



Mark David Brown

August 11, 1953 - September 11, 2021

Mark David Brown, 68, of Bloomington died on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at his home from complications of PSP, Parkinson's Disease and Dementia.

Mark was born on August 11, 1953, in Fargo, North Dakota to Darine Frances (Jim) and Janet (Gjervold) Brown. Mark is survived by his wife of 27 years, Polly Muckenfuss Brown, brother Paul (Linda) Brown of Bloomington, sisters Kaye (Buddy) Young of North Carolina, and Jill (Jack) Jones of Bloomington.

Upon graduating from Bloomington High School Mark enlisted in the United States Air Force. After serving our country, he worked at a local rental store before receiving a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He served as Deputy Budget Director for the State of Indiana and he retired as Senior Vice President, Finance & Research, from Indiana Association of Realtors.

A couple of his many accolades include receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash from Gov. Frank O'Bannon and being awarded a Kentucky Colonel from Gov. Ernie Fletcher. He was an avid golf player and bragged about his hole-in-one, he enjoyed watching collegiate sports, loved his pets, and was passionate about his family, which includes children: Mark (Jerilyn) Levine of California, Melissa (Rick) Lawfer of Illinois, T. Matthew (Michelle) Levine of Seymour, and Erik Brown of Bloomington and nine grandchildren: Amber

Levine, Mackenzie Arand, Maddy Arand, Tanner Lawfer, Brenna Brown, Peyton Levine, Andrew Levine, Max Brown, and Mikayla Levine. Mark was preceded in death by his parents.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory will be providing the cremation services. A Celebration of Life is being planned for a date in October. Mark requested that in lieu of flowers, monetary donations be made to Bloomington Pets Alive or Community Kitchen of Monroe County.

Tribute Wall

GO

“ Polly and family we are so sorry to hear of your loss. It was great fun to meet and visit with you and Mark when he served as Deputy Budget Director in Indiana. Mark was a wonderful colleague during his years as a member of the National Association of State Budget Officers. He was very supportive of persons who had chosen a public budgeting career and a strong believer in professional development. Polly we enjoyed many special “after hours” together with Mark and were delighted when you were able to join us as well. We were very fortunate to have dinner not too long ago with Mark in Indianapolis, an evening we will remember and cherish, now with the passing of our dear friend. Mark was one of the “good guys” I met in my 25 years as Nebraska State Budget Administrator. My wife Jane, and I will miss Mark a great deal and ask God to bless you and your family in your and our loss.

Gerry and Jane Oligmueller
Lincoln, Nebraska

Gerry Oligmueller - September 27, 2021 at 05:15 PM

DB

“ Mark and I met when my Family moved to Fritz Terrace; at a time when FT was not a 'welcoming' place for my family.. Mark was his own 'man' even then. Welcomed me to the neighborhood. Was a Friend at Blooming HS during my two years there. A Very good person for his youth thru life... RIP Mark.... Derek Bryant

derek a bryant - September 19, 2021 at 10:11 PM

MN

“ Paul, Kay and Jill:

I am so sorry to hear about Mark. I think of you all as such a big piece of my early childhood and remember Mark as a fun, caring boy. My heart is with you. Love, Mickey Needham

Michele Needham - September 17, 2021 at 04:47 PM

MH

“ Mark was always so supportive and helpful to me during grad school at SPEA. I was freshly out of undergrad and knew nothing about the "working world" and Mark always had wonderful insight to share since he had years of experience in the workforce. Such a kind, warm person who will be greatly missed. I'm sorry for your loss. May God help you during this difficult time.

Maria Hamilton - September 17, 2021 at 08:09 AM

GR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May your hearts feel comfort remembering the many memories of your time together.

Grede-Browntown - September 16, 2021 at 12:38 PM

LP

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Mark in a real estate capacity and always enjoyed his company. He was one of those people I could count on for accuracy and honesty. Condolences on your loss, he was much too young to have left us.

Larry Pickens - September 16, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MT

“ Mark was truly one of the nicest people you could ever know. I am deeply saddened to learn of his passing.

Mark Thoma

Mark Thoma - September 16, 2021 at 07:03 AM

LM

“ Mark as a remarkable person. A man with great integrity, and loved his wife, family and his golf. Never a harsh word...always a gentleman.

Lou Muckenfuss - September 15, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ Paul I am really sorry for the lose of your brother and have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Barb

Barbara Spence Orsolits - September 15, 2021 at 01:36 PM

TH

“ Paul Brown & family,

Please accept my genuine sympathy on the loss of your brother. He was a robust and enthusiastic person. His memory will live on with you and all of those whose lives he touched. Prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead as you learn to go forward without him.



Tara Woods Hardwick - September 15, 2021 at 01:21 PM

KK

“ We were saddened to hear about Mark passing away. We grew up next door to the Browns and played kickball in the cul-de-sac together.

Kathy Frohlinger Kessler - September 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

CB

So sorry.

Chris Brinegar - September 15, 2021 at 05:47 PM

WR

I was saddened to hear of Mark's passing. He was one of my "running around buddies" at the National Association of State Budget Officers meeting. He was dedicated to advancing the art of state budgeting and through him a bond was forged between Texas, Indiana, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and other states. May he find peace forevermore.

Wayne Roberts - September 28, 2021 at 07:20 AM

SP

We were saddened to learn of Mark's death. We were so fortunate to have gotten to know him through the National Association of State Budget Officers. Attending meetings with him was a pleasure. He was dedicated to his work, always had a welcoming smile, and I think he enjoyed a good cigar now and then! Polly - know that we are holding you and your family are in our hearts.

Sheila Peterson - September 28, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MH

This is very sad news. I knew Mark through the National Association of State Budget Officers and both respected and liked him. He was smart and he was fun. He will be missed.

Marcia Howard - September 30, 2021 at 09:28 AM

RB

I echo the comments of so many of my former budget colleagues who knew Mark through the National Association of State Budget Officers. When I was budget director for the State of Iowa, Mark was one of my mentors - I learned a lot from him and respected the knowledge and experience he shared with me about public budgeting. Mark was fun to be around, but you also knew he cared deeply about the work he (and we all) did. I respected him so much and am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Randy Bauer - October 07, 2021 at 03:33 PM