for his wife Lorraine. We had the pleasure of meeting Lorraine when Roger brought her to our December 2017 event (photo included). After she passed, Roger kept his position on the council as other things began to fill his time, including self-care. When I called him one afternoon, he was in the middle of a brisk walk along the river, delighting in the birds cheerful chirping along the way. Roger's positive, gentle and loving nature is what I'll remember most. We will miss him dearly.

~Jean

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